

Home of the Braves

From the Principal's Desk.....

The month of February was rewarding. Hats off to Mrs. Roberts for coordinating our Day of Service and Love activities, Coach Johnson for coordinating our Jump Rope for Hearts Day activities, Mrs. Parker for coordinating our Kindergarten Round Up, Ms. C. Smith for coordinating our FSA Saturday Camp, Mrs. Ross for coordinating our Black History Showcase, and PTA for hosting our Sweetheart Dance and coordinating our Carvel Nights and Spring Pictures. You all did an excellent job!

As we enter March, we will continue working towards improving student achievement in all academic areas, preparing for the District test in Grades 1 & 2 and the Florida Standards Assessment in Grades 3-5. Student achievement is among our highest priorities, and we expect all of our students to reach their highest academic potential.

As a reminder parents, we need you to assist us by making sure that your child is reading and working on the Florida Standards at home daily. **The following is a listing of the FSA test dates: Reading for Grade 3 (April 1-2); Writing for Grades 4 and 5 (April 2); Reading for Grades 4 & 5 (May 4-5); Math for Grades 3-5 (May 12-13); Science for Grade 5 only (May 19 & 20).** Therefore, your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated. Together we will provide our students with a "World Class" education that will last a lifetime!

Educationally,

Eric Miller

Eric Miller, Ed.D.
Principal



Calendar of Events

March	4	PTA Meeting at 6:00 pm
March	6	Volunteer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
March	6-13	Book Fair
March	13	FSA Pep Rally 8:30 a.m.
March	17	Planning Day (No School for students)
March	18	SAC/SAF Meeting 6 pm
March	19	Early Release Day (students dismissed at 11:50 a.m.)
March	20	Planning Day (No School for students)
March	23-27	Spring Break

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Classroom News

PreKindergarten

We had a wonderful February celebrating friends and family with Valentine's exchanges, class photos and fun activities. March will be another busy month learning our letter themes, social skills and communication skills through a variety of engaging activities. We are learning about animals to prepare for our field trip to Tradewinds Farm in April and continue to practice for our Special Olympics Culminating Event for the Youth Athletic Program in May! Please mark your calendars for our teacher planning days (3/17, 3/20) and early release (3/19), as well as Spring Break (3/23-3/27). Time flies when we are having fun and looking forward to so many events! Make sure to continue to check your child's folder for all our event information and notices! Thank you for your continued support!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are learning an abundance of various concepts. Please continue to read with your child daily as it increases oral reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Focus on concepts of print, directionality-reading from left to right, and return sweep. It is important to encourage one-to-one match of spoken words to printed words. Have students identify punctuation marks such as periods, questions marks, exclamation marks, and quotation marks. Allow them to use pictures in the book to help them comprehend text. Students will recognize different genres of text, such as; fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, historical non-fiction, historical fiction. Additionally, practice, recite, and review sight words daily. In reading, we have explored cause and effect, multiple meaning words, sequence of events, and author's word choice. In math, we have explored composing and decomposing numbers 11-19, and subtracting. Students will add details to drawings and contribute to the group writing experience by generating ideas about a specific topic and record the response in their journal notebooks. Students will explore the concept of change as it relates to time, space, and weather. Some of the changes are subtle, while other changes happen quickly. Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss their progress or any concerns that you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

Important Dates to Remember:

March 17 & 20 – Employee Planning Day (no school for students)

March 19- Early Release Day

March 23-27 SPRING BREAK

1st Grade

Our First graders continue to achieve success throughout the curriculum. We are working on Non-Fiction and Fiction text. When reading with your student ask him/her to explain what the story is about and locate some details in the text. In Math, students continue to practice fluency in addition and subtraction. Parents, remember to look in the planner daily and sign it after you review the daily homework. Please continue to use the I-Ready program 15 minutes a day. This is an important part of our curriculum. Also, be sure to call the school to report an absence. Reminder school starts promptly at 7:50 a.m.

2nd Grade

Second grade is super excited about how much we are learning this year. We are gearing up and preparing for third grade. We love working with synonyms (words that mean the same or almost the same). Continue to complete at least 45 minutes a week in Reading and Math on iReady. We are continuing to work hard on our reading skills. We want every student to be reading on or above grade level by the end of the school year. Please check with your child's teacher regarding ways you can help at home. Students should read at least 20 minutes each day. STEMscopes is also available for students to use for Science. Log onto the single-sign on launchpad and check it out. Keep up the good work! For additional ways to help your child(ren) in school, please contact your child's teacher!

3rd Grade

We are currently on a crunch time schedule to help students better prepare for the FSA ELA testing April 1 and 2. It is imperative that students continue to practice their math and reading skills by completing both learning path assignments as well as teacher assignments within the I-Ready program at least 30 minutes daily. It is also important that students master study skills such as underlining/highlighting evidence to each question within the text and text features, identify math vocabulary by underlining/highlighting/circling key information to determine order of operations to solve problems, write out or draw quick pictures to show each step, and last but not least know multiplication and division facts fluently. **TIP: Ask students higher order comprehension questions such as how or why. Then ask them to provide you with evidence from the text.**

4th Grade

Fourth grade is working hard towards learning all of the fourth grade curriculum, as we approach the Florida State Assessments. Thank you to parents who have contacted their child's teacher for conferences, for clarity on homework assignments, etc. Parents continue to communicate with your child's teacher in regard to concerns or questions you may have. We must work together to ensure that your child progresses academically and socially. Fourth grade will begin FSA testing starting with Writing on April 2, Reading/ELA on May 4th & 5th and Math on May 12th & 13th. These dates are quickly approaching. As a reminder, we do have FSA Saturday Camp offered for FREE here at Banyan. In reading class, the students are learning about *Elements of Poetry and Plays* along with *Comparing Points of Views*. Teachers are also working hard on having students practice the writing format. In math class, the students are currently learning about fractions. They are learning how to compare, order, decompose, re-write, add and subtract fractions. If parents are having a difficult time assisting their child with homework, please contact your child's teacher and resources will be provided, and teachers will assist your child the next day in small group instruction. Again, thank you for your continued support.

