

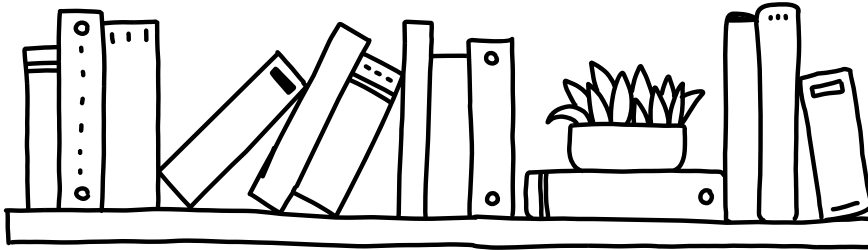


TIGER TALES

FEBRUARY 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DEN



Dear TIGER Families,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy. Please make sure to check out the entire newsletter for important information.

Can you believe we are in week four of the 3rd quarter! Now would be a good time to check in on your child's academic and behavior progress. If you haven't already, signed up for a parent conference with your child's teacher. This would help avoid any surprises at the end of the nine weeks.

Attendance and tardiness are still a big concern at our school. The elementary years are such pivotal times for our scholars to learn the necessary foundational skills to become a good reader and other academic areas. Please help do your part in ensuring your child is attending school and arriving on time. Thank you!

Wishing you all a fabulous February!

Sincerely,

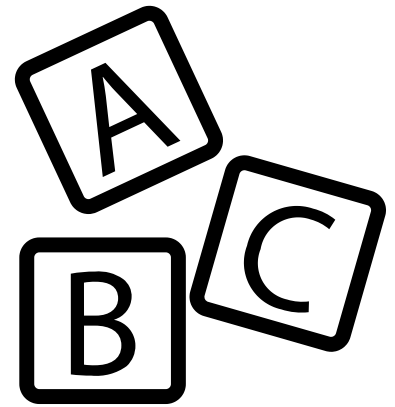
Your Proud Principal, Latosha Williams



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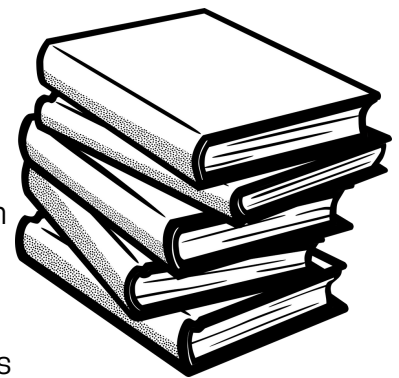
KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten train is moving right along! Our scholars continue working on blending sounds, putting them together to read, write words and now make sentences. We continue adding more sight words which is crucial in your scholar learning how to read. Our scholars are also learning how to use grade level academic vocabulary appropriately in speaking and writing. They are being taught to use who, what, where, why, when, and how questions when reading a story in order to comprehend what is being read. In kindergarten Math, we are working on counting to 100 by ones, tens, and now by fives. We are teaching addition and subtraction up to 20 and comparing numbers up to 20 using counters and a number line, as well as ways to make up to 20. We are looking forward to each step in your scholar's academic journey. Please ensure homework is completed daily. Communication is extremely important, please make sure that your child's teacher has updated contact information." We look forward to working together with you and your scholar to have an outstanding year.



FIRST GRADE

Wow! Can you believe we're halfway through the school year? As a team, we want to thank you for your unwavering support this school year. It is greatly appreciated. Our scholars have completed their Star Early Literacy/Reading and Math PM2. As a grade level, our munchkins did a phenomenal job of achieving their learning goal with outstanding learning gains. Now we are in what we call crunch time season, and we will need your help more than ever. In ELA, they will continue to learn new phonics rules, high-frequency words, and vocabulary words to help improve reading accuracy and fluency. We will also focus on reading comprehension skills. In math, our focus is counting numbers up to 120, and basic math facts. At home, you can help your scholar by assisting them with their homework, having them read daily, and ensuring they are completing IReady Math and Reading green lessons. Always remember, together we can make a difference!



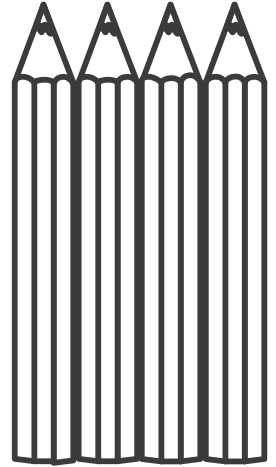
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SECOND GRADE

Wow, we cannot believe how fast the school year is moving. In the month of February, students will be progressing through our curriculum. We will be working on Unit 5 in Benchmark Advance for reading and learning how to support our questions using the text. In math we will be working on Topic 8 and 9 in Envision Math. These chapters cover fractions, telling time, and counting money. For vocabulary, we will be working on lesson 7 and 8.

