

MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY



David J. Levine, Principal Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal
November 2021

Principal's Message

Happy November! Hello students and Meadowbrook families! Our students and staff are doing a great job of following COVID protocols and we are pleased to report that we have very few cases where students or staff test positive for COVID. When that does occur, we implement contact tracing. We even have COVID rapid tests for students and staff. A mask mandate remains in place for all elementary schools. Be sure to send your child to school each day with a mask. If not, one will be provided. Our teachers continue to utilize a new reading program called Benchmark with many resources to strengthen reading and writing. All students will receive a Quarter 1 report card on November 12th which gives parents academic and behavior progress updates. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday break from November 22nd through 26th.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming PTA and SAC meetings and our Family Literacy Night on December 8th. Please support the PTA by becoming a member and supporting upcoming PTA events and activities. Together, we will have another fantastic school year with "Eagle Pride". Be sure to visit our website: **meadowbrook.browardschools.com** and follow us on Twitter at **[@MeadowbrookElem](https://twitter.com/MeadowbrookElem)** for announcements and photos.

-David J. Levine, Principal

Intern Principal's Message



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It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over 2 months! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do to his/her language development and reading skills. I look forward to working with you in the near future. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends on your fall break, school will resume on **Monday, November 29th** and as always Soar High Meadowbrook Eagles!

Educationally Yours
Raylene Z. Thomas, Intern Principal



Title 1 News



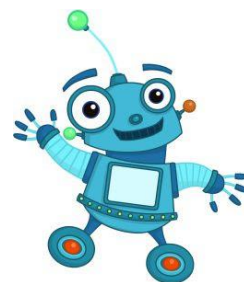
Welcome families to our new school year! The Meadowbrook Team is delighted to work with you on all things Title I. Our School-Parent Compact, Right to Know letter and Dissemination letter have been sent home with your child. Please fill out the Compact and return to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. Our school's Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and Compact in multiple languages are available for viewing in our front office. If you have any questions, please contact me, Mrs. Gutierrez (Title I Liaison), at 754-323-6500.

ESOL News

We are working on providing our ELL students the instruction needed to establish English proficiency.

Parents, if you have a computer at home and your child has Imagine on their Clever page, please have them work on Imagine Learning (Blue Robot) at home as well.

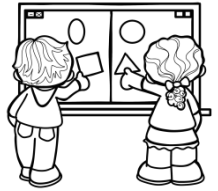
Go EAGLE PRIDE... SOAR HIGH!



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School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council is a group composed of the administrators, teachers, parents, community members, business partners, and other staff members. The committee reviews overall school operations and monitors student achievement. Each year the SAC team generates several school-wide objectives for the following year. These objectives are the cornerstone of our school improvement plan. The school improvement plan outlines our objectives along with the actions being implemented throughout the school aimed at assisting us in attaining our goals. The SAC committee meets monthly in the media center. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome and invite all to participate.

If you are interested in participating in our SAC meetings, please contact Jennifer Liberatore, SAC Chair at jennifer.liberatore@browardschools.com Please join us for our next SAC Meeting on **Thursday, November 18, 2021** at 8:15 AM.



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 Manager at (754) 323-6500 should you have any questions regarding attendance. Remember: Attendance Counts! All Day, Every Day!

Uniform Policy

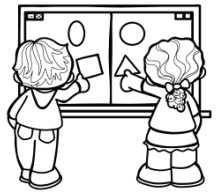
Our Unified Dress Code Policy consists of the following:

- Docker style pants/shorts/skorts/jumpers must be navy blue or khaki.
- Collared, polo-style shirts must be light blue, royal blue, navy blue, yellow, or white.
- Jeans/denim material is **PROHIBITED** except for School Spirit Fridays when worn with a School Spirit shirt.
- Baggy pants, saggy pants, and cargo pants are **PROHIBITED**.
- Caps are allowed for P.E., weather conditions, religious reasons, and medical reasons only.

In the event your child comes to school wearing inappropriate attire, you may be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to school.



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Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome at Meadowbrook Elementary School. As always, student and staff safety are of utmost importance. Therefore, in accordance with SB1774/HB, Florida Statute 943.043 all individuals wishing to assist with students in any capacity at school, including class parties or on field trips must complete a volunteer on-line application at: <https://www.browardschools.com/page/32043>. The approval process takes approximately two weeks. A specific volunteer badge will be made for each individual that has been approved.

We would like to receive the "Golden School Award." This award is given to schools with a large number of assistance hours generated by their volunteers. Please help us by being a volunteer and getting involved in our school. It is the children who benefit the most!

