



# Larkdale Elementary School

## Title I School

3250 NW 12th Place, Lauderdale, FL 33311

Mrs. Carla D. Hart, Principal  
Mrs. Cynthia Woods, Assistant Principal

### School Hours

Headstart: 8:25 a.m.-2:25 p.m.  
PreK-5th: 8:25 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

### Telephone

754-322-6600

### Attendance Line

754-322-6602

January-February 2021

Happy New Year 2021!

As we begin the year 2021, we are making changes to the way we deliver instruction. Students coming to face-to-face instruction will be experiencing the more traditional instruction and not tied to the laptops unless completing IReady, ClassKick, NearPod, or other lessons online. Anyone entering our campuses must wear face masks that cover their mouths and noses and follow other CDC guidelines.

We have completed our 2nd IReady Diagnostic and have made instructional shifts to increase the rigor and the amount of practice that students have to experience success at each standard. Staff has been working diligently to effectively plan for instruction and present lessons so that students meet with success. Please remember to continue to keep in contact with your child's teacher so that you are always aware of their progress and how you can help them at home. At this time you should have had or be preparing to have a 2nd parent-teacher conference regarding your child. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule this, if it has not already been done.

Please remember that attendance is crucial to your child's academic success. School starts at 8:25 and does not end until 2:55. Students who are continuing to learn from home, should be logged into their live class instruction through TEAMS by 8:25 with cameras on. Cameras must remain on and students engaged until the end of the day at 2:55. Periodically check on your child to make sure that they are logged into their live class with their camera on, and are completing their work. To know more about your child's school and the various resources that are available, consider being a part of our School Accountability Committee (SAC) and participate in our Community Assessment Team (CAT). Both meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (virtually) starting at 5:30. You can access the link to join through the Larkdale Elementary website at <https://www.browardschools.com/larkdale>. If your child is in grades 3-5, and need additional assistance in their academic areas, consider any of our Extended Learning Opportunities that meet before school, after school and on Saturdays. Call the school for more information.

Thank you for doing your part to help our scholars, "Maximize the Moment".

## Message From the Principal



## Upcoming Events

February 15, 2021  
(Monday)

Presidents' Day  
No School

February 18, 2021  
(Thursday)

Early Release Day  
12:25 p.m. Headstart  
12:55 p.m. PreK-5th

March 3, 2021  
(Wednesday)

Virtual Literacy Night  
6:00 pm

March 9, 2021  
(Tuesday)

SAC Meeting Virtual  
5:30 pm

March 18, 2021  
(Thursday)

Early Release Day  
12:25 p.m. Headstart  
12:55 p.m. PreK-5th

March 19, 2021  
(Friday)

Teacher Planning  
No School

March 22-26, 2021

Spring Break  
No School

HAPPY  
Valentine's  
Day

from the Faculty and Staff  
of Larkdale Elementary

## Head Start PreK

Dear parents: Please read to your children every night, ask and answer questions, let them retell you the story.

**Reading:** These weeks we are reinforcing Character of the story (who is your favorite character of the story? They would have to answer – “My favorite character is...”; we are introducing the setting of the story (place where it happens the story). We are constantly working with letters, we are learning to identify their names (count how many letters, spell letters, how many claps are in your name? for example: Ja-Ko-rie, and trace your name). If you would like to incorporate this activities at home, it would be very beneficial to your children.

**Mathematics:** Counting from 1 to 5 and identifying quantity. For example: give me 3 blocks, take 4 seeds, count how many leaves do you have. Please remember to use the index finger and remind them to count every item one at a time and just once.

Thank you so much for your collaboration.

Martha.ali@browardschools.com

Headstart

## Breaking News From KindeLark World

First, we want to celebrate the first kindergarten class ever to begin a school year 100 % virtual. They are absolutely, AMAZING! hats off to the parents who sat in class daily to ensure students were able to navigate the education platform until they were comfortable.

### Homework

Students will receive a weekly homework calendar beginning Monday January 25, 2021. You will receive further instructions from your child’s teacher concerning submitting assignments.

### Reading

Students are required to be on a level D in reading by the end of kindergarten. It is imperative for students to reach this level in order to be prepared for first grade.

**There are 3 ways to assist your kinder with reading:**

- 1- Allow them to read the pictures,
- 2- Read the words, and
- 3- Retell the story.

**Read a book to and/ or with your child at least 10 to 15 minutes per day. After reading ask your kinder questions about the text, encourage him or her to retell the story to you.**

### Math

Work with your kinder daily on counting forward and backwards, counting by tens, and single digit addition and subtraction. Be creative and make it fun!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Moore’s class, they were the proud recipient of an air purifier for the classroom. The project was listed on Donors Choose as “Preserving and Educating My Littles”. Our gift arrived this week and we are excited to add this new equipment to our class.

Kindergarten

## What’s News in Fourth Grade?

Our fourth-grade scholars just completed their second I-Ready diagnostic. We had some amazing learning gains, as well as more work to be done. We, the fourth-grade teachers, want to thank all our parents for their patience, cooperation, and dedication to our scholar’s academic needs. As we transitioned back to school, our scholars’ safety continues to be the priority.

Our scholars that are in the virtual learning need to pick up all their third quarter supplies and materials as soon as possible. We are moving forward with continuous and intensive learning to prepare our scholars for their assessments and for college and career. Remember to keep cameras on and follow along with the teacher. In addition, we as educators and parents must ensure that every scholar is reading at least 30 minutes daily and talking about what they are reading to improve comprehension. We thank you and hope this year brings everyone both health and happiness.

