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Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season and a bright New Year 2019!

The staff at NAGE would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. As we get ready to leave school for winter break, please remember the following:

- 1. School resumes on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.
- 2. Continue to read with your children each day of winter break.
- 3. Visit I-ready on the computer for both reading and math activities to keep them engaged in academic activities.
- 4. Most importantly, enjoy spending time with family and friends this holiday season.

We have lots of things to look forward to in the new year. We will be celebrating Literacy Week, hosting Science and Literacy Night for families, preparing the students for the upcoming FSA tests, fieldtrips, and other fun opportunities for learning along the way.

Have a great winter break and we will see you again in the New Year!

Principal Duhart

#### Upcoming Calendar of Events

- > Dec. 17 K-2 Field Day
- > Dec. 20 3-5 Field Day
- > Dec. 21 Early Release Day/Student pick-up 1pm
- > Dec. 24 Jan.4 Winter Break
- > Jan. 7 Teacher Planning Day/No School for students
- Jan. 8 Classes Resume
- Jan. 14 PTA Dominos Pizza Fundraiser
- > Jan. 15 6pm Science Family Night
- Jan. 16 PTA meeting
- > Jan. 21 No School
- > Jan. 23 SAC meeting 3:30pm AND Magnet Open House 6pm
- > Jan. 30 Report Cards Issued
- Feb. 4 Wear Green / Start with Hello
- > Feb. 6 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. Honor Roll Assembly 9am
- > Feb. 7 4th gr. Honor Roll Assembly 9am
- Feb. 8 5th gr. Honor Roll Assembly 9am
- Feb. 12 Interim Reports issued
- > Mar. 1 PTA meeting



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NAGE's Reading Corner: News from our Terrific Reading Coach Ms. Torres

# Remember that January 28-February 1, 2019 is Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Reading Tips for Parents:

- 1. Model good reading habits by reading to or alongside your child; parents set the stage for children to become better readers.
- 2. Encourage your child to read new and challenging books, articles and magazines.
- 3. Establish a daily reading routine.
- 4. Encourage reading, writing and discussions among family members.
- 5. Be positive when talking with your child about their reading ability and skills.
- 6. The love of reading begins at home. Create a "home library" for your family to access.
- 7. Limit TV viewing by controlling the amount of time spent watching television.
- 8. Play word games with your child.
- 9. Expose children to different kinds of books such as novels, biographies and informational content. Books about our universe or various species are interesting and engaging for young learners.
- 10. Visit your local public library and help your child get a library card of their very own.





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## Keeping Up with Kindergarten

Wow! We can't believe December is already here! Kindergarten has been hard at work! Here is an overview of the major topics that will be covered during the next couple of months! In Reading/Language Arts we are focusing on identifying sight words, different reading strategies as well as the concepts of print. In Math, we have just concluded our 3D shapes unit as well as our measurement unit! When we come back from winter break, we will be starting addition and subtraction! In Science, we will be learning all about matter and the different properties of matter! In Social Studies we just concluded our unit on past and present as well as needs and wants! We are very excited for the upcoming months, here are some important dates to remember: Monday, 12/17 will be elf day (we will also be having our field day on that day), Tuesday, 12/18 will be Grinch day, Wednesday, 12/19 will be our holiday celebration, Thursday, 12/20 will be our "Polar Express Day" (Students are allowed and encouraged to wear their pajamas on this day, but please wear regular school shoes), Friday, 12/21 is early release day! We encourage our students to get creative and into the holiday spirit for this week! Have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year! We will see you on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019!





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#### Ms. Sanchez's Science Corner

Tips for Exploring Science with Children

- \* Science Is About Trying to Make Sense of the World Science is not simply about knowing information—it is equally a way of trying to make sense of the world. Scientists must ask questions, design investigations, try to make sense of the information they have gathered during the investigations, and communicate and defend their thinking to others. They don't always find the answers to their questions, and they don't always agree.
- \* Help Children Think Like Scientists It is much more important for parents to help children develop the skills they need to think like scientists than to help them understand complex scientific concepts. Even the youngest children are quite capable of beginning to build these skills.
- \* You don't need to have answers for all your child's questions! Encourage your child to develop his own science thinking skills.
- \* Listen carefully to your child. Engage her in conversation about what she or he thinks, and encourage him/her to explain why she thinks as she does by asking questions such as, "Why do you think the snail is eating that leaf?"
- \* Don't immediately correct your child. If your child says something scientifically incorrect, help him/her discover for herself what is correct rather than correcting. For example, if the child says, "heavy things sink, you can ask, "Which heavy things have you seen sink?" Or, "I wonder if we can find something heavy that can float?"
- \* Model curiosity. Wonder aloud: "I wonder what will happen to this pudding mix when we put the water in?"
- \* Children develop at different rates. Keep this in mind as you do science activities with your child, including those in this section. The activities suggested for various ages are intended to be followed generally, not strictly. Children develop at different rates, so not all will fit neatly into a specific age category.



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### Ms. Burkey's Counselor's Corner

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children acquire and apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, achieve goals, feel and show empathy, maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.(CASEL.https://casel.org/what-is-sel/)

N.A.G.E. continues to promote and teach our students social and emotional skills through Start with Hello lessons, character education and SEL literature in the classroom. Parents and families are critical partners in helping their children develop social and emotional know-how. They can model the kinds of skills, attitudes, and behaviors we want all students to master.