Also, the Second Grade Team strongly encourages your scholar to work on I-Ready Reading and Math daily for homework. They should be passing 1 reading and 1 math nightly. They should also be reading a book for 20 minutes. Students that put in extra time learning at home will only excel in school. Lastly, second graders will be going to Flamingo Gardens on March 15th. The cost is \$13.00. Please send in the money with your scholar. The students will be able to see various animals and learn about their habitats.

Parents, we appreciate everything that you do. Your support is vital to your student having a successful school year.



THIRD GRADE

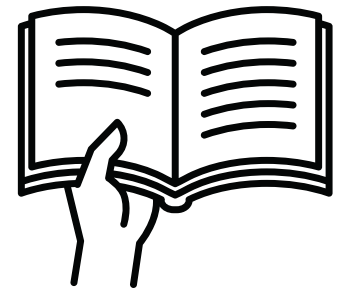
The Third Grade students are preparing to learn a lot of interesting facts about FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS during BLACK HISTORY MONTH! Please make sure that your child is researching and learning important information to include in their Black History Projects. In Language Arts and Reading, the third grade students are learning about COMPARING POINTS OF VIEW in Unit 4. They will continue to read and understand how everyone has a POINT OF VIEW, or a way of looking at the world. The third graders will understand different perspectives from various characters in a story and how it helps them to better understand the meaning of the story. Parents, please continue to encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts daily and to complete all assignments and homework. The scholars have taken the second F.A.S.T. Assessment and they are vigorously learning and practicing 3rd grade standards to prepare them for the final F.A.S.T. Assessment at the end of the year. The Third Grade Teachers look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.



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FOURTH GRADE

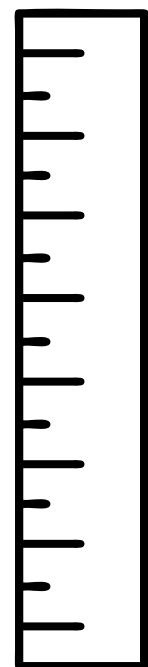
In January, our fourth-grade scholars completed their second F.A.S.T assessment, which showed us how they are progressing with grade-level content. In February, we are using this data to continue building their literacy skills by analyzing both fiction and non-fiction texts. Our scholars are continuing to build their vocabulary with our Worldly Wise program, which exposes students to new vocabulary words each week. Please make sure your scholar is reading for at least 20 minutes each night to build their fluency up to grade level expectations. In math, students will begin to broaden their understanding of fractions, by learning to add, subtract, and simplify them. Students will need to have a strong understanding of multiplication and division in order to master our fraction unit, so please encourage them to practice at home. If you are looking for extra practice for your child, do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher for extra work. Please check your child's agenda and Class Dojo daily for classroom updates. As always, the fourth-grade team is so grateful for the parent-teacher partnership, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.



FIFTH GRADE

Happy 2023 5th grade students and families! As we enter a new year, we look forward to reaching new heights, acquiring new information and preparing for new challenges to take down. We have been working hard on our path to 6th grade with our scholars. In recent weeks, we have covered various amounts of material in our academic subjects. In science: energy transformations, renewable vs nonrenewable energy and most recently, factors that influence weather. In ELA, we are learning about the author's point of view and working on scholars' summarization skills. In mathematics, we are doing multiple operations with fractions. Also, we are still reinforcing behaviors such as completing homework daily and walking in a straight and quiet line. Please speak with your students, as these are standard procedures and should not be an issue at this point in the school year.

Let's rock it out for the 2nd half of 5th grade!



IMPORTANT DATES

February 1st: Class Picture Day

February 3rd: Report Cards Issued

February 6th-9th: Book Fair

February 14th: Early Release/Interim Reports Issued

February 16th: Kona Ice

February 20th: Schools Closed

February 23rd: Title 1 Family Night

February 27th - March 3rd: Dr. Seuss Week



PERFORMING ARTS

Little Mermaid Jr. rehearsals will begin the week of February 13th. Permission slips will be sent home as soon as possible. Your child will need to have this permission slip signed to be able to stay for rehearsals. Please contact Ms. Ferguson or Ms. Edwards if you have any additional questions regarding performing arts.



TITLE 1

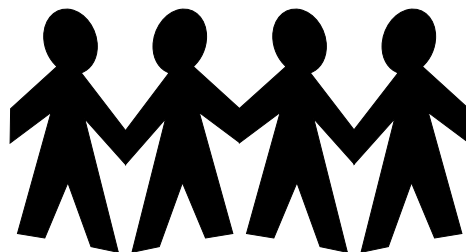
We need to hear from Bethune families! One of the requirements for schools receiving Title I funding is to conduct an annual evaluation. Please let us know how we are doing using the survey weblink that has been provided for you below. It takes just a few minutes of your time.

The survey will need to be completed by Thursday, February 9, 2023. The results of this survey will be provided to you at our next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting on February 23rd, 2023 and on our school's website after they have been shared in the meeting.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Please contact Ms. Boudion with any questions regarding Title 1 or the family survey.

