

Jordan Hill Elementary Newsletter

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Parent Engagement Corner

Parents,

Increasing your student's vocabulary is important at any age. Since learning depends on good speech, reading, writing and communication skills, improving your student's vocabulary can improve school performance in every subject. Please read this month's newsletter to find vocabulary tips to help you and your students 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH

3/10/2022 "Let's Work Together"
Google Meets at 9:00 am or
3:15 pm

3/22/2022 Report cards sent home

Stakeholder Meeting

All parents are invited to attend and participate in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to review and revise the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy, to review and revise the School-Parent Compact, to discuss the reservation of funds, and to discuss building school staff capacity.

Did You Miss...?

In February, we held the "Fall in Love with Infinite Campus Parent Portal" parent workshop.

We discussed Infinite Campus and how parents can monitor their student progress, and we shared math tips and strategies.

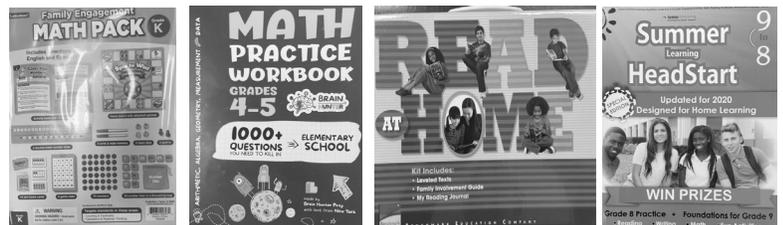
If you missed the workshop but would like the information presented, you may watch a video clip at <https://bit.ly/JHEParents> or please contact Dixie Johnston at 770-229-3777 or at dixie.johnston@gscs.org.

Vocabulary academic tips or websites

- Rigorous Curriculum Dialogue (RCD) for Parents: <https://sites.google.com/gscs.org/rigorous-curriculum-dialogue>
- [Freerice.com](https://www.freerice.com) - allows players to donate rice to families in need by playing a multiple-choice vocabulary quiz game
- [Spellingcity.com](https://www.spellingcity.com) - includes crossword puzzles, unscramble games, and HangMouse (the site's version of hangman).

Are you looking for free resources for all ages?

Visit the District Parent Resource Center (PRC). The center is located in the Parent Service Center at 234 E. Taylor Street in room 121. Contact Melinda Owens at 770-229-3710 ext. 10363 or melinda.owens@gscs.org for an appointment. After hours appointments are available upon request.



Tips for Parents of Special Education Students

- Organize all paperwork

In the world of special education, there are lots of meetings, paperwork and documentation to maintain. Keep a family calendar of school events, special education meetings and conferences.

- Review your child's current Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

The IEP is the cornerstone of your child's educational program so it is important that you have a clear understanding of the plan. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

- Attend school events

Take advantage of all parent engagement events and resources offered to help promote academic achievement at home.

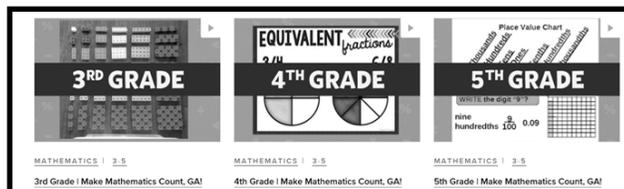
Eight Ways to Improve Your Child's Vocabulary

- Make conversation a priority
- Encourage students to read
- Play word games
- Write for pleasure
- Introduce a new word each day

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



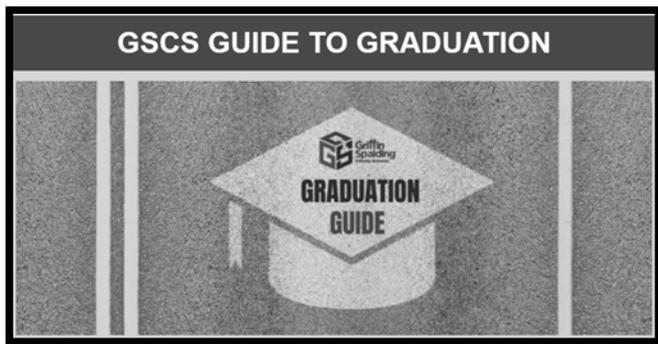
Content experts at the Georgia Department of Education have developed Digital Learning Plans for parents. These Georgia Standards of Excellence-based plans were specifically designed as support for parents who are working tirelessly to provide students with quality content. For more information, please visit <https://www.gpb.org/education/learn/k-12-learning-plans>.



For more information about these resources, please visit <https://gpb8.prod.acquia-sites.com/education/resources?subject=153116&grade=151721>

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

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/JHEPARENTS](https://bit.ly/JHEPARENTS)



This is a guide for our students to know what courses they need to take, to-do lists for students and parents, important dates and links to some great resources. We hope to take some of the uncertainty out of the road of graduation and College and Career Readiness.

Link to website:
<https://sites.google.com/gscs.org/graduationsite/select-grade>



The purpose of this course catalog is to help parents and students to develop an understanding of the high school program and course offerings in Griffin-Spalding County High Schools.

Link to 2022-2023 Advisement Guide:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/18fUXPW2DetS9FztfLyqgG_m-H1dekaJA/view

Your Input Is Valuable!

Each year we seek your input on how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement through the development of the School-Parent Compact. The compact is a written commitment that helps bridge the learning connection between school and home.

We also seek your input on how we can establish the expectations for family engagement and strengthen student academic achievement through the development of the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policy describes the different ways that the school will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

Please visit <https://bit.ly/JHEParents> to view the 2021-2022 School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and District Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

In addition to providing feedback on the compact and policies, we need your input on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and School Improvement Plan (SIP). A Comprehensive Needs Assessment is the first step in developing an improvement plan. It is a process that collects and analyzes data to determine strengths and weaknesses. A School Improvement Plan is a road map that sets out the changes a school needs to make to improve student achievement. School specific goals are determined based on data with action steps for improvement.

Please take a few minutes to review the 2021-2022 Comprehensive Needs Assessment and School Improvement Plan at <https://tinyurl.com/k4sdyv8c>. If you have questions about the plan, contact Dottie English at 770-229-3777 or at dottie.english@gscs.org.

If you are not able to attend a meeting but would like to share your feedback on the compact, the school and district policies, the CNA and SIP, please click on the link below or contact Dixie Johnston at 770-229-3777 or at dixie.johnston@gscs.org.

Online feedback: <https://forms.gle/ZSWGzB3WMgTEugyN7>