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Ecology Club

Fifth grade Ecology Club members had an amazing year! We began in the Fall with learning how to maintain our school vegetable garden and our hydroponic solar powered units. This continued throughout the year as club members had hands on experience with the garden's upkeep.

Members also took on the responsibility of collecting the school's recyclables to help keep Flamingo "GREEN." We had a guest speaker in the winter to teach us about native vs. invasive plants in our community. Our end-of-year celebration was a pizza party and we planted sunflower seeds to be cared for at home. A big round of applause to our Eco-Ambassadors!

Student Council

Mrs. Schleicher was excited to have the opportunity to be the Student Council Sponsor this year at Flamingo Elementary. It was her first experience serving in the role and she truly enjoyed it. The year started with campaign speeches on the morning announcements and creative posters hung in the hallways. The students who ran for officer and representative positions had a great experience learning the political process of running for office. Since they all put forth so much effort, all students who ran were selected to be members of Student Council.

We had 34 students from fourth and fifth grade that participated in Student Council this year. Each month there was a school-wide theme that Student Council initiated or supported. Posters were made for Red Ribbon Week, Mac-n-Cheese collection, Harvest Drive, Anti-Bullying Week, Humane Society collection, Great Kindness Challenge and No-Name Calling Week. In November, Student Council members took a field trip to Western High School to volunteer packing bags of food for families for Thanksgiving. In January Student Council conducted lessons in the media center focused on Kindness and facilitated in the entire student population making

Kindness bookmarks for the media center. Student Council facilitated the collection of donated items for the Humane Society. They also helped advertise and collect donations for the Humane Society's Annual Walk for the Animals. A total of \$1,023.00 was collected and donated.

The students also learned about a variety of topics during meetings. Lessons on Leadership and Growth Mindset were taught exposing students to real-life skills that will help them to be successful in the future. The students also enjoyed snacks and watching motivational videos from "Kid President." Mrs. Schleicher enjoyed working with all the students and she wishes them the best in all their future endeavors!

Kindergarten News

What a wonderful year our kindergarten friends have had at Flamingo. The students have enjoyed our special events and field trips such as the Storybook Character Parade, Career Day, Flamingo Gardens, Santa's Enchanted Workshop, Olympics, Tradewinds Educational Farm, and Water Safety Lessons at Plantation Central Park Pool. We also celebrated every child's culture through the multicultural night project, letters and sounds, sight words, and reading levels!

We reached out to our community by donating items for the Harvest Drive, writing letters to Veterans, and attending Antonio's and Dairy Queen Nights. All of these exciting activities and events made our school year unique and have built our school culture. Thank you for your participation and support throughout the school year. We wish you all a fantastic summer! Please continue to practice sight words and visit the library every week to check out easy readers. Reading to your child every night will be essential. We look forward to seeing your child in first grade so please stop by in the fall to say hello!

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Fabulous First Grade

Our first graders have had an amazing year. We had an awesome time on our field trips to the Bergeron Rodeo, First Touch with live horses, and absolutely loved the Pete the Cat play at the Broward Center for the Performing arts.

The students learned to be more fluent readers this year with the help of your support. Over the summer please continue to read nightly and practice sight words to prevent the “summer slide.” Check out your neighborhood library to learn about the exciting summer reading programs at no cost to you. Prizes are often given. A summer writing journal is also encouraged.

Our first-grade students also learned a tremendous amount in math. They can add and subtract with fluency, read a clock, count money, and ask and answer questions from a graph as well as combine shapes. Please continue to read clocks and count money over the summer as these were some of our hardest skills.

In science, our students learned about the plant life cycle, our senses, living and nonliving things, animal classification, and the human body.

The dual language students learned their Spanish sight words, syllables, and grammar. The students completed their I-Station daily. Mrs. Hernandez has seen great growth with her first graders and their Spanish has become much more fluent.

Lastly, our students learned how to be independent workers. They can record information in their planner daily, turn in their homework, and complete seat work. Importantly, the students learned a lot of social emotional skills. Topics included how to be respect, kindness, manners, anger management, and anti-bullying. The first-grade teachers would like to thank all the parents and guardians for their support over the year. The home school connection is so important for your child to have a successful school year. We would like to wish you a wonderful restful summer.

Sensational Second Grade

This year our students have worked hard to master the second-grade standards. In second grade they have read poems, biographies, diagrams, sequencing steps, two versions of the same story, and compared and contrasted, as well as a variety of other skills. They are looking forward to summer vacation and coming back to school next year.

Our students have been challenged to master math facts and concepts including place value, evens and odds, regrouping with addition and subtractions, measuring length, telling time, counting money, 2D and 3D shapes, graphing, and beginning multiplication and fractions and so much more! In science and social studies, the students have learned about the world around them. The second-grade teachers would like to thank all the parents, reading pals, and students from Western high school who have volunteered in our classes to enhance and enrich our students second grade experience. Parents, please encourage your child to read, read, read over the summer break, and to continue practicing addition and subtraction facts and multiplication facts too. See you next fall.

Third Grade Rocks

Wow, what a wonderful and progressive year we have had in third grade! As we finish out our school year, the third-grade team would like to thank all the parents, guardians, and students for all their support and dedication throughout this school year! Additionally, thank you to our amazing PTO and

our volunteers. Your support is invaluable! We hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer, but don't forget to READ and write about your summer adventures! See you in August.

Fantastic Fourth Grade

Thank you so much for your support this year. We have had a fabulous year. The students have worked hard with their reading, writing, and math skills. Many of the students were able to master their standards and received recognition by attending the mastery or gainers celebrations. Please continue to practice multiplication facts over the summer and have your children read so they are ready for fifth grade. It is highly recommended so that your child will be prepared to start fifth grade and continue to grow.

The children enjoyed going to the IMAX theater and exploring the Museum of Science and Discovery this past year. They also had an opportunity to participate in a hands-on mining field trip here on campus. Looking forward to hearing about the future success of all our students. Have a wonderful summer.

Fifth Grade

We made it to the end of the year! It's hard to believe how fast this school year has gone. So many good things are going on for our fifth graders these last few weeks. We are excited about our end-of-the-year picnic celebration at Robbins Lodge Park on Thursday May 23rd. Remember to wear your fifth-grade t-shirt and no backpacks that day. On May 31st a special breakfast with yearbook and picture signing will be held on campus for all our fifth-grade students. Lastly, our promotion ceremony will be held at the Western High School auditorium at 5 p.m. on June 3rd for all our students going on to middle school. We will be practicing that school day during the morning and have a dance after practice.

Finally, we would like to wish all children who are moving on to middle school at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. We know that they have all had a great start here at Flamingo and know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future. Wishing everyone a fun and restful summer!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21	Box Tops Sweet Treat
May 23	Fifth Grade Picnic – Robbins Lodge
	Head Start Parent Meeting 2:10 p.m.
May 24	Kindergarten Awards 8:30 a.m.
May 27	Holiday – No School
May 28	First Grade Awards – 8:30 a.m.
May 29	Second Grade Awards 8:30 a.m.
May 30	Third Grade Awards 8:30 a.m.
May 31	Fourth Grade Awards 8:30 a.m.
June 3	Fifth Grade Awards – Western High 5:00 p.m. (Students arrive at 4:30 p.m.)
June 4	Early Release Day – 12 Noon Dismissal Last Day of School for Students Report Cards Issued



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