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Greetings parents and guardians,

Let us continue working together to motivate students to become life-long learners. We are working towards our goals and commitment to our students and the educational opportunities we provide them. We are striving for all our students to learn and grow. As a school, we are committed and focused on school safety, a positive climate, a standards-based rigorous curriculum, and our family/community partnerships. Parents you play such an integral part of your child's education; I ask that each day you engage in discussions about their day at school. Please ensure they get enough sleep and are prepared for the challenges that await them, so their minds and thoughts are set for daily learning.

Principal Duhart

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Mar. 15 - Spring Fling 4pm - 8pm**

**Mar. 21 - SAC mtg. 3:30pm**

**Mar. 22 - Planning Day - No School for students**

**Mar. 25 - Mar. 29 - Spring Break**

**Apr. 2-3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FSA ELA**

**Apr. 5 - Spring Pictures**

**Apr. 16 - Report Cards go home**

**Apr. 19 - No School**

**Apr. 24 - SAC mtg. 6pm**

**May 1-2 - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA ELA**

**May 7-8 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Math**

**May 9 - Early Release Day 1pm**



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



Our camping themed Family Literacy Night was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone that participated. The Title 1 Literacy Resource Mobile Unit allowed parents to check out some new and exciting literacy games and resources for their families. Please don't forget to return any items you borrowed from the mobile unit. The teachers did a fantastic job with fun activities such as BINGO, Reading Under the Stars, Making Bookmarks, and Read Aloud Activities. Broward Sheriff's Office delighted the students with the airboat station and Everglades literature. The astronomers always offer a spectacular view of our world through their telescope.

**Reading Tips:**

It is best to read to your child early and often, but it is never too late to start opening the reading door for your child. Reading aloud with children is linked to these powerful results:

- Expanded knowledge and vocabulary
- Improved attention span and memory
- Increased curiosity and imagination
- Greater self-esteem, empathy, and confidence



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### Keeping Up with Kindergarten

Hello from Kindergarten!

We have been very busy in Kindergarten! 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 mastering sight words and reading comprehension!

It is important that students continue to read nightly! In math, we just concluded our subtraction chapter. Next, we will be working on teen numbers and then review addition and subtraction before the end of the school year. In social studies, we have been busy learning about the different American symbols! In science, we are focusing on day and night sky patterns! We are very excited because Spring is coming and we will be learning about plants, insects and the butterfly life cycle! Please continue to work with your child at home. Together, we can assure that they finish off their kindergarten year on a successful note!





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## Ms. Sanchez's Science Corner

### Tips to Support Science Learning

1. Value your child's questions. Encourage him or her to share their perspective and observations.
2. Explore and find the answers together.
3. Give children time and space to explore.
4. Accept that explorations are often messy.
5. Learn from mistakes together. A mistake can lead to all kinds of possibilities and it provides opportunities for you and your child to refine your ideas, understanding, and hypotheses.
6. Invite curiosity. Observations and questions can create a climate of discovery – key to scientific learning.
7. Support further exploration. Guide your child by asking questions like, “What might happen if we try this?”
8. Encourage children to record their observations. Writing, drawing, or taking photographs are all ways to record observations
9. Make good use of your electronic devices. Take pictures, record sounds, use a website or app to learn more about a specific phenomenon or creature.
10. Use items you have at home to experiment and explore

Question #1: How does water move up a plant's stem?

Question #2: How does changing the angle of a block impact the speed of a ball?

Question #3: What will sink and what will float?



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Ms. Burkey's Counselor's Corner

North Andrews Gardens 2019 Test Dates

Grade 2

\* March 18-21-CogAT

Grade 4 and 5

\* April 2-FSA Writing-Session 1: 120 minutes

Grade 3

\* April 2 and April 3-FSA ELA-Session 1 and Session 2: 80 minutes each

Grade 4 and 5

\* May 1 and May 2-FSA ELA -Session 1 and Session 2: 80 minutes each

Grade 5

\* May 3 and May 6 -FCAT 2.0 Science-Session 1 and Session 2: 80 minutes each

Grade 3, 4 and 5

\* May 7 and May 8 -FSA Mathematics -Session 1 and Session 2: 80 minutes each

Grade 1 and 2

\* May 6 – 17- Primary Reading End-Of-Year Assessment

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## Fabulous 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

5<sup>th</sup> grade has been busy learning! We have been working hard to cover our Math and ELA standards this quarter. We are working with fractions in math, learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide. In ELA we are reading poetry, informational text and identifying text structure.



