

# SUNSHINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message

### A Season of Gratitude

Dear Eagles Families,

As the fall season progresses and we transition into the month of November, I wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. The first quarter of the school year has been a time of learning, growth, and community involvement, and your unwavering support has played a significant role in our success. 1st Quarter Achievements:

The first quarter saw our students embarking on their educational journey with enthusiasm and determination. They worked hard to adapt to new challenges and embraced opportunities for growth. We are proud of their dedication to their studies and the progress they have made.

### A Month of Gratitude:

November is traditionally a time for reflection and gratitude. As we approach Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to appreciate the many blessings in our lives, including the gift of education and the opportunity for our children to learn and grow. This is also a time for us to express our gratitude for the wonderful community we have built together.

### Upcoming Events:

We have some exciting events and activities planned for the month of November, and we encourage you to stay engaged with our school community. Whether it's parent-teacher conferences, school assemblies, or other school-wide events, your participation is always valued and appreciated.

In closing, I want to express our deepest thanks for your continued support. It is your involvement, commitment, and dedication to your child's education that make our school such a special place. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to continuing this journey together.

Wishing you all a wonderful and fulfilling November. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your input and strive to create the best possible educational experience for our students.

Warm regards,

Denise Dorsett, principal

Sunshine Elementary School





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## Important Dates

- 11/1 Harvest Drive Collection begins
- 11/3 Violin Ceremony
- 11/4 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/7 No School/Teacher Planning Day
- 11/8 SAC/SAF/PTO Meetings @ 6:30 pm
- 11/9 First Grade Field Trip
- 11/10 No School/Veterans Day
- 11/13 Diabetes Awareness Day - wear blue
- 11/14 Report Cards Issued  
iReady Growth Measure Assessment Reading
- 11/15 iReady Growth Measure Assessment Math
- 11/17 First Grade Turkey Trot  
Third Grade Field Trip
- 11/20- 11/24 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Interims Issued
- 11/29 Math Night (location: Publix)

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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.  
[sunshinepto7737@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinepto7737@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Event!

Bingo Night is 12/6, 6:30-8pm. Bring cash to play and win prizes.





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Welcome to second quarter! By now students should be writing and recognizing upper- and lowercase letters. We are working on matching letters to sounds, making rhymes, and recognizing some words without having to sound them out (sight words). You can help your child to learn and use these new words to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly. Also, don't forget about math. Students should be counting the number of objects in a group. Comparing numbers up to 10, and adding and subtracting numbers up to 10. Thank you for all you do and don't forget to schedule a conference to stay informed about your child's progress.



## ASD Corner

Welcome to Sunshine Elementary ASD Cluster! We are excited to end the first quarter, as we transition to the second quarter. We have lots planned for the upcoming quarter. It will be filled with new learning experiences and adventures! We will continue to practice routines, classroom expectations, and classroom procedures as they are the core for a positive learning environment. As we continue to build on foundational blocks at school, we ask that our parents spend at least 20 minutes each day with your child to assist with their learning needs/goals. Parents, you are always welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you and having an amazing second quarter.

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## First Grade

Our first grade students are so excited to attend their first of several field trips planned throughout the school year. On November 9th, we will go to Broward Center for Performing Arts to see "Tales of Custard the Dragon". This will be a great experience for our first grade students.

We are gearing up for our annual holiday show, and we are requesting that you send in a pair of cheap sunglasses. These will be used for the holiday show performance on December 13th. Please send the sunglasses in by December 9th, so we can have them prior to the performance.

It is important to play an active role in your child's education. We need your help with checking binders and agendas daily. Homework and graded classwork are sent home daily for your review.

Also, please remember that iReady is available to use at home on any smart device. Directions can be found in your child's binders. Students' goals are to do no more than 50 minutes per week in Reading and in Math. Please utilize this wonderful program on days when your child is absent and on the weekends.



## Second Grade

Greetings, second-grade parents! Our students are adjusting well to second grade, and they love learning new concepts that correlate to weekly benchmarks. Students have an opportunity each week to engage in lessons that require independent learning, whole group instruction, or small group instruction.

Last month, our students were exposed to Science inquiry lessons. Our students were thrilled to partake in super science lessons, which gave them a real-world experience to connect to their learning. The students loved the hands-on activities, which placed smiles on their faces.