<https://title1compliance.com/goodsurvey/?vfgxxs=QUNFNzYyNzMtRUUwRS00QjQzLThENTEtQTZEODVDNUU5NjQ3KzAzNDE=>



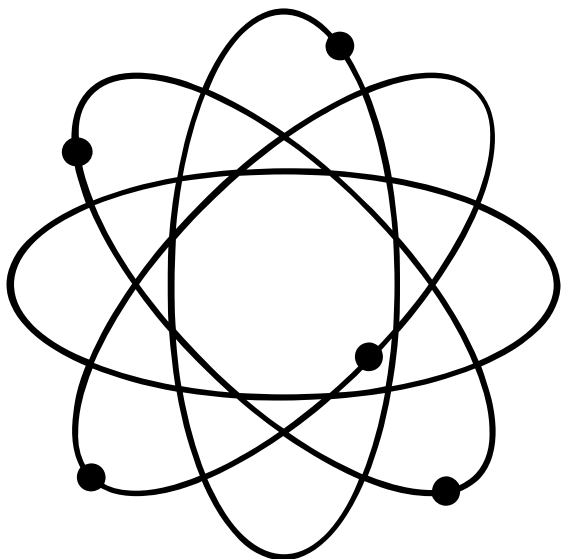
COACHES CORNER

Math & Science:

Continue to monitor your child with math progress. Work on basic facts at home; Kindergarten number recognition and counting, Grades 1-2 Addition and subtraction, Grade 3 Subtraction and Multiplication, Grade 4-5 Multiplication & Division. Review your child's grades to make sure they are making progress. We are about halfway through the year and most classes are working in Topic 8-9. ELO Camps are beginning February 7. Monday & Tuesday are ELA & Mathematics for K-5 and Wednesday is Science for 5th Grade students. Dismissal begins at 3:30 and ends at 3:45. If you have registered your child, please be on time to pick them up. We will be reviewing standards that have been taught this year and circling back to reteach those standards where we have found deficiencies to prepare your child for the next grade level. We are also very excited that we have been able to purchase iReady Mathematics for our school. Your child can work on lessons in iReady Mathematics at home on his/her pathway.

Testing:

We just completed our FAST Progress Monitoring PM2 for ELA and Mathematics. This is a State Assessment given to students in Grades K-5 three times per year; beginning, middle, and end. Your child has two tests now so you can reach out to his/her teacher to see if they have made growth from the first assessment. Also, a Cumulative Assessment for Topics 1-7 was administered in all grade levels K-5. This will assess your child's understanding of the mathematics that has been taught this year. Again, your child's teacher can report these results to you. Your child also completed an iReady Diagnostic for Mathematics since we have been able to purchase this incredible program. They will be taking the iReady Diagnostic for ELA on February 7-8. The next FAST Progress Monitoring Assessment will be given in May. Further updates will be provided as the date gets closer.



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In today's world, many of us rely on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, TikTok, Flickr, and Instagram to connect with each other. While each has its benefits, it's important to remember that social media also can be dangerous especially for our young impressionable children.

Despite all the positive aspects of social media, there are still an abundance of risk factors, such as privacy endangerment, exploitation, and online harassment. All these negatives make social platforms a dangerous place for children under 13 years old.

Risk of your child using social media without parent supervision:

- *Cyberbullying (bullying using digital technology).

- *Invasion of privacy.

- *Your child seeing offensive images and messages.

- *The presence of strangers who may be there to 'groom' other members.

How can You keep your children safe using social media?

- *Show interest in your child's online life and ask questions.

- *Get online family protection.

- *Set technology boundaries in your home.

- *Keep informed about the latest apps that help or harm.

- *Follow your child's online accounts. Keep in mind that, some children or teens may create a fake second account.

- *Ask them about the people they "meet" online. Explain that it's easy for someone on the Internet to pretend to be someone they're not.

- *Discuss what's okay and safe to post online, and what isn't. Let them know that Online posts stay online forever.

- *Advise your child(ren) to never give out personal information such as their email address, phone number or location.

- *Advise your child(ren) to never share photos with strangers.

- *Encourage your child(ren) to use an online nickname, instead of a real name.

- *Your child(ren) should not accept friend requests from (or actively connect with) people they don't know in real life.

- *Remind your child to protect and respect their friends' privacy too. They should ask permission before posting something about a friend.

Any questions or concerns with your child's usage of social media please contact Mrs. Solano-Millar, school Counselor

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2023

6:00PM

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION


- FACILITY AND SCHOOL RENOVATIONS
- TITLE I UPDATES

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATION FROM
OUR PERFORMING
ARTS DEPARTMENT!**



**COME OUT & HEAR
ABOUT WHAT'S
HAPPENING AT
OUR SCHOOL!**





BLACK
HISTORY MONTH
CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 23 • 6PM

Washington Park Community Center, 5199 Pembroke Road

The City of Hollywood African American Advisory Council
invites you to celebrate the rich, diverse culture and heritage.

Featuring:

- Award-winning film “Wade in the Water”
- Florida Memorial Chorale and Step Team Performances
- African American history monologue and more

For more information, please contact Alison Saffold
at asaffold@hollywoodfl.org or call 954.921.3599.

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