



Letter from Mrs. D. Cornett

Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare to say "good bye" to 2018, I want to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for your overwhelmingly positive support during our Fall Semester. Dr. Cash Elementary has made significant gains in many areas, especially in the area of academics. There have been many high points and reasons to celebrate since our scholars started school. We are all extremely proud of their dedication to excellence every day and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of their accomplishments.

Our PPCD and ACU scholars are true 21st century learners. They have been using interactive boards to write, draw, and share their learning with each other. They never knew learning to subtract could be so much fun until they applied it to playing musical chairs!

Our Pre-K scholars have successfully adjusted to their daily routines. They arrive ready to learn and enjoy collaborating with their new friends. It is a joy to see them learning in class and being greeted by their smiling faces in the hallways and cafeteria. They have learned letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and to write their names. The new year will bring even more accomplishments for our little ones!

Kindergarten scholars are growing by leaps and bounds! They are decoding and blending. I cannot begin to explain how exciting it was to have a group of kindergarteners read to me; I do not know who was more excited. The scholars were beaming with pride for their accomplishments and I was equally proud of them. Our kindergarteners have also been developing their writing skills. It is a pleasure to read their phonetic writings on their classroom bulletin boards and learn of their dreams and aspirations.

First Grade scholars have been hard at work as well. They too have transitioned well to their new independent learning environments. Along with developing their reading and math skills, our 1st grade scholars have explored various properties of matter in science. It was amazing to see their creativity with so many totem poles of various textures.

Second Grade scholars have been diligently building on their reading skills. They are learning to dig deeper into their questioning while reading stories, poems, and dramas. They are anxiously awaiting to apply these skills in their novel studies when they return from Christmas break. Just as importantly, our scholars are also learning about their responsibility to their community. Our Second Grade stewardship project was a great success! Scholars raised \$625.00 to feed 25 families in our community.

Our amazing Third Grade scholars have quickly adjusted to the more rigorous expectations of a state testing grade level. Expectations are high and our third grade scholars are rising to the challenge. Speaking of challenges, third grade scholars participated in an exciting density 'Sink or Float' Challenge and recently attended the TSTC Challenger station to learn about Space Science. These have been fun hands-on learning experiences.

Fourth Grade scholars have been busy this year participating in a variety of learning activities. In class they have been conducting science labs to learn about mixtures / solutions and forms of energy. They traveled to UTRGV to participate in the HESTEC STEM EXPO and to Brownsville for a live performance of the Nutcracker. Science Daily reported that, "students who attend live performances - score higher and are better able to recognize and appreciate what other people think and feel." Our 4th graders are on the right track!

Fifth Grade scholars have participated in a whirl-wind of activities! They have been adding decimals with QR codes, undercover secret agents decoding inferences in reading, and scientists conducting a multitude of experiments. More importantly, as the true leaders of our school they have been sharing their new learned knowledge on ecosystems with kindergarten scholars.

There is so much more to be proud of here at DCE! Our Chess Teams have been competing at local tournaments and regularly bringing home trophies. Honor Choir, Choristers, and Cheer Team have proudly represented DCE at campus, district, city, and county events. Our Cash News Network continues daily broadcasts and has recently upgraded their broadcast room equipment (look for them on KVEO-Channel 23 with Brenda Medina).

This is just a snippet of the many wonderful things happening at DCE. We are looking forward to the many new exciting adventures 2019 will bring. Thank you for entrusting us with your children, know that we will continuously strive to provide them the highest quality education. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas holiday and may the New Year bring you many more blessings.

Sincere Regards,

Dilia Cornett, Principal
Dr. Cash Elementary



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