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### Best Summer Ever – Flamingo Academy

Flamingo Academy is excited to have begun planning for our seventh summer of on-campus academic summer camp. Teachers plan quality instruction that reviews skills learned in your child's previous grade and exposes them to the curriculum they will learn in their future grade. The children have fun learning academics three (3) hours per day. This learning of math, reading, and writing is balanced into an enriching schedule that includes, science, computer lab, team sports, art, music, and so much more. Two days per week the students have even more fun than that. Once per week we contract vendors to bring amazing "in-house field trips" and another day each week, we have the children's favorite, Splash Day! On Splash Day, campers come in their swimsuits, slide down giant inflatable waterslides, and participate in lots of other Splash Day activities.

For only \$155 per week, your child can be dropped off any time after 7 a.m. and picked up by 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday we offer free breakfast and lunch to all campers. Registration begins Monday, April 22, 2019. You can register your child from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the front office. Once registered, weekly payments can be made online. Any Broward County Public school student is eligible to attend, please feel free to invite your child's friends to come with them, You can see photos from our program last year on www.twitter.com/flamingoacademy and see updates about this summer's schedule by following us on Twitter.

As parents and teachers, we work very hard from August to May to ensure our children make learning gains. If you do not choose an academic summer program, please plan on having your child practice their reading, writing, and math skills over the summer to ensure they regress from their current level.

For more information about this great camp opportunity, please contact Stephanie or Jamie Anderson in the after-care office at 754-323-5730 or via e-mail FlamingoASC@browardschools.com.

#### **Kindergarten News**

The kindergarten students will be attending water safety lessons from April 29th-May 10th. The paperwork will be coming home after Spring Break so please make sure it is all filled out correctly and returned. Students will be going to Plantation Central Park Pool for water safety lessons that are 30 minutes each. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their uniform with a bathing suit underneath and put your child's name on everything that you send to school. A week before this field trip, your child's teacher will post on ClassDojo a list of things to send in their backpack in order to get ready to go swimming.

In math, please continue to work with your child on addition and subtraction facts from 0 to 5. In science, we are working on life cycles including plants and animals. In reading, students have done a great job learning their sight words and reading books. They have been working on specific activities to strengthen their phonemic awareness skills. In social studies, students have been working on geography. Please make sure your child knows their address and phone number by memory. This will help keep their child safe in case of an emergency.

Enjoy your Spring Break from March 25-March 29. We are excited to see our students return on April 1.

#### Fabulous First Grade

First graders went on a field trip to the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds as part of the Wild Horse Tales Literacy Program. Students participated in a live horse experience as well as reading their favorite part of the book "Little Black, a Pony" to the horse. Students were given another book "Little Black Goes to the Circus". A very special thank you to the Rotary Club and the Town of Davie for making this experience such a special one for our students.

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In math, we are currently working on graphing. Students are learning to read pictographs, bar graphs, and read tally marks. In addition, students are learning to ask and answer questions based on the graphs.

## Sensational Second Grade

We are finishing the third quarter strong and we still have so much to look forward to in preparing for third grade. In the classroom our second graders have been learning about unfamiliar words, parts of a story, and author's purpose. We have been practicing our writing skills with opinion and informational writing.

In math, we have been working on money, time and measurement using inches and centimeters, including problem solving skills. In science, we are continuing to learn about energy. In social studies, we are learning about map skills. 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

The Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) are approaching. Starting on April 2nd and 3rd, we will be taking our Reading FSA. Students have been working hard this year and it is time for them to show off their reading comprehension and language arts skills! Our Math FSA will be held on May 7th and 8th. Please help your child practice their multiplication and division facts every day. We are so excited to see all our student's success and growth! We'd also like to take this opportunity to shout out our appreciation to the resource teachers that have been working intensively in small groups with your children to ensure that we are meeting their individual learning needs. To both support staff and of course all parents, thank you so much for your help as we strive for academic excellence!

#### Fantastic Fourth Grade

As we are approaching Spring Break, our fabulous fourth graders have been hard at work trying to master their standards from the mid-year assessment they took in January. Our students are owning their data as they track the standards they master as well as the ones they need to continue to work on. We are super proud of how hard each student is working. Those that meet the mastery goal will be invited to a mastery celebration to honor their achievements. Thank you to the parents for being supportive. In April, we will be taking the Writing Florida Standard Assessment (FSA). The ELA and Math FSA will be in May. At this time, please continue to reinforce all skills taught daily. The children should be utilizing Education Galaxy along with any reteach materials in order to be successful on the fourth-grade standards. Thank you again for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break.

## Fifth Grade

Spring has sprung and fifth grade is hopping along vigorously with the curriculum. Please have your child practice reading, writing, and math during the Spring Break. They may access resources for this through the Broward Single Sign-On portal. This is important as we have our Florida Standard Assessment Writing approaching after Spring Break on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are currently reviewing and remediating the writing skills needed to help our students become successful writers.

We are also excited to have our Diamond Dell's in-house field trip. This field trip will give our students an opportunity to explore rocks and minerals and aligns to the curriculum covered in science this year. Students were each given brochures about the field trip and may bring money to purchase items during the trip.

In April, our fifth graders will be traveling to Indian Ridge Middle school for a brief orientation to help them begin to prepare for transitioning to the middle school curriculum and expectations. This will help to ease some of the nervousness that they may be experiencing about going to middle school.

#### Safety Reminders

There is 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 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue and grades 1-5 arriving and dismissing at the front of the school on 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Walkers and bike riders will continue arriving and dismissing the same way. The rear gate on 130<sup>th</sup> 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**

March 18	SAC Meeting 2:15 p.m.
March 19	Student Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.
March 20	Ecology Club Meeting 2:00 p.m.
	PTO Meeting 3:00 p.m.
	Publix Math Night
March 21	Early Release Day 12 Noon Dismissal
March 22	Employee Planning Day – No School
March 25 – 29	Spring Break
April 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA Test Session 1
	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Writing Test
April 3	Kindergarten Field Trip to Tradewinds
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA Test Session 2
	Antonio's Pizza Night
April 10	Academic Showcase 5:00 p.m.
	PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
April 15	PTO Mother's Day Cake Sale Begins







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