

Grover Cleveland Elementary School
3121 West Byron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60618
(773) 534-5130

Debora Ward, Principal

Robert Staszczak, Asst. Principal

June 22, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of the Class of 2022,

We are very much looking forward to next year. The Class of 2022 is a great class, and we have a lot of really wonderful things planned. Your 8th-grade year is an extremely important year. Not only are you preparing for the transition into high school you're also applying for your high schools of choice. Starting at the very beginning of the year, high schools will be looking at students' grades, test scores, behavior, and attendance. The high school application deadline (December 2021) comes very fast, therefore, as your 8th-grade teachers, we will begin focusing on the application process within the first few weeks of school.

Additionally, Google Classroom is an integral part of each student's daily routine. Students are responsible for checking their email and Google Classroom for announcements, assignments, and pertinent information throughout the summer and daily during the school year.

To prepare you for 8th grade, we have provided a list of suggested learning activities that will help students maintain and develop skills and continue learning over the summer. #StayCardinalStrong

Students are asked to bring the following supplies and fee on the first day of school:

Face Mask Required Daily	
Turn in to Teacher	Keep in Locker / Backpack
3 boxes of tissue	calculator
2 rolls of paper towels	8 composition notebooks
4 bottle of hand sanitizer	5 folders
4 Clorox/Lysol Wipes	one pair of earphones
1 pack of graph paper	pens (black, blue, red)
1 pack of white printer paper	pencils and pencil sharpener
10 pads of Post-its notes (3x3in)	2 Scotch tapes
Uniform (Grey polo, Black/Navy Blue pants)	1 pack of markers
4 glue sticks	1 pack of colored pencils
\$40 student Fee	2 packs of Post-it Flag Tabs

We believe that a good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between families, students, and teachers and communication is key. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Ms. Sanchez at masanchez14@cps.edu, Mr. Thigpen at jathigpen@cps.edu, Mrs. Morahan at knehrenberg@cps.edu, Ms. Copre at ccopre@cps.edu, Mr. Deahl at padeahl@cps.edu, or Ms. Dunipace at aldunipace@cps.edu.

Suggested Learning Activities to Continue Learning Over the Summer

Language Arts (Reading/Writing)

- Read 20+ min. each day (novels, articles, biographies, memoirs, etc.)
- Write and/or talk about your favorite part in your book
- Read the newspaper, online articles, etc.
- Write stories, poems, songs, summaries of what you read, etc.
- Create comic strips
- Draw your favorite scene for a story you read
- Record your favorite quotes for something you read or heard
- Work on IXL Language Arts (vocabulary, reading strategies, writing strategies, grammar & mechanics)
Diagnostic Recommended Skills
- Achieve3000 articles and activities
- Flocabulary Lessons

Math

- Work on IXL Math (fractions, algebra & algebraic thinking, numbers & operations, geometry, measurements, data, statistic, and probability)
 - Diagnostic Recommended Skills
- Continue Prodigy levels in Math

Science

Conduct science experiments and demonstrations

<https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project-ideas/eighth-grade>
<https://www.weareteachers.com/8th-grade-science-projects/>

- Conduct independent research on interested science related topics
- Read science related articles on Achieve3000, Newsela, and Science News for Students

Social Studies (Current Events)

- Stay up on Current Events throughout the summer
 - Read the news online or newspaper, think about the main idea, summarize the story, and discuss what you learned with a friend or family member.
- Work on IXL Social Studies Skills
 - H.JJ.1-3, J.E.1-5, and J.K.1-3

#StayCardinalStrong

LOOKING FOR A BOOK? Chicago Public Schools Virtual Library https://library.cps.edu/index.php?loc_id=1

2021 SUMMER SUGGESTED READING LIST

● <i>The Golden Compass</i> by Phillip Pullman (930L)	● <i>Slam!</i> by Walter Dean Myers (750L)
● <i>Tangerine</i> by Edward Bloor (680L)	● <i>COUNTING BY 7s</i> by Holly Goldberg Sloan (770)
● <i>The Giver</i> by Louis Lowry (760L)	● <i>Wringer</i> by Jerry Spinelli (690L)
● <i>StarGirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli (590L)	● <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson (990L)
● <i>So B. It</i> by Sarah Weeks (860L)	● <i>Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London (990L)
● <i>Chains</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson (780L)	● <i>Fever 1793</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson (580L)
● <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred D. Taylor (920L)	● <i>Artemis Fowl</i> by Eoin Colfer (930L)
● <i>And Then There Were None</i> by Agatha Christie (570L)	● <i>I am Malala</i> by Malala Yousafzai (1000L)
● <i>Out of My Mind</i> by Draper, Sharon M.(700)	● <i>The Breadwinner</i> by Deborah Ellis (630L)
● <i>Love, Aubrey</i> by Suzanne LaFleur (570L)	● <i>Wonder</i> by R. L. Palacio (790L)
● <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> by Betty Smith (810L)	● <i>Walk Two Moons</i> by Sharon Creech (770L)

We hope that you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 30, 2021!!!