Lost Property



Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/ her own belongings. We have a **lost and found located in the cafeteria** where children may search through the lost items. Please have your child check lost and found, items are donated to charity every quarter, please ask at the front office. Parents, please remind your child not to take items that do not belong to them, if by chance an item does come home that does not belong to your child, please return it to the school.

Science

Ms. Lilliam Guilbee-Cruz, Math & Science Coach



Dear Parents,

At Meadowbrook Elementary we are now using Generation Genius to enhance our Science instruction. Generation Genius is a k-8 teaching resource that brings school science standards to life through fun and educational videos paired with lesson plans, activities, quizzes, reading material, and Kahoot games that the students love! Our videos are produced in partnership with the National Science Teaching Association and aligned to standards in all 50 states. Ask your child what new science concept he or she learned today!



Curriculum Corner



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What is *i-Ready*?

i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year.

i-Ready allows your teacher(s) to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. *i-Ready* consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions.

i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn.



How do I log in?

On an iPad®:

- **Download the free *i-Ready Connect™ for Students* app** from the App Store®. iPad must be compatible with iOS® 13 or above, such as the iPad Air® 2, iPad Air 3 (2019), iPad 5th Generation (2017), or iPad Pro®.
- If your student's district/school:
 - **Uses Clever®**, download the Clever app, log in using their district's/school's portal credentials, and click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - **Uses a portal that is NOT Clever**, students should open the Safari® browser, enter their district's/school's portal URL and log in, and click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - **Does not use a portal**, they should open the *i-Ready Connect for Students* app and log in to *i-Ready* using the credentials provided by their teacher(s)

From a Computer:

- If your student's district/school:
 - **Uses a portal**, your student should log in using their district's/school's portal credentials and then click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - **Does NOT use a portal**, your student should visit i-ReadyConnect.com and log in to *i-Ready* directly on a computer using the credentials provided by their teacher(s)

Access the [Technical and Troubleshooting Guide for Families](#) or visit i-Ready.com/Support to confirm that your device and internet connection meet *i-Ready* System Requirements.

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How do I get my student started?

If your student's school has advised what they should work on, follow this guidance to keep your student's learning aligned with the current curriculum.

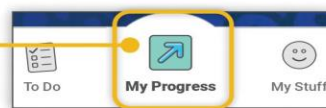
Within the *i-Ready* program, your student will be able to select:

- 1. Reading or Mathematics Lessons:** Note that some schools will have purchased just one subject, in which case your student will only see that option on their screen.
- 2. My Path Lessons or Teacher-Assigned Lessons:** My Path lessons are assigned to your student based on their latest results on the *i-Ready Diagnostic*. Note that Teacher-Assigned Lessons will only appear as a choice on the screen if a teacher has manually assigned lessons.
- 3. Learning Games:** These games help your student build mathematics skills in fun ways. To access the games, your student will need to choose Math in the upper left-hand corner of the To Do screen and then click on Learning Games in the bottom navigation bar. Note that Learning Games are available to students if the school is using *i-Ready Personalized Instruction for Mathematics* and has enabled the use of the games for students.



Where can my student and I see the progress being made?

You and your student can monitor progress by clicking on **My Progress** in the bottom navigation bar.



On the My Progress page, you will be able to see:

- 1. Time-On-Task:** The number of minutes your student has spent this week on *i-Ready Personalized Instruction*
- 2. Lessons Passed:** The total number of lessons your student has passed this school year
- 3. Lesson Streak:** How many lessons your student has passed in a row
- 4. Completed Work:** The name and quiz score for each lesson your student has taken





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Tips to Support Your Student



Visit the [Family Center](#) for more information, tips, and tools.



Explain

Explain to your student how working on *i-Ready* will help their teacher(s) figure out what to teach them and how to better support them while also helping them focus their learning on exactly what they need.



Make a Plan

Make a plan with your student for how to spend their time at home and when they will work on their learning activities. It can be helpful to put the plan in writing and post it somewhere visible. As you make the plan, follow any guidance you received from your student's teacher(s) on what they should work on.



Share

Share the experience with your student. Both of you can become familiar with the different parts of the [student dashboard](#), and you can learn with your student as they complete a lesson.



Encourage

Encourage your student to take each lesson and quiz question seriously. Emphasize "thinking before clicking," because just clicking through will not be a productive use of their time nor reflect what your student actually knows. Remind your student to read passages in their entirety, use paper and pencil to solve math problems, and use the tools that appear at the bottom of the screen in some lessons.



Track and Discuss Progress

Regularly review progress with your student using the My Progress page. Please ask your student's teacher(s) for guidance on how many minutes they should spend on lessons each week, as schools have discretion on what they assign. Our recommendation is that your student should aim for 45 minutes of *i-Ready Personalized Instruction* per subject per week while passing at least 70 percent of lessons.



