



LA CIMA
ELEMENTARY
CHARTER
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ON THE GRID

LA CIMA CHARTER & REMOTE LEARNING



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear La Cima Parents and Caregivers,

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope." It is indeed disappointing to not be able to return to our building to resume our in-person program. We know that our children learn best from the direct interactions with their teachers. It cannot be replaced by a two-dimensional image. However, we also know that our current circumstances are temporary and as such we will do our best to work through it with the hope of a return to normalcy in the not-to-distant-future.

Thank you parents and caregivers for your support of our decision to remain remote through November. Thank you for your commitment to the wonderful educational institution that is La Cima. We will provide the opportunity to receive feedback on your thoughts about in-person teaching and learning beyond the first trimester. From there, we decide whether to remain remote or create a workable hybrid plan.

Many thanks to our amazing teachers who create engaging lessons and attend to our scholars in this remote setting. The final months of the last school year were difficult to navigate but in the end La Cima emerged as a beacon of hope and an exemplar of what is possible when like-minded community members pull together to support our most important asset-our lovely young scholars.

For this reason we are better prepared to deliver lessons using our online curriculum tools. We are grounding our work in our theme for this year: **Persevere to achieve and continue the climb!**

Here is some additional information and reminders I wanted to share with you:

CURRICULUM:

- Scholars learn lessons in English Language Arts in the context of social studies, history and science using the **Core Knowledge Language Arts program** (CKLA).
- Our core math curriculum is **Eureka Math** where scholars are able to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills.
- This year, two classes (one 2nd and one 3rd grade) are piloting the **Singapore Math** program which further facilitates the development of critical thinking skills. We expect to transition to this math program in the 21-22 school year.
- Social Emotional learning is built into daily morning meetings and applied throughout the day.

ONLINE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

- Quiet space for daily instruction that is not a bed.
- Arrive on time everyday. On time is 8:25 am!
- Come dressed for success in your school uniform shirt (burgundy or white top).
- Students only for lessons. Parents please do not hover during lessons or give answers to teachers' questions to your scholar. Our scholars are really smart so they can think independently.
- Ensure learning tools and materials are very close by for quick access.
- Keep distracting items such as stuffed animals away from your scholar's learning space.

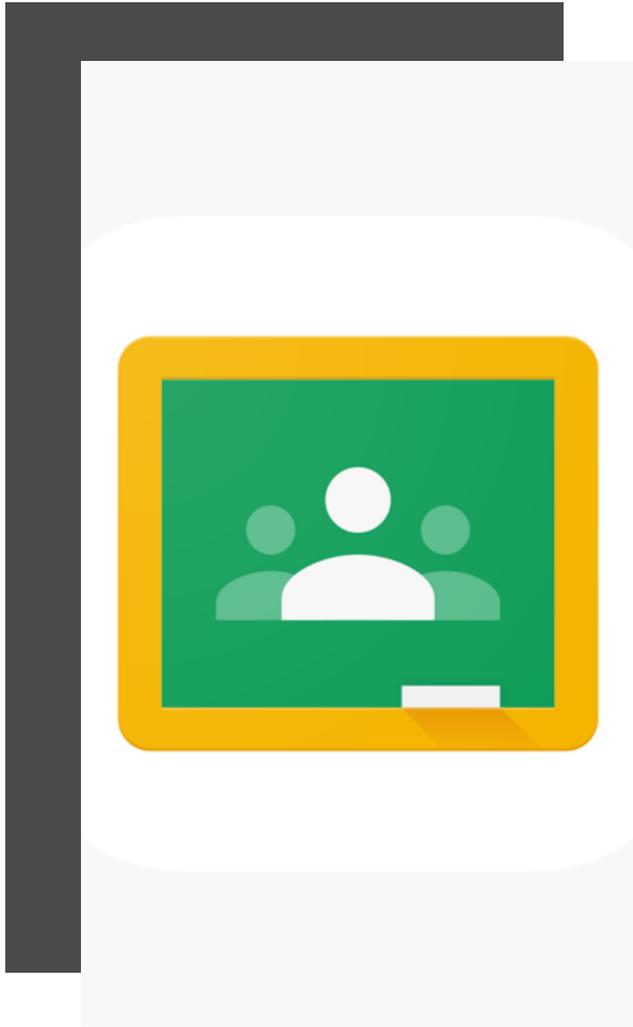
OUR COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE:

La Cima in its inception is an anti-racist institution. The founders of our school understood the need to address the widespread and long-standing racial inequities we see in American society. It is for these reasons that we are intent on teaching our scholars what it means to be a change maker so they may embody those traits. It is the reason why we maintain high achievement expectations for our scholars. It is the reason why we do not relent on our vision to provide a rigorous curriculum that prepares our scholars to be informed citizens who may articulate their ideas. We stand with and support the movement to dismantle racism in America.

One again, thank you for your support. Please stay tuned for updates to our website. We are working to make it more user-friendly so that the most important information is readily accessible.

Let us continue to climb together!

In partnership,
PRINCIPAL BELLE



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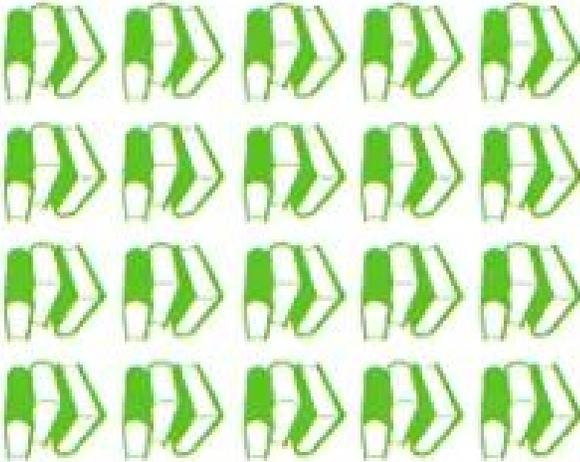
NEED HELP NAVIGATING LEARNING PLATFORMS?

CHECK OUT these video links
for help navigating google
classroom and zoom!



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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 20 minutes per day.❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 5 minutes per day.❖ 900 minutes per school year.❖ 282,000 words per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 1 minute per day❖ 180 minutes per school year.❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Nege and Brooks, 1983.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER WORKSHOPS

9 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AND TIPS FOR SUCCESS

La Cima families and scholars will be provided with a wide-range of tips and resources to promote scholars' academic, social-emotional, and lifelong success.

15 INTERNET SAFETY

La Cima families will obtain information regarding how to apply privacy settings, and how to implement safety measures so that scholars are able to safely navigate the internet. Families will learn how every choice that is made on the internet leaves a digital footprint that will follow their child into adulthood and beyond.

17 BULLYING AND DASA AWARENESS

La Cima families will gain clarity regarding the Dignity for All Students Act. Our La Cima DASA Coordinator will define and discuss the types of bullying.

24 ALUMNI MS NIGHT

Current La Cima 4th and 5th grade families will have the opportunity to learn about the middle school application process from La Cima's Middle School Counselor, Alumni, and their families.

25 ATTENDANCE AWARD CEREMONY

Scholars, families, and staff will come together to celebrate scholars with 100% attendance.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Be sure to check your email regularly for links to RSVP and monthly events sign up opportunities.