5th Grade

Greetings from your Fantastic Fifth Grade Teachers,

We are still in crunch time for our 5th grade students! Students should read daily at home for 20 to 30 minutes. You can also have them write a summary (one paragraph) about what they have read. The daily reading will help them when needing to read for longer periods at a time during testing, and the writing of a short summary, will help them practice their writing skills. Remind them to write complete sentences, start each sentence with a capital letter, and end each sentence with a punctuation mark. Please continue to have our 5th graders get on iReady reading and math daily at home. When on iReady math, students should have scrap paper to work out their math problems. We always want them to show their work! We are going to the Broward Performing Center of Arts on March 4, 2020. If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. We also want our students to relax and enjoy their spring break starting on March 21, 2020 and ending on March 29, 2020; but the learning has to continue! They can still read a book or magazine, write about something interesting they did or get on iReady reading and math. Feel free to call and schedule a conference with a 5th grade teacher to find out what you can do to assist YOUR child at home. Thank you parents for ALL that you continue to do! You are appreciated!!!

Guidance

Dear Banyan University,

Self-Control is the ability to be in control of your actions so that you can make positive choices that benefit you and others. To be successful, our children need to learn from their experiences and develop self-discipline, which will help them keep their impulses and feelings from controlling them. Self-Control is a practical skill that gives our children tangible benefits in their lives and in their relationships with others.

“Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society.”

-Benjamin Franklin

“Self-control is a key factor in achieving success. We can't control everything in life, but we can definitely control ourselves.”Jan Mckingley Hilado

Math

As a parent, you can help your child be a whiz at math, even if it wasn't your best subject. Here are Tips for Parents on how:

Be positive about math. Express confidence in your child's ability to do math. Don't stress either your own fear of math or how difficult math is or how much you admire anyone who can do math. Remember, everyone can and does use math all the time.

Show your kids math at work in their world. Get your kids used to math by thinking out loud when making calculations. Then, let your children work out some real-life puzzles themselves. For example:

- ✦ Let them measure when you bake.
- ✦ Ask them to figure out how long of a hose you need to reach from the faucet on the side of the house to the garden.
- ✦ Let your child figure out how many miles you'll be driving on your next trip by using the information on a map.

Sort silverware by knives, forks, and spoons. Sort cards by suit or numbers.

Make math a game. Math games are fun and inexpensive. They are a wonderful way to get your kids to enjoy working with numbers, as well as improve their number skills. Here are a few suggestions:

✦ Many games that we take for granted are excellent math lessons. “Go Fish” teaches counting and grouping in sets. Games that use play money teach how to make change. Board games that use dice teach addition and counting. Backgammon teaches addition, subtraction, and strategy.

✦ Beans, stones, or marbles can be used to play number games. Let your child develop his or her own games by sorting beans into different sizes or types, setting up the rules for a counting game, or using different types of pasta to make a picture.

✦ Give your children a geometry lesson by letting them create a collage of circles, squares, and triangles. Challenge them to come up with as many different shapes as they can using only triangles.

✦ Play store with the items in your cupboard.

A pan of water and some jars or cups of different sizes will amuse a child for hours while teaching capacity and volume.

Remember, if you or your child need help with understanding Math concepts and standards, please log onto MrMathBlog.com. Videos are available by standards and will provide you and your child with step by step explanations on how to complete Math problems.

Specials

P.E.

HELLO BANYAN FAMILY, OUR STUDENTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME DURING OUR JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT. WE ARE KEEPING OUR HEARTS HEALTHY AND PRACTICING FITNESS ACTIVITIES AND PROPER NUTRITION. STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE P.E. NEWS.

Students of the Month

Pre Kindergarten

Insua	Ezra Pierrelus
Goldon	Katherine Calderon
Simpson	Liam Ramirez
Smalley	
Humphrey	Liam Humphrey

Kindergarten

Greene	Marcus Concepcion
M. Elliott	Giselle Taylor
Chireno	Angelina Lopez
Warren	Genesis Merisier



Congratulations

First Grade

Brajon	Kylan Hall
Forgatsch	Lenora Marin
Holschauer	Prachi Deb Roy
Reimer	Viviana Betancourt



Congratulations

Second Grade

Levine	Romarion Velez
Jacobs	Joki Heck
C. Smith	Juan Hernandez
Gainer-Smith	Hantz Touissant
Mathis	Beverlee Chevelon



Congratulations

Third Grade

K. Elliott	Kayshaleigh Roper
Small	Giselle Clark
Cunningham	Kailyn Ginn
Glass	Jaidan Gonzalez
Faulkner	Roman Pena



Congratulations

Fourth Grade

Kellingbeck	Andrew Griffin
Miller	Timya Johnson
Nolan	Maliyah Howard
Givens	Winsier Valcy
Hardge	Tyler Henry



Congratulations

Fifth Grade

Valies-Joseph	Diamond Defoe
Bejacmar	Mia Ubaqui
Pallero	Tatiana Medina
Carson	Christopher Glover
White	Natzumbi Brown



Congratulations