



Estes Hills Elementary—Ms. Coleman’s 4th grade

# Camper Times

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## New Campers Start the Year Off Right!

### Inside this issue:

This is our first newsletter for the 2009-2010 school year! The Camper Times is mainly a publication written and created by students. We sure had a great first month back in school! We spent the first couple weeks learning about our classroom, getting to know one another, and practicing daily routines. We also enjoyed a number of fun projects during these first few weeks.

One project we had a blast with was making a movie about where we would be in 20

years. We each dressed up in costumes for whatever career we would like to have and acted in front of a green screen. While editing the movie, Ms. Coleman pulled in various backdrops, which replaced the green screen. It looked like we were actually at different places like a doctor’s office or basketball



court. We can’t wait to share it with you!

We are really excited for a fun year and can’t wait to tell you more about the projects and cool things we are doing in the classroom!

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## What We Are Learning

**Math**—We are currently learning about addition and subtraction strategies, after wrapping up a short unit on number sense. Students reviewed place value and estimation and practiced counting change. All lessons incorporate small group activities and an interactive technology component.

**Science**—Our first unit is Animal Adaptations and Food Chains, which offers great opportunities for inquiry investigations. Be sure to ask students about the various animals we are studying!



**Social Studies**—Students are learning about map skills and the various regions and geographical features of our great state. They are working in small groups to create a 3-d salt dough relief map of North Carolina, which is a fun, hands on way to learn about different types of maps.

**Reading**—Students are currently learning the routines of our Reading Workshop, which include lessons on how to select “just right books” and how to keep a log of what they are reading. Lessons are also intended to help students become more independent during our literacy block.

**Writing**— To start off the year, we are walking through the writing process while creating Pop Up books about things that are important to us. Revising and editing techniques are a focus here. We will begin looking at the narrative genre soon.

**Word Study**—Students began word study last week, practicing high frequency words. This week they are working with words that follow the long and short a pattern. Each week a new strategy will be introduced.

### Special points of interest:

- ♦ 9/28—Teacher Workday
- ♦ 10/1—Class Pictures
- ♦ 10/12—PTA Meeting
- ♦ 10/17—Walk for Education
- ♦ 10/21—State Fair Field Trip
- ♦ 10/23—Teacher Workday
- ♦ Don’t forget to sign up to be a Mystery Reader. Dates were emailed and sent home this week.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Savannah—9/25

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## Smartboard Fun

### Ms. Coleman's Class Got a Smart Board!

Yesterday afternoon Ms. Coleman's class got a smart board. It will help the class by watching math videos and other things. Now we will talk with Justin from Ms. Coleman's class. Justin thinks it could help out our class because it is quicker than the projector. Do you think it will cause arguments? "Maybe because she will only pick people who will follow

directions so the other people will get mad." He is very excited about the Smart Board because it is like a big computer and a white board, which you can get the Internet from. Now we will talk to Caroline. She thinks it is a huge difference to the classroom. "You can draw and write on it" Caroline says. "I think it will be very useful for Ms. Coleman and the class. It is like the white board of the future."

**"It is like the white board of the future...you can draw and write on it!"**

## CC's Smores

The season is here for lots of candy and treats, so be sure to try out CC's very own S'more recipe. Yum!!



### CC's Famous Chomo S'mores

Ingredients:

- 1 bar of chocolate
- 1 or 2 marshmallows
- 2 graham crackers

How to make it:

1. Use 1/2 of the chocolate and put it in a potential and melt it (on a stove put on low).
2. When it is melted really good get a spoon and put a marshmallow on it and put it in the chocolate.
3. Cover it so you can see no marshmallow.
4. (Optional) Put in freezer so chocolate hardens (10-20 min).
5. Put 1/2 of the chocolate on the two graham crackers and put the marshmallow on it.
6. ENJOY!

## Sports Update

### College Football

#### Duke gets a W! Final Score 35-19



Saturday, September 12, Duke defeated Army in college football, giving Duke its first win of the season. They came into the game being the underdog, but Duke was led there by their freshman quarterback. He threw two touchdown passes at the end of the game to secure Duke's victory.

#### UNC barely past UConn Score 12-10

Saturday, September 12 UNC barely gets past UConn. UNC not playing very well, beats UConn by a holding penalty call on UConn in the end zone. The refs call it a safety.

#### Local College football scores: (week 2)

Duke 35 Army 19

UNC 12 UConn 10

NC State 65 Murray State 7

East Carolina 20 West Virginia 35

#### Local College football scores: (week 3)

Duke 16 Kansas 44

UNC 31 East Carolina 17

## Camper Jobs

### What It Is Like to

#### Be a Substitute

We talked with Makenna about her job being a substitute. "When someone is absent I would do their job if it is important. If there is class work for them to do I put it in the green Absent folder then when they come back they look at it. I like my job. I recommend it to other people if they like to do different things."

## Poetry

### Campers

Campers love to camp out.

Campers are very good, they never pout.

They're really awesome I think you should know

When they take a test the answers cause a show.

They eat a lot of s'mores but they put it to a limit.

Campers are the best, you really should admit it.

They're great at Reading and Writing, Math too.

They always make good friends, we hope the same with you!

## Homework Reminders

- Complete your reading log each night. It will count for 4 homework's (1 per week for 4 weeks).
- Check the chart daily to make up missed assignments
- Start practicing those multiplication tables!
- Always ask for help when you need it instead of skipping an assignment!
- Check [www.mscoleman.com/campercentral.html](http://www.mscoleman.com/campercentral.html) for weekly assignments and downloads