#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and joyous holiday season. As we begin 2025, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and partnership in fostering an enriching learning environment for our students.

The start of a new year is always a time for reflection and goal setting. We are excited to build on the progress we made in the first half of the school year and are committed to providing our students with the tools they need to succeed. Whether through academics, extracurricular activities, or life skills and wellness lessons, we will continue to focus on the growth and well-being of each child.

As we move into the winter months, I encourage you to stay engaged with your child's learning. Please check in regularly with teachers, participate in school events, and encourage your child to stay focused and motivated on meeting their academic goals. As a reminder, we need your help to accomplish our goals below:

- Increase English language arts (ELA) achievement to 44%.
- Increase 3rd Grade ELA achievement to 44%.
- Increase overall learning gains in ELA to 63%.
- Increase overall learning gains for students in the lowest quartile to 63%.
- Increase Math achievement to 51%.
- Increase overall learning gains in Math to 71%.
- Increase overall math learning gains for students in the lowest quartile to 63%.
- Increase 5th grade science achievement to 37%

Looking ahead, we have several important dates coming up, including the science midyear assessment and a variety of school activities. Be sure to keep an eye on our school calendar and communications for details. Thank you once again for your support. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth, achievement, and success for all our students.

Sincerely, David Levine



#### ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters! Please contact the school each time your child is absent and provide the school with the reason for the absence. The Meadowbrook Elementary Attendance Hotline number is (754) 323-6502. This line is open 24 hours/ 7 days a week for your convenience. Phone excuses and excuse

notes must be received within 48 hours of the absence. Please contact Ms. Julienne, Attendance Manger at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Greetings and Happy New Year Meadowbrook Families,

As a reminder, Meadowbrook is a uniform school, and all students are expected to be in uniform daily. Students may wear jeans (without rips or holes) and a uniform shirt or MBE t-shirt on Fridays.

Also, attendance is a very important part of your child's success. Therefore, we need your support in getting students to school and on time daily to help them reach their full potential. We also need your support in making sure students understand the importance of following the rules as outlined in the code of student conduct handbook.

Parents, FAST PM 2 test results are now available for students who took the assessment in December. Be sure to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss progress towards their learning goals. We have much to accomplish this semester and your support will be an important part of helping us to achieve our goals.

Sincerely, Armelle Johnson

#### **Title 1 News**

THE SCHOOL-LEVEL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN (PFEP), SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN WITH TITLE I ADDENDUM CAN BE VIEWED AT OUR MEADOWBROOK WEBSITE AND A HARD COPY AT OUR OFFICE. PLEASE JOIN US DURING OUR NEXT SAC MEETING IN JANUARY TO REVIEW THE SCHOOL SURVEY. HAPPY TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ALL UP-AND-COMING TITLE I INFORMATION.

#### **ESOL News**

ESOL/Level 1 students are continuing with their 2nd Diagnostic on Imagine Learning. This diagnostic will measure their growth from the beginning of the year. Please encourage your child to do Imagine (blue robot) at school and home. ACCESS testing for all ESOL students will begin in the last week of January. This assessment will help guide our ESOL students' instruction for the future. As always parents, thank you for your partnership in making your child's education a success.



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## WHAT WE LEARN IN CLASS?

#### Prekindergarten

The preschool classes are learning all about the winter season. We are discussing the types of clothing that are appropriate for cold weather and made delicious hot chocolate. We are also learning about animals that live in very cold weather such as polar bears and penguins. Try the following activity at home. Chart the weather for a week with your child. Create a simple weather graph and have your child draw a symbol to represent the weather each day. At week's end, count the number of sunny and rainy days.

#### Kindergarten

This month in kindergarten, we focus on technology at home and at school and in math, we are learning addition and subtraction 0 to 10. In science, we are learning about gravity and in social studies, we are learning about U.S. Symbols. We wish you a very happy New year. Can't wait to share more with you next month.