Parents we will continue to build healthy partnerships, so your child can reach their highest potential. Let's stay connected by:

1. Communicating with the classroom teacher often.
2. Checking the agenda daily.
3. Attending scheduled conferences.
4. Reviewing homework with your child daily.
5. 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.

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## Third Grade



Happy Fall Y'all!

We are so excited to welcome you to November! This month, we will be learning all about our government and rights as citizens in our nonfiction reading unit! In math, we will focus on geometry! Please continue to work on those multiplication and division facts at home! It is important that your child is completing their nightly homework to reinforce what we are working on in class. Please be aware of all of our upcoming days off! If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please do that as soon as possible so that you may discuss your child's progress.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

## Fourth Grade

Hello fourth grade parents!

It's a pleasure working with your child and supporting them through learning weekly concepts. We're currently working on multiplying 2-digits by 2-digits partial products using the standard algorithm or area model. With students knowing their basic multiplication facts, it will be beneficial for students while solving standard algorithm and area model problems.

We can't forget about reading! Reading is the foundation for every subject in school. Currently, in reading we're working on plot and theme when summarizing a literary text! Let's get our students to read at least 15 minutes per night.



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## Fifth Grade



The second quarter is now underway. Your child has an opportunity to do better, and start again with a positive mindset, organize. We hope that our scholars are ready to do their best this quarter. Encourage your child to stay focused and be intentional with their educational outcomes.

Our first step to success is to be present. Remember to come prepared, be organized, and ask questions. Parents, please continue to check your child's planner, Pinnacle, Savvas, Iready, and Clever on a regular basis. As the year progresses, we will need volunteers to accompany us on field trips. If you are interested, please contact your child's teacher.

We're Going HARD for the second quarter!

## Music Corner

Our Music Program is booming this school year!!!

Selected 4th and 5th grade students began after-school violin lessons, courtesy of Volta Music Foundation. In addition, Ms. Flood's 4th grade class performed a Hispanic Heritage themed musical at the Miramar Zone Meeting last month.

The "Link Up" program for our 3rd graders is still in the works and should be starting soon. This program will allow each third grade student to receive a musical recorder free of charge. Students will learn techniques and skills needed to play the recorder effectively. At the end of the year, the students will perform what they have learned throughout the year with an orchestra!

Lastly, the students and I have started preparing for our Annual Holiday Show, which will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm. More information is forthcoming regarding attire. I look forward to your continued support in our Fine Arts Program.

Ms. Young



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## Physical Education Corner

Last month in Physical Education students in grades 2-5, learned how to dribble the basketball. First they explored how the ball works, and learned that the harder a basketball is bounced the higher the ball goes. The softer we bounce a basketball, the lower the ball goes. The objective was to find a medium balance because all great dribblers keep the ball at their waistline. We started with two hands to gain rhythm and confidence then moved into one hand and then gained mobility. Overall students did a great job grasping the new concepts.

For our Kindergarten and First grade students, they learned how to follow directions while using their motor skills. We started with a basic down and back race with simple directions such as touch the line and touch the cone. Each time we met, I added another element which could be a jump in between or a new direction while using motor skills. The goal for students was to complete an obstacle course while following basic instructions and using their motor skills.

Coach Ray

## Media Corner

I am proud to announce the first Scholastic Book Fair was a success! Our students interacted with reading materials to enhance their reading levels. Students previewed and selected materials of their choice to improve their love of reading! Thank you to every EAGLE that participated and those that supported our first Scholastic Book Fair!

Dr. Watson





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## Literacy Corner

As we step into the month of November, we continue to shine brightly in the classroom and beyond. We are thrilled that you have enjoyed our Literacy activities from the past month. In October, we embarked on many literacy adventures. This included Literacy Night, Read for the Record, and our Storybook Parade. Each activity gave us joy as we saw young learners engaged with so much enthusiasm.

As we continue to promote reading, we would like to encourage your child to continue reading through the upcoming fall break. Here is a list of ways that you can keep your child engaged:

1. Read together every day.
2. Talk and build vocabulary.
3. Model or show your child good reading.
4. Point as you read.
5. Visit the library.
6. Create a reading-rich home.
7. Praise your child while they are reading to you.
8. Keep books handy.
9. Start reading traditions, such as bedtime, etc.
10. Allow your child to choose their book.

Remember that is always a good time to read book! Happy Reading!

Mrs. Motes



## Science Corner

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

