

SUNSHINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Dear Eagles Families,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, it is with immense gratitude and pride that we reflect on the journey we have taken together as a school community. The past year has brought its share of challenges and triumphs, but through it all, our collective strength, resilience, and commitment to education have shone brightly.

Our students have continued to amaze us with their curiosity, creativity, and dedication to learning. Whether in the classroom or in various extracurricular activities, they have consistently demonstrated the values that make our school community so special. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work and the unwavering support they receive from their families.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all our parents and guardians for your ongoing support. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share. Together, we have created an environment where students feel encouraged to explore, learn, and grow.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities the new year holds. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing an enriching and inspiring learning experience for every student. We will continue to focus on fostering a love for learning, building relationships, and preparing our students for the challenges and successes that lie ahead.

As we embark on this new chapter together, we encourage open communication and collaboration. Your feedback is essential, and we value your insights as we strive to make Sunshine Elementary School an even better place for our students.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and prosperous New Year! May it be filled with new adventures, personal growth, and shared moments of success.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Eagles family.

Warm regards,

Denise Dorsett
Principal



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Important Dates

- 1/15 No School- MLK Holiday
- 1/16 Quarter I Honor Roll Assembly
- 1/17 -1/18 Science Assessment 5th grad
- 1/19 Early Release Day
- 1/19- 1/26 Literacy Spirit Week
- 1/22 Employee Planning Day- No School
- 1/23-2/2 Kindergarten Swim Classes
- 1/24 Science Night
- 1/25 Miramar Zone Meeting- Miramar High School @ 6:00 pm
- 1/30 iReady Reading Checkpoint 2 (grades 3-5)
- 1/31 iready Reading Checkpoint 2 (grades 1-2)



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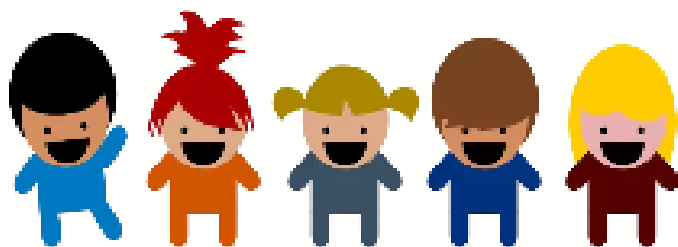


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Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we will intensify our learning targets and expectations. Our students will engage in more lessons with letters and the sounds they make. Students will begin to recognize their sight words, show interest in reading, and attempt to read simple sentences. In Math, students will learn how to solve addition and subtraction problems with sums up to 10. Our life skills focus for January will be to instruct students on how to have empathy for others, be more responsible, and build relationships with classmates. Finally, we will begin swim lessons at the end of the month. More information regarding swim lessons will be distributed soon. We hope that all students will participate in learning how to swim, which is an essential survival skill to master. So, let's get ready because Kindergarten will GO HARD in 2024!



ASD Corner

Happy New Year, and welcome back! We look forward to having a prosperous new year as we prepare for the second half of the school year. Our students have adjusted well to routines and procedures thus far, which allows them to be engaged while learning. Parents, as we continue to work together as an interlocking unit, please ensure that you check homework and agendas daily. Also, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or you may schedule a conference. As a reminder, please read with your child for at least 20 minutes daily and ask questions relating to the text.

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First Grade

Happy New Year 2024 to our Fabulous First Grade families! In January, we will review retelling fictional stories from beginning to end and recalling facts from non-fiction books. These are reading skills and strategies that were taught prior to the holiday break. This month in phonics we will focus on consonant digraphs th, sh, ng. For grammar, we will continue to review commas in a series and plurals -y to -ies.

Our primary focus in Math will be counting from 1-120. Your child will learn to utilize math strategies of counting backwards, counting by twos, and counting by fives to solve math problems. Students will be encouraged to use these strategies when counting numbers, which will assist with the learning process. Please save the date for our upcoming field trip to Flamingo Gardens scheduled on February 15, 2024. Permission slips will be sent home soon, so payment can be collected. If you have not purchased a school t-shirt, please do so before our next field trip.



HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2024

Second Grade

Greetings, second-grade parents!! Happy New Year!!!! Our students are moving full speed ahead and are excited to gain more knowledge as we continue to strive in the 2023-2024 school year. Our students completed the FAST PM2 Star Renaissance Assessments in December, and we are in the process of scheduling parent conferences to share pertinent information regarding your child's performance and progress.

This month we will aim to continue educating each child as he/she discovers their potential and continue to build healthy partnership with parents. Let's stay connected by:

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

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Third Grade

Happy New Year! We hope your winter break was filled with joy and love. We are excited to dive back into our curriculum once again and embark on an educational journey. This semester, our students will partake in exciting reading lessons that will activate critical thinking skills and encourage students to utilize reading strategies to enhance achievement levels.

In math, we will focus on mastering addition and subtraction! Please continue to work with your child at home as this will reinforce what we learned previously at school. If you have questions regarding your child's performance, please schedule a conference. We look forward to collaborating with you to ensure academic success and growth throughout the semester. Let's have a great January!



Fourth Grade

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that everyone had a memorable break and that students are renewed, refreshed, and ready to attack their academics! This month for reading our students will learn from Unit 5: "Technology for Tomorrow". This unit puts emphasis on getting students to think about technology and its benefits and drawbacks. For example, we'll read arguments for and against drone regulations. Also, students will learn about the latest developments in robotics. The selections within this unit include a variety of genres such as opinion texts in the form of letters to an editor, realistic fiction, and poetry.

