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Kindergarten News

The kindergarten students came back to school smarter than ever after winter break! In January, our PTO held a Book Fair event and the students were excited to be able to purchase their own books.

In science, we have been learning about Arctic Animals and what we can see in the Night and Day Sky. Students have been learning how to describe an animal using a thinking map and writing with details about that animal. These are all important reading and writing skills that our kindergarten students are practicing in class to get ready for first grade. In social studies, we have learned all about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the impact that he made on our country.

In math, students have been practicing their addition fact fluency, learning how to subtract, and ways to make numbers 11-20. We just recently celebrated the 100th day of school on January 30th, with exciting activities that helped us count to 100.

In February, PTO will be selling candy hearts for \$1 and students are always excited to have them delivered to their friends on Valentine's Day. As a grade level, our kindergarten students will be writing love notes to the nurses at Plantation General Hospital. During the last week of February, teachers and students are looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday! Please continue to read with your child every night and practice sight words in the brown envelope.

Fabulous First Grade

In January, students had the opportunity to meet horses from a book series called Wild Horse Tales and have their picture taken by their teacher. All students were fortunate

enough to receive the book titled, *Little Black A Pony*. A special thank you to the Town of Davie Rotary club for making this possible.

Our students have been learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the impact he has had on our great nation. We have been discussing character traits that he possessed and how we can be more like him. We when work together, we can all make a difference.

Sensational Second Grade

We are halfway through the school year and we still have so much to look forward to in preparing for third grade. Our second graders have been learning about text features, poems, learning new words in context and identifying the central message of the text. We have also been practicing our writing skills with opinion writing and informational writing is next.

In math, we have been working on subtracting using regrouping, including problem solving skills. We are going to be working on time and money so please work with your child with reading the clock and counting coins. In science, we are beginning to study energy. Parents, please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read at home. It's also time to start practicing multiplication facts to be prepared for next year.

Third Grade Rocks

Happy New Year! In third grade, we have had a great start to the year by setting intentions and learning goals to get us ready for fourth grade. Students recently finished taking a rigorous practice Florida Standard Assessment test for both Math and English Language Arts. Congratulations to our students for their hard work and perseverance throughout these assessments. Their hard work gives us

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great information on what we can do to best suit your student's learning needs as we continue in the school year.

We have a new online program available to students called Education Galaxy. This teaching resource is a GREAT way for your child to practice their reading and math skills outside of school (available on website www.educationgalaxy.com as well as a phone application!). This program is not only fun for your child, but is an adaptive practice program, meaning it targets exactly where your child needs the most learning support.

A shout out to our wonderful PTO for an amazing book fair! It truly was enchanting. Thanks to all parents and students that came out to support the effort!

Fantastic Fourth Grade

Welcome back. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break with your families. The students have been hard at work since returning from break. At the beginning of April fourth grade will be participating in the Florida Standard Assessment Writing test, as well as the English/Language Arts and Math test. More information will be forthcoming.

The students recently took the Summative Assessment Test in both reading and math. The students had an opportunity to see their strengths and weaknesses. As we enter the crunch time phase, students will have the opportunity to work on mastering all standards based on the results from the Summative Assessment. Please continue to reinforce all skills taught daily. Your child should be reading every night and utilizing technology programs at home as well. Thank you for your continued support.

Next month, fourth grade will be attending the Museum of Discovery and Science. They will be attending an IMAX movie and have an opportunity to explore the traveling exhibit at the museum. As always, we thank you for your continued support in helping your child be the best they can be!

Fifth Grade

The fifth-grade team is working very hard to ensure that students are staying focused and putting forth their best effort on a daily basis. We have celebrated and enjoyed a "Fun Friday" with them to recognize all their hard work. We would like to thank the parents for continuing to support us in reinforcing these work habits and behavior goals at home. Great job!

In math, our students have finished learning about division with decimals in both the divisor and dividend. We are currently working on fractions and mixed numbers. They are learning how to add and subtract fractions/mixed numbers, determine equivalent fractions, and even simplify fractions.

In English and language arts, our students are working on Florida Standard Assessment style essays that are opinion based or informative. These essays require standard English format, so grammar skills are being strongly taught to support them. Along with the essays, we are working on story structure, vocabulary in context, and analyzing accounts of the same event (history), or topic. They will be

determining the similarities and differences in the points of views that the author is conveying.

Finally, in science we are finishing up our lessons on the human body systems and their functions, as well as building the connections between plants and animals (humans). This is part of the Life Science lessons in fifth grade which also relates to environmental impacts on life.

Please remember to have your children use the online resources to help them with the skills being taught in school. These online resources can be accessed through their Broward County Schools Single-Sign-On Platform. Also check with your child's teacher to find out other resources that are being used to supplement and support the curriculum. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher for further assistance.

Safety Reminders

There will be a single point of entry at the front of the school during the school day. Arrival and dismissal will continue as normal with the Kindergarten car line at the back gate on 130th Avenue and grades 1-5 arriving and dismissing at the front of the school on 133rd Avenue. Walkers and bike riders will continue arriving and dismissing the same way. The rear gate on 130th Avenue will be locked when school begins and open again for dismissal.

From 6:30 to 7:15 a.m., only staff members and parents with their children who are registered for Before Care will be allowed to enter the campus at the front of the school.

This will be tracked with Staff Identification Badges and with Before Care Registration Passes.

The front office will open for regular business hours from 7:15 to 3:00 p.m. The front gate will be locked at 8:00 a.m. after arrival. All visitors will be required to call our main office at 754-323-5700 to gain access to the front office. The gates will open at dismissal at 1:55 p.m. and lock again at 2:15 p.m. All students who are late arriving to school or are picked up after 2:15 p.m. must call the school to have the gates unlocked.

Students who are front walkers will be dropped off for arrival and may meet their parents at the front walker gate for dismissal.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1-8	PTO Valentine Candy Heart Sale
February 1 – 13	Humane Society Donation
February 6	Antonio's Pizza Night
February 8	Kindergarten Round-Up 8:30 a.m. PTO Spirit Store Opens 7:30 a.m.
February 11	Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.
February 13	Head Start Parent Meeting 2:10 p.m. ESOL Math Games 5:00 p.m. PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
February 14	PTO Valentine Hearts Delivered
February 18	Holiday – No School
February 20	First Grade Field Trip Bergeron Rodeo Arena Ecology Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.
February 21	PTO Box Tops Sweet Treat Early Release Day 12 Noon Dismissal



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