



CTL CORNER

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Important Dates

September 16 - CTL Parent Orientation from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

September 26 - No School (Student Holiday/Staff Workday)

October 1 - Student Health Screenings starting at 8:30 a.m.

Important Reminders

*Please have your child at school before 8 a.m. every morning so he or she does not miss our Morning Meeting that begins right at 8 a.m.

*Please make sure your child has a snack, lunch, and water bottle every day.

*Invite your child to show CTL school spirit by wearing his or her CTL t-shirt on Fridays.

*Please complete and return the volunteer form if you want to volunteer at CTL this year.



Welcome CTL Family!

We had an amazing first week of school with your children! The kids were helpful, happy, had great attitudes, and helped to establish wonderful expectations for our CTL family—themselves, their peers, and their teachers. We feel so lucky and blessed to work with each one of them this year and to watch them learn, grow, and develop into their full potential.

Linda Ellis and Jennifer Chamberlain



Important Reminders

*If you would like to order a CTL t-shirt or window decal, please return the order form by Tuesday, September 16.

*Look for the Student Health Screening letters that will go home with your child next week.



K-2 Class

Our first week has been amazing!!! We have so many ideas to explore!

A few reminders ...

Please remember to look in your child's WILD notebook. That is where you will find notes, information, and work your child brings home. Also, your child needs a snack and water bottle every day. The reading logs are due every Monday. I will send home a new one every Monday. Also, remember gym shoes on Mondays and Thursdays.

Thanks so much for your support!

Lisa Lipar

3-8 Language Arts

It's been a fun week getting to know your kids and discovering their passions for reading and writing! The students spent class time this week organizing materials and preparing for workshop. They adopted their Great Expectations for their language arts teachers and for themselves. During our read-alouds this week, we were impressed with the students' sophisticated ability to make text-to-text, text-to-self, and text-to-world connections. One more day of procedures, and we will be ready to jump into reading and writing workshop. Students may bring books from home, or they may check out from the thousands of books in the CTL library.

We are off to a great start! We love your kids! It will be a great year! Thanks for sharing your children with us.

Angela Bailey, Jennifer Chamberlain, and Linda Ellis

3-8 Math/Science

We had an awesome first week in "The Lab." We set up our math and science journals and began using them to record our thinking. In science, we discussed lab safety and worked on our observation skills while doing some interesting experiments. In math, we solved some fun problems. I love hearing the students describe math and science as fun!





I want to thank all of the families who have sent in supplies to fill our science closet. I truly appreciate your generosity!

If you ever need to contact me, please know that email is the easiest way to reach me. My email address is

sphipps@centerforteachingandlearning.com. I am working on creating my website. When it is ready, you will be able to find it at sphipps.weebly.com.

Have a great weekend with your kids! I look forward to our next week together!

Stephanie Phipps

3-8 Social Studies

During our first week in Grades 3-8 Social Studies, we explored who we are and our goals, dreams, and visions. Students were introduced to two independent projects for the week: Vision Boards and "I Am..." Poetry. Each child was encouraged to "carve" out their visions for their future and write about who they are presently to "reveal" their individual uniqueness.

Treva McKissic and Stephanie Phipps

Art

Author and Illustrator, Barney Saltzberg, served as the CTL students' art inspiration for the week in the K-2 Class. In his book *Beautiful Oops!* Saltzberg shows readers that great art can also be created from perceived "mistakes" and mishaps that can sometimes occur when we create. Students used either ripped paper or crumpled paper to create "new" works of art. CTL 6th-8th grade students took this concept to the next level as they began creating their self-portrait collages using magazines.

Treva McKissic

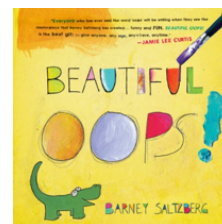


Social Studies at CTL



I
Am
POETRY
Writing

Adventurous Art at CTL



This Week's Theme...
"Creating Art with
Something Unexpected"



Physical Education

CTL students are all physically active! We had a great week in PE and at recess. Over the next couple of weeks, I look forward to getting to know each student and finding out what they like to do to get moving.

This week in PE we played variations of Tag that focused on teamwork. Everyone had fun while getting to know their fellow CTL classmates better. We also discussed the importance of being physically active. Not only does it help us stay healthy, it gives a jump start to our brain for learning (more on that to come).

A few reminders for PE:

1. Wear lace up (or Velcro) sneakers on PE days.
2. Bring a hat for sunny days outside.
3. Don't forget the water bottles!

Until next week - get moving and stay active!

Marci Murphy

Music

This week in music we discovered in each class who plays an instrument, who has attended a concert, and who likes to sing in the shower! The students learned a song that I hope they sang to you at home, as well as what "DO" means. I plan to start extracurricular lessons for violin, guitar, and piano within the next week. If you are interested, please email me at mabbott@centerforteachingandlearning.com, and I will send you some information.

Melissa Abbott