Celebrate

Celebrate your student's progress. Celebrating milestones, such as passing a lesson or reaching a specific goal, can help keep your student motivated. You can share celebrations with the rest of the family and even decide on a fun activity as a reward. You can use these [data trackers](#) as you and your student discuss and keep track of progress.

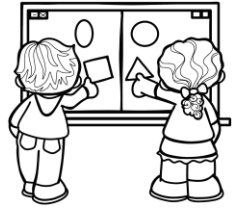


Follow the Teacher's Guidance

Follow the teacher's guidance as you plan how your student will spend their learning time. Your student's teacher is your best resource for ensuring there is variety in the activities your student works on beyond the time they spend on online learning.



Counseling Corner



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Ms. Sarah Sternglanz, School Counselor

Welcome to November, the month when Eagles and their families can practice gratitude for all the good things we have in our lives. This month, Eagles will be practicing gratitude-themed mindfulness activities in the mornings to get our days started off in a peaceful and positive way. Try this three times: Breathe in and imagine what makes you happy, then breathe out and feel your body and mind relax.

This month, we are collecting non-perishable food for our community's Harvest Drive. Students can bring in donations and drop them off in the cafeteria during lunch. Here is what each grade level can collect:

Pre K and Kindergarten: Breakfast items (pancake mix, powdered milk, oats, boxes of cereal, plastic bottles of syrup, canned fruit)

1st and 2nd Grades: Lunch items (canned soup, boxes of mac and cheese, applesauce, crackers, peanut butter, plastic bottles of jelly)

3rd, 4th, and 5th grades: Dinner and snacks (canned meats and fish, canned vegetables, rice, beans, dry pasta, gravy mix)

All donations are welcome, even if it is not listed under your grade level. Please check the expiration dates and please do not send in glass containers. Donations for the Harvest Drive will be accepted until November 8th. After November 8th, they will be donated to other community organizations. Thank you for your generosity. Every donation helps.

Stay calm and peaceful with your family by visiting Inner Explorer in Clever and listening to calming mindfulness practices. Meadowbrook students love taking a mindful moment!

Arrival / Dismissal

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Transportation Changes

Please note, that due to security reasons, changes to your child's transportation status cannot be delivered via telephone. This is for the safety of your child, as we cannot safely identify callers via the telephone. Please help us by sending **any changes** with your child **in writing** to be delivered to the teacher the day before. Thank you for helping us to get our students home safely.



Arrival

For the safety of our students, they should not arrive to school prior to 7:15 AM, as there is **NO** supervision available. Breakfast is served each morning beginning at 7:15 AM until 7:50 AM. Students must arrive to the cafeteria on time in order to have breakfast. The first bell rings at 7:50 AM. It is vital that all students arrive to school on time.

Car Line



Drop off

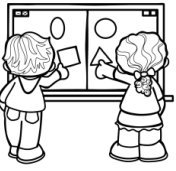
- For safety reasons cell phone use is prohibited.
- Only the east parking area is to be used for drop off and pick up
- Please pull all the way forward, in order to keep the line moving.
- Remain inside your car.
- Once all cars have stopped, please allow your child to exit the vehicle.
- Students should exit from the passenger side of the vehicle.

Pick up

- Please have your car tag displayed EVERYDAY for faster service.
- Pull all the way forward before allowing your student in the car.
- Remain inside your car.
- Car line closes at 2:25 PM, after which you will need to go inside to pick up your student, **identification is required.**



Classroom News



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Pre-School

The preschool classes are learning all about the first Thanksgiving. We will sing songs in our teepee and taste delicious pumpkin pie. We have also been learning about healthy habits such as exercising and eating healthy foods. Try the following activity at home. Make a Healthy Book with your child. Use blank paper and cut out pictures of healthy things from old magazines. Then look at the book with your child.

Second Grade

Our second graders are enjoying our weather unit in science. We have been learning about severe weather (hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, blizzards) and how to prepare. Have your child describe the weather and write about it. You can even watch a weather forecast together. Please don't forget to practice addition and subtraction facts with your child. Using flash cards and utilizing Reflexmath.com for 20 minutes a day is highly suggested. If you have a computer at home, contact your child's teacher for the login information. Let's work together to make this a successful year!

Kindergarten

In kindergarten, we are working on middle and ending sounds in words and identifying rhymes in poems. We are learning to answer questions about a story and unfamiliar words. We are also learning the roles of an author and an illustrator. In math, we are learning to represent and count numbers to 10. In science, we are learning to sort objects by shape, color, size, temperature, and weight. Finally, this month we celebrate veterans' day, and we will be discussing so much about Pilgrims and Indians life's then and now. Can't wait to share more with you next month.

