



# Flamingo Flyer



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## Kindergarten News

Our merry kindergartners are enjoying math in the month of May and we are naming and manipulating 2-D and 3-D shapes. What happens when you combine triangles, parallelograms, trapezoids and hexagons? How about hemispheres, prisms and cylinders? Ask your kindergartner. We love geometry!

We also love animals, and this May 16th, we will be going on a field trip to the Tradewinds Park Farm. We will be sending home permission slips soon. Many parents are asking about how to find leveled readers over the summer, especially since bookstores and libraries may not have levels A-E clearly marked. Well, fret no more, here is a free website/app: Book Wizard! You can Google it or try this link: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>. You can search for "Guided Reading Levels A-E" and pages upon pages of book choices will come up, many available through your local library for free. As we wind down this wonderful year, we thank you for spending it here at Flamingo. Here's to more adventures in learning ahead!

## Fabulous First Grade

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Earth Day and the appreciation of our world will be studied in first

grade. Students will be taught how their actions can better our planet (cause and effect). Responsibility for your actions is also associated with Earth Day. Life science, the study of living things, will be our focus in science. We will be learning about plants and animals, their needs, similarities, and differences.

First graders are studying geometry and double-digit addition and subtraction. We will also be reviewing all skills/standards taught throughout the year in both reading and math. Please continue to review addition and subtraction math facts to 10 with your first grader as well as reading with your child every night.

All of first grade will be going on a field trip on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Broward Performing Arts Center to watch the play, *Are You My Mother?*

## Sensational Second Grade

We are working hard to master all our second grade standards for the year and preparing for the end-of year reading and math assessments. During reading our second graders have been learning about the characters' point of view, connecting words and images, and comparing and contrasting two texts. We continue to practice our writing skills with informative writing.

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In math, the students are learning how to measure, collect data and identify geometrical attributes. In science, we are learning about bodies and the life cycle of plants and animals. Parents, please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read at home. Students need to continue practicing multiplication facts and work on addition and subtraction fluency to be prepared for next year.

### **Third Grade Rocks**

We have officially finished one portion of the Florida Standards Assessment and have one more to go! Please make sure you are studying the multiplication facts with your child each night to help when taking the Math FSA. March was Women's History Month and the students have researched and created a project to inform others about famous women throughout history. Please join us for Academic Night on April 25th to read more about these amazing women!

### **Fantastic Fourth Grade**

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful break. Our fabulous fourth graders are rocking the 4th grade standards. They have been hard at work preparing for the Florida Standard Assessments. On April 19th and 20th, the students will be taking the ELA FSA and on April 23th and 24th they will be taking the Math FSA. Thank you for all of your support in helping your children be successful with the fourth grade standards. Please make sure your child gets a good night sleep and eats a hearty breakfast on testing days.

### **Fifth Grade – Class of 2018**

Our fifth graders are finalizing mastery of our fifth grade standards, as we prepare for the Florida Standards Assessment.

Once testing has concluded, we will be working on skills necessary for success in sixth grade. Please continue to support your child by holding them accountable for their schoolwork. Responsibility and organization are key skills for success in middle school. We have various celebratory events planned for our students as the year concludes. Remind your child that their positive behavior is a requirement for

participation. Our behavior expectations were outlined in a contract that was recently sent home.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| April 18       | Ecology Club and Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.<br>PTO Meeting 2:15 p.m.                             |
| April 19-20    | Florida Standard Assessment English/Language Arts Grades 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade      |
| April 23       | PTO Mother's Day Cake Sale<br>SAC Meeting 2:15 p.m.   |
| April 23-24    | Florida Standard Assessment Math Grades 4 and 5   |
| April 25       | Academic Showcase   |
| April 27       | PTO Smencil Sale 7:30 a.m.  |
| April 30-May 4 | Teacher Appreciation Week   |
| May 1 – 2      | Florida Standard Assessment Math Grade 3<br>NGSSS Science Test Grade 5                                  |
| May 2          | Antonio's Pizza Night   |
| May 9          | Volunteer Appreciation 8:30 a.m.  |
| May 11         | PTO Mother's Day Cake Decorating  |
| May 16         | Ecology, Safety Patrol, and Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.<br>PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.                  |
| May 18         | PTO Smencil Sale 7:30 a.m.<br>Kindergarten Round-Up 8:30 a.m.<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social |



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