



Cedar River Elementary

September 22, 2023

What You Otter Know

Principal's Letter

Hello Otter Families!

It's hard to believe that next week is the last week of September. The time is flying by! Thank you to everyone who attended the Open House. What a great turnout. It was fun to see families connecting with teachers, staff, and with other families throughout the evening. We certainly have a warm and engaging community. The students were excited to share their classrooms and had fun with the passport activity showing their parents various locations and introducing them to staff around the building. Your participation in your child's school community is welcomed and appreciated. Also, thank you to everyone who became members of our PTO! Their support is much appreciated. Have a great week.

Warmly,
Fritz Gere
Cedar River Elementary Principal

Are you interested in volunteering?

Adults who volunteer in the classroom, chaperone field trips, sign up as WatchDogs, help with field day or work directly with students in any way, are required to complete an online registration process. Once your online application is complete, your information will be reviewed. Persons may only volunteer after they have received confirmation of approval from the office of the Volunteer Coordinator.

[Click here to start the process of getting cleared.](#)

PTO NEWS

Have you become a member? Here is our website for purchasing memberships, yearbooks and for donations for popcorn- <https://cedar-river-elementary-pto.square.site/>

Staff Appreciation - We have a *Teacher's Favorite Things* list and our Amazon Wishlist to stock the staff room. If you would like to help us stock the staff room with goodies for the staff, use this link- <https://www.crespto.net/programs/staff-appreciation>

Art Docent - Would you like to be an art docent for your child's classroom? Please email our Art Docent Chair, Alaina Weimer @ artdocent@crespto.net Please include your child's teacher's name and grade in your email.

O.A.R. Reading Program - Find your reader forms here- <https://www.crespto.net/programs/otters-are-readers>

Program Otter Socks - Check out these adorable Otter Socks! Three different styles available until Oct 2, 2023. These cotton socks would be great for everyday wear and athletics/sports. [Click here for more information and to place an order.](#)



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We Are Future Ready

It's been a great start to the year! September is celebrating the Future Ready Skill of Conscientious Worker. Below are the learning targets for each grade level. This is a progression, each grade level may add one or two, but also includes the ones from prior grade levels.

Kindergarten:

I can follow school and classroom rules.
I can work with others.

1st Grade

I can follow school and classroom rules. (K)
I can work with others. (K)
I can be responsible for my actions. (1st)

2nd Grade

I can follow school and classroom rules. (K)
I can work with others. (K)
I can be responsible for my actions. (1st)
I can use my time wisely. (2nd)

3rd Grade

I can follow school and classroom rules. (K)
I can work with others. (K)
I can be responsible for my actions. (1st)
I can use my time wisely. (2nd)
I can produce high quality work. (3rd)

4th Grade

I can follow school and classroom rules. (K)
I can work with others. (K)
I can be responsible for my actions. (1st)
I can use my time wisely. (2nd)
I can produce high quality work. (3rd)
I can work to meet my goals. (4th)

5th Grade

I can follow school and classroom rules. (K)
I can work with others. (K)
I can be responsible for my actions. (1st)
I can use my time wisely. (2nd)
I can produce high quality work. (3rd)
I can work to meet my goals. (4th)
I can listen to and reflect on feedback. (5th)

Below is a glimpse into what your child will learn in September:

- Introduction to Future Ready Foundations (Future Ready Skills, SEL, Mindfulness)
- Understanding the importance of our names and how it gives us a sense of belonging. Book: The Name Jar (Kinder only)
- The World Needs More Purple People by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart (1st & 2nd).
 - Purple People:
 - ✦ Ask really great questions (universe and people-sized questions)
 - ✦ Laugh a lot
 - ✦ Use their voice all the time
 - ✦ Work really hard
 - ✦ Be totally you!
- The World Needs More Purple Schools by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart (3rd & 4th)
 - Purple People:
 - ✦ Have wonder and curiosity (universe and people-sized questions)
 - ✦ Work really hard
 - ✦ Be really silly
 - ✦ Speak up and use your voice
 - ✦ Just be you
- Culture and Diversity by Hanae Kai -Students will explore what identity means, and how culture and values are part of identity. They will create an identity web and share it with several partners in an activity to get to know and appreciate each other.
- Additional lessons: Focusing our Attention, Ignoring Distractions, Active Listening, Respect: What does it look like and sound like at Cedar River.

Next month's Future Ready Skill is Community Contributor. Look for ways your family can be involved in Maple Valley's Make a Difference Day coming up on October 28th. More information to come as the date draws closer.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathy Johnson
National Board Certified Teacher