In math students will make connections with understanding fractions as numbers, relative sizes of fractions, and computation. Understanding fractions and decimals as numbers is essential to helping students calculate with accuracy, efficiency, and understanding which will assist students with mastering the topics that are taught. Please ensure that your child is completing their homework, reading 20 minutes each day, and practicing their math fluency skills.

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Fifth Grade

Happy New Year!

We want to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you. Your parental support and dedication have been the backbone of our fifth-grade community. Whether it's helping with homework, attending parent-teacher conferences, or simply asking your child about what they learned. These actions not only boost their academic performance, but also their self-esteem and attitude towards learning. Parents as we embark on our educational journey together, please have your child implement the following actions below:

- . Setting Goals for Success - Setting goals helps our students focus and achieve more. Encourage your child to set realistic and specific goals, like reading a certain number of books or improving in a particular subject. Remember, goals should be challenging, yet achievable!
- . Cultivating a Growth Mindset - A growth mindset means understanding that abilities and intelligence can be developed with effort and perseverance. Encourage your child to embrace challenges and learn from setbacks.
- . Stay Informed with Pinnacle and Clever - To keep up to date with your child's progress and our school's events, please make regular visits to Pinnacle and Clever. These online resources are invaluable for staying connected and informed.

ESE Corner

Welcome back Eagles!

Happy New Year! We are ready to GO H.A.R.D. in the month of January. Our teachers have planned and prepared engaging lessons for our students to increase student achievement. We would like to encourage our ESE parents to attend their child's annual IEP meeting and ensure that you have frequent communication with your child's teacher. It is imperative that communication is evident, so you can. Also, encourage your child to complete weekly iReady lessons for Reading and Math and have at least 45 minutes in each subject by the end of the week.

Please reach out with any questions and together we can make this the best year ever for our students!

Ms. Juste
Ms. Barooni
MS. Thompson



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P. E. Corner

This month in Physical Education we will focus on the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship. It is important that students understand how to be a good team player as teamwork is relevant to life, not just sports. It is also important to always display good sportsmanship! Students are not always pleased with the outcome of their team's performance so we will work on encouraging each other to do our very best.

Students will participate in various team games where they are constantly switching between teammates, so they can get accustomed to working with all students and not just their friends. The goal is for students to collaborate strategies and tactics to complete the task while encouraging teammates. Regardless of the outcome students will cheer for the winning team understanding it is just a game!

Coach Ray

Media Corner

Eagles, Happy New Year!

Students are excited about checking out books, Reading Across Broward, and logging their minutes into Beanstack. Please encourage your child to READ! Students may practice reading by reading signs while you are driving, reading a menu, reading the captions while watching television, reading a book online, and/or reading to you or another person. Reading occurs in every area of our life, so let's model and encourage reading!

Checkout a book today!

Dr. Watson



Music Corner

Our Music Program is booming this school year!!! Our Holiday Show held on December 13th was a huge success!!! Thank you, parents, for supporting our talented students. Our students worked extremely hard to prepare for the performances and their hard work did not go unnoticed.

This school year selected fourth and fifth grade students are learning how to play the violin. These lessons are courtesy of Volta Music Foundation, which is a successful partnership. In addition, Ms. Hutchinson's third grade class will perform a Black History themed song at the next Miramar Zone Meeting on January 25, 2024. Lastly, the "Link Up" program will allow third grade students to learn techniques and skills to play the recorder. At the end of the year, the students will perform with an orchestra!

I look forward to your continued support with our Fine Arts Program.

Ms. Young

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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.
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Math Corner

Welcome back and Happy New Year!! In this month's issue, we delve into exciting mathematical concepts that will captivate young minds and foster a love for learning. From engaging activities to essential skills development, please explore the suggested strategies listed below with your child to promote student achievement.

****Math Puzzles Galore****

Sharpen problem-solving skills with fun and challenging puzzles that make math truly enjoyable.

****Exploring Patterns****

Uncover the beauty of patterns and sequences as students embark on a journey of discovery through creative exercises.

****Number Sense Adventures****

Dive into the world of numbers with interactive games and activities designed to enhance numerical understanding.

****Mathematical Storytime****

Delight in math-themed stories that not only entertain but also inspire a deeper appreciation for mathematical concepts.

****Student Spotlight****

Celebrate the achievements of our mathematicians and their contributions in the classroom.

Happy Math Explorations!

Ms. Chandler



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Literacy Corner

Happy New Year!

As we embark on a brand-new chapter, what better way to start the year than by immersing ourselves in the enchanting world of books? Over the holidays, we may have gotten away from our reading goals, but it's never too late to get back on track! Here are some gems that can help you continue to strive for your literacy goals:

1. Enjoy a book of the week or month (depending on age) with your child

Have your child choose a book and read the book together, then discuss the book while having hot chocolate and cookies or other favorite snacks.

2. Reading Challenge

Choose a book with a genre or different interest that you would not normally read. Discuss what you liked or did not like about the book.

3. Read for Fun

Choose any book that interests you, find a cozy spot, and immerse yourself into your reading.

Remember, when you're seeking to escape or journey into the unknown, let the magic of books guide you through! Happy Reading!

Mrs. Motes



Science Corner

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! Science, Science, Learn All About it! We are thrilled to announce that the students are making great strides in the science curriculum. The teachers are doing a fantastic job implementing weekly science inquiry lessons to better assist students with understanding the grade-level content. Spark meaningful conversations with your child and ask what exciting moments they are experiencing in the classroom with various science lessons.

Ms. Williams