Third Grade

GOBBLE, GOBBLE Third Grade Parents! We are filling our brains with as much knowledge as a full plate of Thanksgiving Dinner! In the classroom we are learning about similes, irregular verbs, and text features! We are also learning about the government and how to be a good citizen! In math we are continuing to FUEL UP on multiplication! And in science we continue to learn about how climates changing affects plants and animals!

First Grade

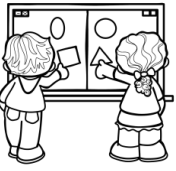
What in the "Holiday Happenings" is going on in First Grade! Well, in the quirky turkey world of Language Arts, we are learning about the characters and settings of story elements. We are also learning what are pronouns and consonant blends. In the scientific realm of "Bare Necessities," we are learning through observation that all living things must have the basic needs of air, food, water, space and/or shelter to survive. Let's celebrate Social Studies and community by remembering and honoring heroism in others through achievement, events and citizenship. In Mathematics, we are learning how to use problem solving strategies in subtraction through using number lines, number chart visuals, recalling facts and breaking apart to make ten.

Fourth Grade

Our 4th graders are going to blast into the past and learn how our government was formed into 3 branches of government via Problem-Solving text structures, while learning about how authors use several types of text structures to provide the information. In Writing we are moving into Informative Essay Planning, writing about topics, and seeking details to describe and explain the response to the prompt question. In Math, students will be learning more than one way to solve multi-digit multiplication word problems. The kids will be excited to know we will be attending a virtual field trip the first week in November called "Numbers Don't Lie." Finally, be on the lookout for our survey inquiring about interest in our end of the year field trip to Disney. We will be asking parents if you are willing and able to allow your child this amazing experience.



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Fifth Grade

This month in Reading, our Eagles will be learning about text structure and how it contributes to the overall meaning of the text. We will continue working on informational writing with evidence and elaboration. In Math we will be multiplying decimals and in Science, students will be studying Chemical and Physical changes.

Media

This Month in the Media Center we are celebrating Native American Heritage Month, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and fall.



ART

Hello parents! Your children are working hard and learning new concepts. 1st and 4th grade are creating radial symmetry. 2nd and 3rd will be working on a math based project with their modular origami! 5th grade will be creating an actual foam print!

Creatively, Mrs. Hines

Music



P.E.

The last couple weeks in P.E. class we have been doing a unit on American football. We talked about football being the most popular sport in the United States and talked about the history of football. Students are learning how to catch and throw a football. Grades 3-5 will learn the rules of football and play a little game.

-Coach Lynch





Children Helping Children



Harvest Drive Needs List 2021

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE



- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Powdered milk
- ◆ Pancake mix
- ◆ Syrup
- ◆ Mac and Cheese
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Applesauce
- ◆ Cookies & Crackers
- ◆ Canned Vegetables
- ◆ Canned Black Beans
- ◆ Canned Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Sweet Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Stuffing
- ◆ Gravy in cans or packets
- ◆ Cornbread Muffin Mix

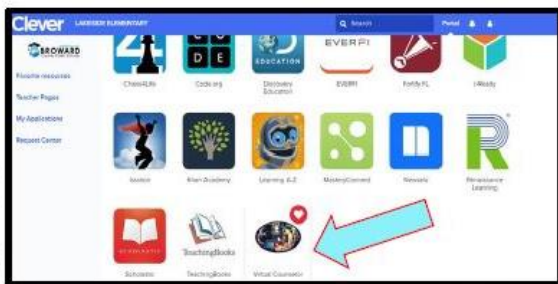


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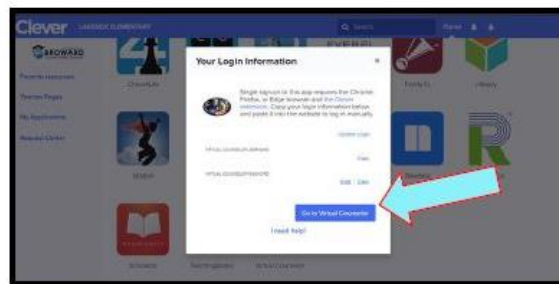
Thank you for generously supporting the Harvest Drive and our efforts to provide a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to food insecure families in our Broward County Schools.

Harvest Drive, Inc. 13762 West State Road 84, Suite 316 Davie, FL 33325

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING REPORT CARDS



GO TO YOUR CHILD'S CLEVER ACCOUNT AND CLICK ON VIRTUAL COUNSELOR.



CLICK ON "GO TO VIRTUAL COUNSELOR".



1. ENTER YOUR CHILD'S 06----- NUMBER.
2. PASSWORD IS COMPLETE DATE OF BIRTH INCLUDING FORWARD SLASHES MM/DD/YYYY.



CLICK ON "2020 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT CARD-MARKING PERIOD 3".



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