#### Ist Grade

Winter break was great! Now we are back in school, ready to continue to learn! This month we will learn to explain who is telling the story, identify and explain the moral of the story, and identify and describe the main story elements. In math, we are focusing on understanding place value, we will learn to compose and decompose two-digit numbers in multiple ways using tens and ones. We will also, learn to read numbers from 0 to 100 written in standard form, expanded form and word form. In science, we will learn and investigate about all the materials we can find on Earth's surface. In social studies, we will learn how to compare life now with life in the past, identify celebrations and national holidays as a way of remembering and honoring the heroism and achievements of the people, events, and our nation's ethnic heritage. In addition, we will learn about timelines and create one using primary sources. Please continue to encourage your child to read every night for at least 20 minutes to improve their fluency and comprehension.

#### 2nd Grade

Hello wonderful second grade families! In the area of Reading (English Language Arts) we are in Unit 5 identifying Central Idea and relevant details, explain author's purpose in a text, explain how text features contribute to meaning, and compare and contrast important details in two texts on the same topic. In the area of Phonics, we are practicing vowel team /oi/ syllable patterns: oi,oy, vowel team /ou/ Syllable patterns: ou, ow. In Writing, we are working on opinion essays. In Math, we are in Topic 9. This section of our book has us solving problems involving time and money. In Science, we are studying Rocks. And in Social Studies, we are learning about Immigration over time. Thank you for supporting your child's success by reading with your child daily and ensuring that their homework is complete.

Thank you again for all of your support!

#### 4th Grade

In ELA, students will explore how first, and thirdperson points of view shape a story's narrative and deepen their understanding of characters. Students will be able to write in the first person,

allowing students to convey a character's personal thoughts and feelings. This will help students develop skills in crafting meaningful stories and identifying key themes in their writing. In Math, students are learning how to solve multistep problems and will be moving into Fractions.

In Science, students are learning about conductors and insulators and moving into forces of motions and earth's movements.

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#### **3rd** Grade

Welcome back families! As we head into crunch time, it is important that your child is building stamina in reading and math every day. They should be able to answer questions and write summaries about what they are reading. They should also be memorizing their multiplication facts (0-12) daily. Please be sure that your child is doing their reading and math homework every day as well!

#### 5th Grade

Welcome to our January Newsletter! I hope your family enjoyed the break and back to learning and creating new experiences.

Upcoming Learning In Reading/ELA, are working on Unit 4: Recognizing Author's Point of View. They will read poems and narratives fiction told aby authors and narrators from different races, ethnicities, and genders. They will build their understanding of poetry and prose.

In Math we are currently working on the adding and subtracting of Fractions. Students will learn to estimate and find sums and differences of fractions in mathematical or real-world problems. In Science, students are working on Forces and Motion of an Object. Students will become familiar with forces that cause objects to move, such as pushes and pulls, including gravity acting on falling objects.

We are planning a special trip to Universal Studios and ask that if your child is going to make the payments on the due dates as stated in letters sent home in December.

Academic Updates

Book a conference with your child's teacher to discuss FAST PM2 and iReady 2 scores, if you have not already done so.
Stay Connected

Reminder, your child has daily homework assignments. Please check agendas daily and initial the page at the end of each day and have your child return it to school each morning. You are encouraged to write any notes in your child's agenda for quick easy communication.

## WHAT WE LEARN IN CLASS?

### Media

Happy New Year! This month in the Media Center, we are celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our primary grades are engaging in various literacy activities, exploring the different elements of a story through modeled interactive read-alouds. Additionally, students will be learning the importance of technology by practicing their skills in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

#### PE

Welcome back from the holidays Meadowbrook students! In PE we will be practicing catching and throwing skills with plastic covered nerf balls. We will then learn a game called Medic like dodgeball. The game consists of catching and throwing skills while dodging the balls. It's

one of the kid's favorites.