We are looking forward to our May 29<sup>th</sup> field trip to Universal Studios in Orlando.



## Fantastic 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Fabulous Fourth Graders are learning a variety of new things. We have started fractions, writing multi-paragraph essays, and learning about Minerals, Rocks and Soil .



We would like your assistance at home with making sure your child is fluent with their multiplication facts and reading at home in various ways:

- Encourage your child to read aloud to younger siblings.
- Involve your child in reading directions, recipes, and instructions.
- Have your child keep their own reading log.
- Read 30 minutes nightly.
- Continue practicing iReady and Reflex at home

We are excited about our end of the year field trip to Billie Swamp on May 30, 2019! Thank you for your continuous support.



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## Terrific 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Can you believe it is March already? That means we are just DAYS away from FSA! Our Third Graders have been busy working hard in preparation for the big test. This is the main event that we've been training for all school year! We have no doubt that they are going to do phenomenal utilizing the strategies we've instilled and exposed them to. ELA testing will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday April 2-3rd. Along with test prep, we have been continuing to work on our Keystone Portfolio's, which are an alternative promotion criteria. We have been learning about Animal Classifications, Plant Cycles, Presidents and various influential African Americans this last month. We look forward to learning about some leading women as we honor Women's History Month in March. The students have been busy mastering their facts and beginning fractions and elapsed time in math. Remember, the students should leave third grade having their multiplication and division facts up to ten mastered, in order to achieve success in fourth grade! Reflex math is the BEST way to achieve fluency and mastery of facts when used consistently. We have multiple on-site field trips this month and next with the Museum of Discovery and Science. The students will be participating in hands on experiments relating to force and motion, as well as Animal Classifications. Be on the lookout for the next permission slips that will be sent home soon! More information regarding our big end of the year trip will be on its way after testing is completed. Just so you know, the students have at home access to iReady, Reflex Math and various other online programs we use in school. They are encouraged and welcomed to get on as often as possible for extra practice. These programs progress as they go, and have a plethora of lessons, so they will never run out! The Third-Grade teachers would like to inform you that on Monday March 11, 2019 we will be conducting a 'mock FSA' throughout the entire grade level. We are trying to replicate the testing environment and expose them to the question types, and procedures, as best we can, prior to the official date. Our goal is to ease some nerves and let them know what will be expected of them the day of. Please do your best to make sure students are on time and present that day, as we'd like to start promptly at 9am. This is very beneficial to the student's success, we appreciate your assistance in your child's education!

## Garden Update

We are waiting for the County's Grounds Department to come to North Andrews Gardens to grind the stumps that are left in the garden area. After the stumps are gone, they will level the ground and our garden committee can continue with our plans to rejuvenate the area.





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

Our second graders are impressing us every day with their academics and behavior! They have been working so hard. During this quarter, we will be studying culture, where students will be learning about immigration, Ellis Island and its contributions to the roots of America. In math, we will be using pictorial and concrete representations along with the standard algorithm to find sums and differences of 3-digit numbers, with and without regrouping. In

science, we are learning about pushes and pulls, magnetism and gravity along with force and motion. We have a field trip coming up to the Sawgrass Recreation Center on March 12, 2019. Please note,

Reading Across Broward forms are due Friday, April 5, 2019.

Please contact your child's teacher if you need another form or if you have any questions. We ask that your child continues to utilize i-Ready reading and math along with Reflex Math at home.

Thanks for all your support!



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Please visit our website:

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



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**Friendly 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

It's hard to believe that we are already into the third quarter. We've accomplished so much and there is so much more learning ahead of us this year.

In ELA (Language Arts), we are covering all our standards and engaging in meaningful conversation to discuss our texts. We are using I-Ready to use technology to help us become more fluent readers.

In Math, we are adding and subtracting fluently within 20. We are using algebraic thinking to add and subtract. We are counting on and counting back, using the hundreds chart. We are also using I-Ready in Math to help us with our math standards.

Please read with your child at least 20 minutes a night and, if possible, allow them to go on I-Ready as well.

