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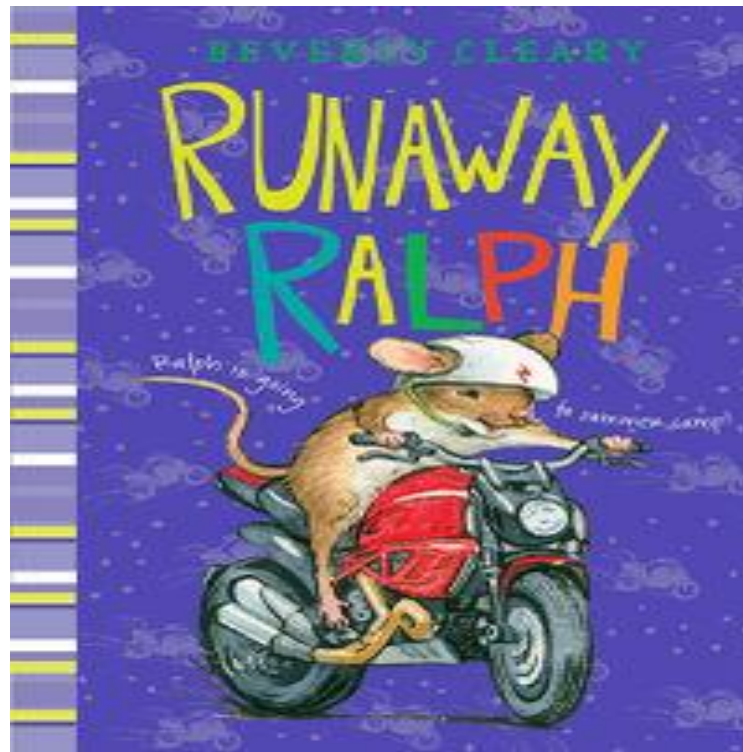
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Dear Strodes Mills Families,

We will certainly miss the holiday concert, ornament making, Santa's Workshop, classroom crafts, projects and activities that make December such a joyful time to be in school. We will do our best to include some of these types of activities into our Remote Learning to bring the spirit of the holidays into each of your homes. We are blessed to have such strong parental support at SMES. Your efforts to report daily attendance, participate in Zoom sessions and encourage your children to complete their assigned work should surely put you on Santa's "Nice List." Please reach out to us at SMES, if you need any instructional supplies or resources to support Remote Learning in your home. Santa (Title I Parental Engagement Funds) can help support the purchase of those instructional resources to meet student's learning needs.

From the Strodes Mills Elementary School staffhave a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with your family and friends!





One School, One Book

Our school will be participating in One School, One Book this year for parent and family engagement efforts. The goal of One School, One Book is to encourage literacy involvement at home. This year's book, **Runaway Ralph**, was chosen by our students and their families. All SMES students will be bringing home their very own copy of **Runaway Ralph**. Along with the book, you will receive a letter, reading calendar, and a copy of trivia questions. Students will have the opportunity to answer a trivia question at school the next day about the chapter you read the night before. During school, each grade level will be working on activities that coordinate with the book. We hope that you enjoy sharing in the reading experience of **Runaway Ralph** at home with your child. The start date will be determined after the holidays. Make sure you check Dojo for updates!!



FUNDRAISERS

SMES Discount Card order forms were sent home **November 23rd** thru Dojo and flyers for those who chose to pick up work. They make great Christmas gifts for your Mailman, Newspaper person, Hairdresser, Bus Drivers, etc. Please have your orders returned by **December 2nd**. Cost is \$10.00 per card. Cards are valid for one year.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to Dojo your child's teacher **every morning with their attendance**. Let the teacher know that your child **will be attending**. Even if for that day they may have a dentist appointment or whatever, as long as they complete the work for that day, whether it be in the evening or another day of the week and **submit it**, it will count as being present.

Our teachers are working very hard to prepare educational lessons and Zoom meetings with your child. Thank you for helping with your child's education needs during this unprecedented time.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 12/2 Discount Card orders are due
- 12/24 – 1/1 Christmas Vacation – No school
- 1/4 First day back to school after Christmas Vacation
- 1/11 First day back to school in person !!! 😊

CLOTHING BORROWED FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Occasionally a student needs to **borrow** some clean dry clothing from the Nurse's office. Please wash the clothing and return them to school within a few days, so if we need them for another student they will be available. **The clothing is not to be kept by the student.** Thanks for your understanding.

ATTENDANCE

Early dismissals or two or three hour delays are all considered **FULL** days of school. If your child does not attend those days they will be marked absent for a full day of school **not a half day**. **Excuses must be sent** in within three days of returning to school after a student has been absent.

HOMEWORK

If your child is ill and you would like to pick up their homework, either email or Dojo the teacher (email addresses are found on the MCS D website under Schools – Strodes – Faculty) or call the office **before** 11:00 AM if you want to pick it up that afternoon.

gearing up for Kindergarten

Strodes Mills is planning on having Kindergarten registration for the 2021 – 2022 school year in the spring. Registration forms will be made available sometime after the holidays. Please make sure, if you have a child or know of a neighbor, family member or friend who has a child that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall, that they register their child.

Computing jobs are the #1 source of new wages in the U.S.

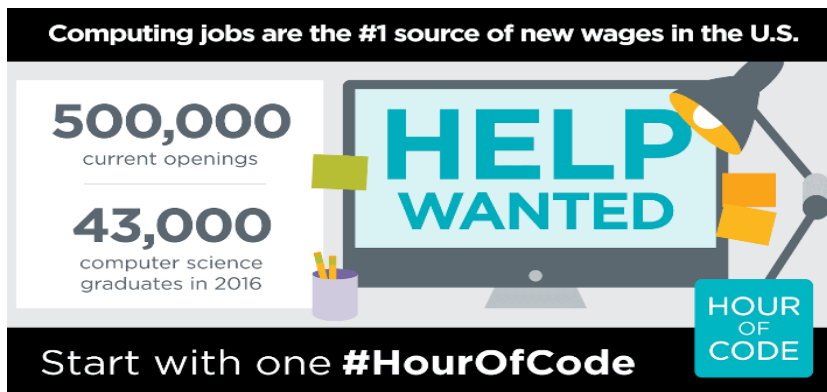
500,000
current openings

43,000
computer science
graduates in 2016

HELP
WANTED

Start with one #HourOfCode

HOURLY
OF
CODE



Hour of Code week is December 7 - 13. The Hour of Code is a global movement by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries through a one-hour introduction to

computer science and computer programming. Students will participate in the Hour of Code during computer class, but are encouraged to continue at home at <https://code.org/learn>