#### Math

Hello parents, and Happy New Year! Kindergarten will be moving on to writing the numbers from 11 to 20. 1st grade is also doing those numbers, but they are going to read them too! 2nd and 3rd grade will both be working on telling time. Look at clocks at home whenever you can! 2nd grade will also be exploring place value up to 1,000 and will learn to show numbers in different ways. Mathematically yours, Mrs. Hines

#### Music

This month in music we are holding auditions and casting parts for the Lion King Spring Musical! Kidsplease see Mr Alfano if you are interested!





#### **Counseling Corner**

Did you set any goals for the new year? One popular goal is to find ways to relax and feel happier. An easy way to do this is to practice deep breathing. Try this now: Breathe in for 3 counts....One, Two, Three....Hold your breath for three counts: One, Two, Three, and now breathe out for three counts: One, Two, Three. Repeat this three times and you can feel the difference!

Now that you're feeling happier, spread that good feeling to someone else by giving them an honest compliment or sitting with someone who is sitting alone. Small gestures of friendship like a smile or wave communicate to others that they are cared about and important to you. Family counseling is a great way to help everyone in your family get along better and solve problems. Broward County Public Schools offers free family counseling in multiple languages. Call (754) 321-1590 to make an appointment..

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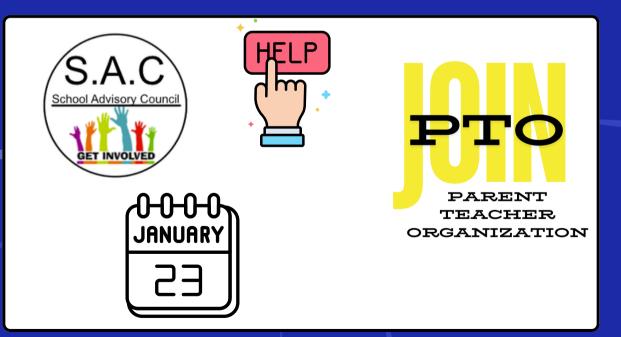
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January 10- Planning Day- No School for Students January 14- Mid Year Science Assessment: K-2 January 20- No School January 23- SAC & ESOL Night January 24- 4th Grade InSchool Field Trip January 27-31- LITERACY WEEK



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# Meadowbrook Elementary Game Night!



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Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025 Time: 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm Location: Media Center

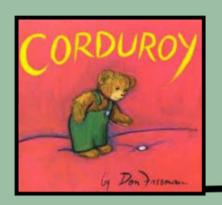
#### What to Expect:

- Exciting board games for all ages
- Interactive group activities
- Game giveaways
- A chance to bond with family, friends, and teachers!

Bring your family and friends and get ready for an unforgettable night of games, laughter, and fun!

Let the games begin! 📥 🐑 🔛





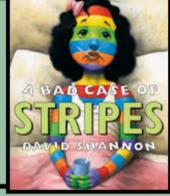
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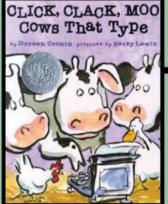
Monday, January 27:

Tuesday, January 28: Bad Case of Stripes

Wear something with stripes.



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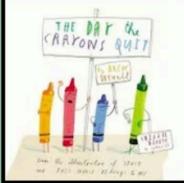


Wednesday, January 29: Click, Clack, Moo Wear black and white.

Thursday, January 30: The Day the Crayons Oult Dress in your favorite color.

Friday, January 31: Meadowbrook Loves Reading

Dress as your favorite storybook character.



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# Kindergarten ROURDUP FEBRUARY 5 @ 8:30 AM

OR

FEBRUARY 11 @ 5:30PM

Meadowbrook Elementary 2300 SW 46th Ave Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317

What to Bring: Birth Certificate Registering parent's license Lease (under registering parent's name) Utility Bill (under registering parent's name) Immunization Records Physical

If you have any questions, please reach out to Arlene Julienne at (754) 323-6500



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