



SUNSHINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Dear Eagles Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that the year has started on a positive note for you and your family. February is upon us, and with it comes a host of exciting updates and events from our vibrant school community. As we enter the second month of the year, I want to express my gratitude for the continued support from parents, teachers, and students. Our school thrives because of the collective efforts of each member of our community. Together, we are creating an environment that fosters learning, growth, and success.

Upcoming Events:

1. Valentine's Day Celebration (February 14th):

Join us in spreading love and kindness on Valentine's Day. Students are encouraged to wear red, and classrooms will have special activities to celebrate friendship and compassion. Remember students can only bring in store bought items. Also, parents remember that nothing with peanuts can be brought into school.

2. Parent-Teacher Conferences:

It's that time of the year when we connect with parents to discuss your child's progress. Please remember to schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

Reminders:

1. Uniform and Dress Code:

A friendly reminder to ensure your child adheres to the school's uniform and dress code policies. This helps maintain a focused and respectful learning environment. Also, student's picture identification is a part of their uniform and they must be worn daily.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

Wishing you a joyful and successful February!

Sincerely,

Denise B. Dorsett
Principal

Important Dates

2/1/2024

- Black History Month begins
- Report Cards

2/2/2024

- EAGLES Go Red for Women's Day

2/5/2024

- i-Ready Math PM2 (Kindergarten)
- i-Ready Diagnostic 2 (1 – 2 Reading)

2/6/2024

- 100th Day of School
- 5th Grade New Renaissance Trip (10:30)

2/7/2024

- i-Ready Reading PM2 (Kindergarten)

2/9/2024

- School-wide Assembly Super students Superbowl Jersey Day

2/13/2024

- Honor Roll 3rd- 5th grades

2/14/2024

- MSD Day of Service
- Early Release Day

2/19/2024

- President's Day – No School

2/28/2024

- Career Day

PTO Corner

Join PTO!

We need your support for upcoming events and assistance with planning engaging activities for our families. If you are interested, please contact our PTO President Mr. Chodhry. sunshinepto7737@gmail.com

Upcoming PTO Fundraiser

WOODEN ROSES



Hand Crafted 2" birchwood buds w/ 13" stem.

Each rose + card: \$2
cash only



School Spirit Shirts on Sale! \$10.00

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Kindergarten Corner

Welcome to third quarter! By now students should have mastered identifying upper and lowercase letters. We are still working on matching letters to sounds, making rhymes, and recognizing sight words. You can help your child to learn and use these new words to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly through journal writing at home. Also, don't forget about math. Students should be adding and subtracting numbers up to 10 fluently. This is a friendly reminder that you are required to have a minimum of two conferences to stay informed about your child's progress. Therefore, if you have not had your first conference yet, please schedule one as soon as possible! Thank you for all you do and here's to a fun-filled February of learning!

First Grade Corner

We have many fun and exciting events planned this month. On Tuesday, February 6, 2024, we will celebrate the 100th day of school. We have many 100 themed activities scheduled that day. On Thursday, February 15, 2024, we have a field trip planned for Flamingo Gardens. Please have your child wear a Sunshine T-shirt, comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch in the provided Ziplock bag that will be sent home.

This month for Reading, our students will focus on identifying the topic and relevant details in a text. Also, your child will learn about using text features and relevant details to identify and make an inference.

In Math, students should be able to identify and represent numbers by place value and compare 2-digit numbers. As part of your routine at home, have your child count forward and backwards; count by 1's, 5's, and 10's. Also, have them recite their doubles facts while riding in the car. Make Math fun and exciting!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Second Grade Corner

Greetings, second-grade parents!! Our scholars are growing, maturing, and academically progressing right before our very eyes. During February, we aim to put our best foot forward as we continue to strive towards academic proficiency. We are excited for the students to learn about various topics in the curriculum. Our scholars will explore Magnets, Gravity, Money, the Author's Purpose, Central Idea, Government, and Black History. Also, we will continue our journey to create exquisite opinionated writers. Please remember that we must continue our healthy partnership. Let's stay connected by:

- Communicating with the classroom teacher often.
- Checking the agenda daily.
- Attending scheduled conferences.
- Reviewing homework with your child daily.
- Being an ACTIVE participant in the educational process!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to reaching our academic goals this school year.

Third Grade Corner

We hope this update finds you well! We want to highlight our upcoming lessons for the month of February.

In reading, we will focus on advancements in technology and learn about how technology we use every day has improved over time! In math, students will continue to practice rounding numbers, addition, and subtraction. As we transition to the third quarter, please remind your child the importance of practicing reading and math skills at home.

Your continued support is valuable in ensuring your child's success. Additionally, we encourage you to schedule a conference with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and address any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for all you do!

ASD Grade Corner

It is February! The month for love. Help your child build meaningful friendships! It is necessary for us all. As many as 52% of people with autism spectrum disorder report having few or no friendships. This can lead to lower engagement at school and less satisfaction with their lives overall. So... what can we do to help? There are a few things that can be done at home and at school to teach social skills and encourage the development of meaningful relationships.

1. Teach your child what a friend is.

While this may sound like a simple concept, people with autism often need to be taught social concepts directly. At school this may mean teaching lessons or having adults assist students when playing together. It can also include role playing activities and video modeling to help students see these situations from the outside.

2. Use social stories.

Schools and therapists often use social stories to teach expected behaviors and social cues. Premade stories are available online or you can easily write your own.

3. Help your child find others with shared interests.

Making a friend is much easier when you have something in common. You can help your child find friends by enrolling them in a sport or a class that they enjoy.

Fourth Grade Corner

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we navigate through the month of February! Our fourth-grade students are working extremely hard, and we have some amazing updates to share with you.

Our first iReady Challenge was a huge success, and we hope that more fourth-grade students will meet their weekly goal. The iReady Challenge consists of each student passing 2 reading and 2 math lessons with a 70% pass rate. Students should also have at least 45 minutes in reading and math to meet their goal. So, let's go fourth grade we can do it!

Parents, please check and sign your child's agenda for important updates and assignments. Thank you for your ongoing support in making this school year a success! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

Together, we can help our 4th-grade superstars shine bright!

Fifth Grade Corner

Welcome to the Third Quarter!

Please continue to monitor your child's pinnacle and revisit online resources, so you can be familiar with your child's outcomes and lessons. It is important to read daily because it is paramount for stamina, comprehension, and vocabulary development.

Please oversee that your child is fulfilling their i-Ready goal of at least 45 minutes per week in math and reading with a minimum of a 70% pass rate and two lessons passed in both subjects.

In February, our fifth-grade students will create a vision board to assist with their showcasing short and long-term goals. We are excited for the students to create their board which will inspire and motivate them to achieve their goals and aspirations in life.

It is official, fifth grade is going to Universal Studios for the end of the year field trip. Permission slips have already gone home, and seats are limited. Please ensure that you send in your deposit immediately. The total cost is \$189.00, and ONLY EXACT CASH IS ACCEPTED! There are no online payments allowed for the Universal Studios trip. If you have any questions regarding the field trip, reach out to your child's teacher.