

# Jordan Hill Elementary Newsletter

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## Parent Engagement Corner

Parents,

Homework has been a part of student's lives since the beginning of formal schooling in the United States. Homework can have many benefits for students including:

- Remembering and understanding of schoolwork
- Developing study skills
- Learning problem solving skills

With the many benefits of homework, it is important that you are involved in the process. Please read this month's newsletter to find homework tips to help you and your child at home.

As always, please feel free to contact me any time if you need support or information on how to improve your child's academic performance in school. You can reach me at 770-229-3777 or [dixie.johnston@gscs.org](mailto:dixie.johnston@gscs.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR-IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

01/6/22	Report Cards sent home
1/13/22	"All About Assessments" Virtual Parent Workshop Time: 9:00 am Google Meet link posted on social media, ParentLink email, and Class Dojo

**This month, the school will partner Special Education to offer resources for families.**

## How to Increase Your Parent Engagement in the New Year!

When we make our New Year's Resolutions, we often put health, finances, or our career at the top of the list. Consider making parent engagement part of your resolutions this year. Here are simple ways to increase your engagement in your child's education:

- Read with your child every day. You can read before bed, at the breakfast table, after school, or any time!
- Attend a parent workshop hosted by the school. All schools host workshops for parents on topics varying from standardized test preparation to literacy. Contact your school's parent liaison for more information.
- Incorporate learning into everyday activities such as grocery shopping or riding in the car.
- Know what your child is learning. Ask your child what he/she does in school each day. If the response you receive is "nothing", ask specific questions about each class. Get in touch with your child's teachers regularly to stay informed.
- Give your input on a survey.

Estimados padres:

Este es un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si ustedes necesitan que traduzcamos esta información, por favor, llamen a Lisa Bates al (770) 229-3710 ext. 10327.

## Math Academic Tips and Websites

- **Rigorous Curriculum Dialogue (RCD) for Parents:**  
<https://sites.google.com/gscs.org/rigorous-curriculum-dialogue>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org>
- [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

\*The listed resources are not endorsed by GSCS but are offered as possible tools that families may utilize.

## Monitoring Your Child's Progress

- One of the most important sources of information about a child's progress is his or her teachers. Report cards provide some feedback about how a child is doing, however parents should also make an effort to communicate with the school on a regular basis.
- Parents can gather important information by observing their child.
- Parents should talk to their child about school. They should ask about what subjects are most enjoyable, how much time is spent on particular activities, and which assignments are easiest or most difficult. These types of conversations provide parents with useful information, and they can also help students develop the ability to monitor their own progress.

## Homework Tips

Study the same things in different ways and places:

- Help your child learn about new words or content in a variety of ways and in different settings. This will help enrich your child's understanding of the word.

Mix up study time:

- If your child prefers to do a little math and a little science and then back to math, that's okay! Mixing up the practice time may leave a greater impact on your learner.

Space out the learning:

- If your child has a big test next week, help your child study a little each day rather than cramming it in the night before.

Show your child that you think homework is important:

- Ask your child about the homework each day, and check to see that it is completed.

Help your child without doing the homework:

- It's important to answer questions if you can but remember that homework is supposed to help your child learn and doing your child's homework does not help.

Talk with your child's teacher:

- If your child has a problem completing or understanding homework, call or email the teacher to talk about the issue.

VISIT THE PARENT ENGAGEMENT PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND CHECK OUT THE GREAT RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3F9IPVG](https://bit.ly/3f9ipvg)



**Griffin  
Spalding**  
County Schools

**PROJECT  
AWARE  
FAMILY EDUCATION  
WEBINAR SERIES**



**WHEN:**

Morning Session  
January 20th, 2022 at 10:00 am

Afternoon Session  
January 20th, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Google Meet Link  
[meet.google.com/jgm-oasr-azx](https://meet.google.com/jgm-oasr-azx)

**Upcoming Topics:**

*Family Wellness: Resources  
to Take Care of Yourself and  
Your Children*

*Social-Emotional Learning  
At Home*

*Attendance Awareness*

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# SCHOLARSHIP SATURDAY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

SAT. JANUARY 22, 2022  
10 AM - 1 PM  
REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED



**COLLEGE ACCESS**  
The Parent's Role,  
College Selection, &  
Test Preparation.



**COLLEGE FUNDING**  
Financial Aid, Georgia  
HOPE, Scholarships &  
Other Options



**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**  
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Military, Essay  
Writing, & More

