



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the November Students of the Month: Jacob Lewis, Aubrey Borba, Mayson Jackson, Nuria Sousa, Aubrey Sotelo, Caleb Silveira, Camila Cruz, Ella Brazil, Yamilett Gonzalez, Sergio Alvarez, Colton Inman, Tyler Coffey, Bryan Corralejo, Yared Padilla, Scout Silva, Faviola Hernandez, David Mendoza, and Aurora Nix.

KINDERGARTEN & TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Registration will be held on Monday, February 4th and Tuesday, February 5th. Please call the school office at (209) 664-8500 to schedule your registration appointment.

Child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019 to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2019. Child must be 5 years old on or before December 2, 2019 to enter Transitional Kindergarten in the fall of 2019.

Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Child being registered (child will be tested at appointment)
- Certified copy of child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records
- Proof of district residency (TID or PG&E bill)

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Does the office have your current contact information? If you have moved recently or changed your telephone number, please contact the school office to give updated information. For the safety of your child, the school must be able to contact you at all times.

TRANSPORTATION HOTLINE

To get the daily transportation update, please call the transportation hotline at (209) 664-5540. Updates are made daily by 6:30 a.m. in both English and Spanish.

Mission

The mission of Chatom Elementary is to provide a comprehensive, rigorous instructional program with creative learning opportunities and experiences that meet the needs of its diverse rural student population, ensuring all students reach their individual potential to be responsible, compassionate, contributing citizens.

School Office
(209) 664-8500

Food Service
(209) 664-8502

Transportation
(209) 664-8507

Chatom Elementary School is planning our annual Agriculture Career Appreciation Day on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 8:30 to 11:15.

Save
the
Date

We are seeking presenters and volunteers for our special day. Do you have an agricultural interest, hobby or specialty that you would like to share with our students? You can present information, a demonstration or a lesson of twenty minutes to 20-25 students at a time. Students will rotate to your designated location between 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. You may choose the grade levels in which you feel the most comfortable presenting. A presentation that includes students interacting; playing a game, making or handling something, investigating, or acting out a part is always a success. If you have any questions about presenting or helping on Ag Day, please contact Mrs. Day (kday@chatom.k12.ca.us) or phone the office to leave a message (664-8500). Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided as a thank you for your time and expertise.

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. ~Walt Disney

What's Happening

JANUARY 10, 17, 24, 31
PARENT CLASS
READING STRATEGIES

JANUARY 15
ELPAC NIGHT

JANUARY 21
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 22
PTC MEETING
3:30 P.M. AT CHATOM

JANUARY 22
PROGRESS REPORTS
SENT HOME IN GREEN FOLDERS

JANUARY 24
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

JANUARY 31
ERIC CARLE AUTHOR STUDY

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In 2014, the cutoff date for entry to kindergarten changed in California from December 2 to September 1. This was a positive change that brought California into alignment with other states. Prior to 2014, one quarter of every California kindergarten class was a year younger than other kindergarten students in the nation. As a result of this change, a new early learning choice was created to support young five-year-olds who do not meet the new age requirement, transitional kindergarten (TK).

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. Students are eligible for TK if they turn five by December 2. However, through our Expanded TK program, other students may be eligible as well. TK is taught by a credentialed teacher and is designed to prepare students for kindergarten. The focus is on social and emotional development, but TK is academic, too. TK follows the same extended day schedule as kindergarten. TK may be a good choice for kindergarten age students who are not yet ready for the rigors of kindergarten.

To be ready for kindergarten, students should be comfortable holding a pencil, turning the pages of a book, and following simple directions and rules. Many students can write their name and most letters at the beginning of kindergarten. They can identify colors and basic shapes in their home language. Kindergarten students will go to first grade reading and writing 30 sight words and numbers to 20.

Choosing the best option for your child is about more than their birthdate. The recommendations of preschool teachers, parents, and kindergarten teachers will be important factors in kindergarten or TK placement. It would be my pleasure to meet to discuss our kindergarten programs further.