Social and Emotional Learning: Strategies for Parents

- \* Be a good active listener. Really listening to your children is the best way to create a caring relationship in which they see you as being in "their corner" and as a base to which they can always return when then need support.
- \* Model the behavior you seek. Whether it's apologizing when you're in the wrong or treating others with respect and kindness, children learn a great deal about relationships from observing the behavior of their parents.
- \* Nurture your child's self-esteem. Strategies for fostering self-esteem include giving your child responsibilities, allowing her to make age-appropriate choices, and showing your appreciation for a job well done.
- \* Respect differences. Resist the urge to compare your child to friends or siblings. Instead, honor your child's accomplishments and provide support and encouragement for the inevitable challenges he/she faces.
- \* Take advantage of support services. Seek the advice and support of school counselors (Mrs. Burkey) or other social services during times of family crisis, such as a divorce or the death of a close friend or family member. (Edutopia. www.edutopia.org/social-emotional-learning-parent-resources)



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## Fabulous 5th Grade

Greetings from 5<sup>th</sup> grade!
Using JA Biztown resources
and Everfi's Vault we are
preparing for our trip to JA
Biztown on December 19th.



We have been focused on multiplication and division with decimals in math and using text evidence and comprehension skills to master historical and scientific text. Next up, fractions and mastering comprehension of author's use of craft and text structure. We thank you for sharing the gift of your children with us.

## Fantastic 4th Grade

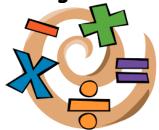
Fourth grade teachers want parents to know that we are taking division by storm!

Thanks to all those parents who ensure their children know their facts fluently.

Please continue to help your child manage their time and complete all class and homework assignments:

## Top 5 Tips:

- 1. Assess your time
- 2. Prioritize
- 3. Think ahead
- 4. Organize, organize, organize
- 5. Check your child's agenda daily for assignments





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#### Terrific 3rd Grade

Our adventurous third graders are progressing right along and preparing for this busy second half of the year. We are continuing to work diligently building independence and responsibility in all that we do. We are focusing on various skills, and continuously practicing Reading Comprehension strategies to help us achieve success on the FSA. We have been busy learning about matter, heat, light and friction through hands on experiments in Science. As well as traveling to the 5 Regions, and Famous Landmarks of the United States. We are well into our multiplication and beginning division chapters in math. It is imperative that students are practicing their math facts to achieve automaticity and fluency, in order to be successful in math as we progress in to more complex lessons and chapters. Reflex Math is by far the BEST resource for students to use to practice and increase fluency of their math facts! Our third graders have also begun working on our Keystone Portfolios, which are an alternative promotion criteria. The students are aware of the importance of these projects and are putting forth their best effort in completing them. We will be having some onsite field trips when we return from Winter Break. More information will come as the time gets closer! Friendly Reminder that Third Grade is set to take their Reading FSA on Tuesday and Wednesday 04/02-04/03/19. Mark your calendars, this is what we've been preparing for!! We are looking forward to continuing to work as a team, to help our students achieve success.



#### SIP and Title-One

The 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan (SIP) with Title I Plan addendum can be located and reviewed at:

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/sw\_select\_school.asp If you have any questions, please just ask in the office

The SBBC SIP public view site can be found by logging on to:

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/sw\_select\_school.asp

STAKEHOLDERS CAN VIEW ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT



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### Sensational 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- \* For ELA (English Language Arts), we are following the Language Arts Florida Standards as a guide to teach. We are utilizing various resources such as the Literacy Field Guide, i-Ready, Journeys, Leveled Texts, Classroom Libraries, Writing Prompts, HMH Formative Assessments.
- \* Math curriculum—We are working on developing understanding of addition to develop fluency with addition and subtraction within 100. We are asking that all students continue to use Reflex Math and i-Ready daily along with addition and subtraction flash cards. Students are expected to be fluent in addition/subtraction within 20.
- \* Social Studies, ELA, Science—We are currently continuing to work on Native American history. We will begin economics, historical inquiry and analysis, and chronological thinking. We will also be studying presidents and Black History Month.
- \* Overall, we are so proud of the academic progress your child is making. All of us second grade teachers are kindly asking that all students work on i-Ready and Reflex Math at home, if possible. We will be having a classroom Winter Celebration the week before we leave for Winter Break (woo-hoo!) (More details to come from your child's teacher) We would like to wish you all the very best in the coming Holidays and New Year!



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www.getinvolvedineducation.com/parents

Please visit our website:

http://northandrews.browardschools.com Or follow us on Twitter:@nagelem



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## Friendly 1st Grade

Dear Parents, are you shocked its already December? In First Grade, we have started the countdown into the Holidays! In fact, we will be happy to do yet another Round of our "Holidays Around the World" where we have a chance to learn about Winter holidays as they are celebrated in different countries around the world.



Moving along from counting on using Doubles Plus One and Doubles Minus One and counting on from 10 using a tens frame. We are heading into Chapter 4 in Math where we will cover Algebraic Thinking in Subtraction. We encourage you to continue reading to your child, or having your child read independently. We are now in the 2nd window for BAS Testing. Please read with or to your child and discuss the stories with them. Please continue to make reading a priority in your home. We cannot believe we are this far into the year!