4th Grade

## Hello to our First Grade Parents, Family and Friends!

Happy 2021! Thank you for continuing to trust Larkdale in caring for and educating your child; your support means everything to us.

We are so happy to have our students back in the classrooms for the Second Semester of the school year. While the students are back in the classroom, laptops/chargers are to remain at school. Please ensure that your child has a mask, a water bottle, a hand sanitizer and the necessary supplies. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

The students will be taking iReady Diagnostic #2 during the week of January 25th, 2021. The ELA iReady Diagnostic will be on Monday and Tuesday while the Math iReady Diagnostic will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please encourage your child to do his or her best. After the Diagnostic, students will receive pathway lessons, specifically for their needs. While completing iReady lessons, students should have at least 45 minutes (in Reading and Math) per week.

The week of January 25th is also Literacy Week. See below, for how Larkdale plans to celebrate.

- Tuesday January 26th - wear a T-Shirt with (positive, inspiring) words
- Wednesday January 27th – wear sunglasses
- Thursday January 28th – wear a sports team shirt/jersey
- Friday January 29th – wear camouflage

Attendance continues to be an important factor to Larkdale. If your child is absent, please remember to call the school to excuse his or her absence. Additionally, if your contact information has changed, please call the school to ensure that we have the updated information.

Important Dates:

- During the week of February 1st, we will be celebrating School Counselors' Week.
- **The 100th Day of School is on Friday February 5th and we are looking forward to celebrating that day with our First Graders. Please expect a phone call or email about our plans for that special day.**
- Monday February 15th will be No School due to President's Day
- Thursday February 18th is an Early Release Day.

Homework is assigned daily and should be completed daily; it is an important part of your child's education. Additionally, your child should be reading a book every night; it is a sure way to increase knowledge and comprehension. If possible, please allow your child to visit Epic Book and Kids A-Z to read books on their level. After reading the book, please ask your child questions to determine his or her understanding. For Math, please practice skip counting (skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s) with your child. Also, please practice addition / subtraction problems with your child for fluency. If possible, allow your child to visit First in Math. Please contact your child's teacher for log in information.

Please reach out to the First Grade Team for any support that we can offer you to ensure the success of your child.

1st Grade

Hello, Second Grade Parents and Families! We are off to a wonderful new beginning in Second Grade this 2020-2021 school year! It is such a pleasure to see our scholars' growing and trying their best each day. Please continue to encourage your child to be on their best behavior and to follow Covid-19 protocols always. We are looking forward to completing the second i-Ready diagnosis of the year.

Please encourage your child to use their strategies and try their very best to level up in i-Ready. Please continue to reinforce what your child is learning at home. Remind them to use text evidence when they are answering questions about a story.

Read and help with homework daily. Remember, if you ever have any questions or concerns; please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher by calling or sending a note to the school. Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate you!

Respectfully,  
The Second Grade Team

2nd Grade



## ELA News

Our scholars just completed their i-ready diagnostic #2. The majority of our scholars did very well. We have a few months left to prepare them for their end of year assessments so we must ensure that every scholar is reading a minimum of 30 minutes a day and writing to build comprehension. Reading for the record is next so please pick up a book or two and read, read, read. Take pictures of your child reading and share it. We want to praise and reward our scholars.

## Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



### February - Black History Month

### Week of 2/8 - 2/12 - Random acts of kindness

Dear Parents,

REMINDER – Your words and actions affect people's self-esteem... so be KIND!

**Four Ways to Help Kids Manage Frustration**—Learning to manage and overcome frustrations builds resilience but it can be difficult for parents to stand back and let children cope on their own.

**1. Stay Calm** – While you may feel anxious, angry, or even embarrassed when your child is crying, it's important that you model remaining calm yourself. It helps to remember that being a good parent doesn't mean that your child is always happy. Remind yourself that your child's age-appropriate frustration will eventually pass and both of you will survive it.

**2. Be Consistent** – All children need to know that they can count on their parent to guide them, support them, take care of their essential needs, and love them. Even in times of conflict, knowing how you will act when they are upset can lead to security and comfort in the relationship.

**3. Pick the Right Time to Talk** – You may notice that talking to your child when he or she is very emotional may not be very productive. However, children often want immediate answers and to gain what they seek instantly. It may be a relief to remember that you don't have to answer your child immediately when emotions are running high. Even if your child is frustrated it is best to wait until you are both calm to talk.

**4. Practice Good Communication Skills-** Listen to your child, restate your child's request and reasoning, logically explain your position, use "I" Statements... "I feel hurt when you keep leaving this mess, I want you to clean your room please.", ask your child to restate what you said.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me (754) 322-6600.

Mrs. Marshall

**STAY  
CALM**



**CONSISTENCY**



**Communicate**





# Congratulations!!!

Your child has been selected to participate in our Math Camp!



## Catch up in Math!!!

Dates: Mondays-Thursdays Only  
(February 9th, 2021-April 29th, 2021)

Where: Larkdale Elementary



Scan the QR Code, click on or type in the link below to register.



<http://bit.ly/AllCamps>

### Camp options:

- Camp #1: First in Math 7:00a-8:00a (Grades 3-5)
- Camp #2: Math Camp 7:00a-8:00a (Grade 3 only)
- Camp #3: Math Camp 2:50p-4:30p (Grade 3 Only)
- Camp #4: Math Camp 2:50p-4:30p (Grade 5 Only)

Breakfast/Supper will be provided.

All CDC Guidelines will be followed.

Scholar must be a car rider or walker.