



Determined Dolphins

"We at Sea Castle Elementary foster a Growth Mindset environment where all scholars achieve their BEST."

Dearest Dolphin Parents/Guardians,

Please find below information which will be helpful. Each grade level submitted great things happening in the classroom and upcoming news and events. This information is useful for you to know as it will provide you with details on what is being covered in the classroom and how you can help your scholar at home.

Communication between the home and school is paramount for the success and academic achievement of all students. Working together we can provide for each and every scholar the opportunity to be the best they can be. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher with any questions, concerns or clarification needed. Let's continue our journey together as we strive for success.

Kindergarten Updates

Many thanks to all of you who made it to our Chuck-e-Cheese night! We are so excited and look forward to this school year.

Reading: In reading, the students are learning to retell stories and ask and answer questions about key details from a story.

At-home help: We encourage parents to read to their child daily and ask them questions in which they will be able to identify characters, setting, and major events in the story. Students can also go on i-Ready for more practice.

Math: In math, the students are learning about numbers 0-10.

At-home help: Students will complete daily math homework assignment. Students can also go on i-Ready for more practice.

Writing: Students will be working this quarter on narrative and informative writing.

At-home help: Students should continue practicing their letter formations, writing a complete sentence and making sure to finger

Dates to Remember

October 23

Grade 3-5 Conference Night
(Please schedule an appointment with the classroom teacher)

October 25

Career Day

October 30

"Trunk or Treat"-Title 1 Curriculum Night

November 5

Lunch with a Veteran

November 6

Grade 3 Chick-Fil-A-Night

November 11

No School

November 13

Q1 Report Cards Home

Reminder...

Scholars should average 45 minutes on i-Ready reading/math and achieve a 75% or higher passing rate on a weekly basis.

space between words.

Science: In science, students will be learning about the five senses, science skills, the different kinds of science tools, describing and sorting matter, how we can change matter and how can heating and cooling change matter.

At-home help: Parents can help their child conduct fun at home experiments using the different senses.

Social Studies: In social studies, students will be learning about character education. They will learn how important it is to work together with their classmates.

At-home help: Parents can involve their children in daily chores and routines to establish the necessity and benefits of cooperation throughout the household.

First Grade Updates

Hello First Grade Families! Welcome back to an exciting year in 1st grade. Our team is having a great time working with your children and we are very excited about our year ahead.

In reading we are describing characters, settings, problem and solution RL.1.3 RL.1.6 RL.1.7 RL.1.9 In math, we are learning addition and subtraction from 0-20 with different strategies to help first graders become proficient. We completed chapters 1 -3 in MAFS.1.OA.1.1 already and continue to move forward.

In science, we are learning the basic needs of living things. Next we will be starting on trait Inheritance and variation SC.1.L.16.1 and SC.1.L.17.1

Social Studies has been teaching us how to be good citizens by following rules and laws which will help our students to become responsible SS.1. C.2.1, SS.1. C.2.2, SS.1. C.2.3

Finally, our students are excited to be going on their first field trip to The Broward Center for Performing Arts in November. As you can see these past few weeks of school have been a very busy time for our children and first grade is proud to be a part of the Sea Castle "A" Team!

Second Grade Updates

We are off to a great start in second grade!

Safety Reminders



All school employees and students are required to wear name badges at all times while in the building. This procedure will eliminate the possibility of unknown persons on campus. All substitutes and visitors will be subject to the same rule.

Reporting Apps

The SaferWatch app allows individuals to report incidents and receive real-time safety alerts directly from BCPS and local law enforcement



FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

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In reading the students have learned to ask and answer questions such as (who, what, when, where, why and how). Students also learned how to recount stories and determine the central message.

In math students have modeled two and three digit numbers by using place value. Students have practiced writing numbers in standard form, word form and expanded form.

Our current science focus is on the major stages of plant and animal life cycles.

In social studies we have explored the regions and lifestyles of early Native Americans.

At home, please have students practice reading fluency and stamina by setting aside 20 minutes of sustained reading each night, complete i-Ready & First In Math assignments, and practice weekly spelling /vocabulary words.

Third Grade Updates

Our third grade students are working hard on expanding their reading comprehension skills, increasing their vocabulary, and developing fluency. In reading, we are currently working on determining main idea, key details, central message, and sequence of events.

In math, students are working on understanding strategies to help solve addition, subtraction and multiplication problems. Also, students are developing skills to help them determine what operation is needed to solve word problems.

Students should be regularly accessing i-Ready reading website at home, reading nightly and practicing multiplication tables to reinforce classroom lessons and foster academic growth.

Fourth Grade Updates

Welcome to 4th grade! Over the past few weeks, in math our scholars have reviewed place value and learned various strategies on how to solve multiplication problems. It is important for students to practice their math facts each night in order to become proficient.

In the past and upcoming weeks, students are learning about division and knowing multiplication facts.

A Message from Special Programs

It's been a great start to the new school year! We are quickly learning routines and making new friendships. Our autism spectrum disorder cluster classrooms are paired up with a general education classroom during specials, recess, and lunch. This promotes our students with autism to learn from their peers who serve as role models to help them with social skills and communication. Conversely, our general education peers learn empathy as they are exposed to diversity. Our youth are beginning to see the person first, and the disability second. We are also excited that our K-2nd graders will begin the Special Olympics Young Athlete program at the end of October. Its main focus is to engage students into developmentally appropriate play activities designed to foster physical, cognitive, and social development. On October 8, 2019, our AUTISM FAMILY NIGHT, was a great success. Parents had the opportunity to meet other parents and learn about different community resources. We can't wait for all the great things to come!



In reading, we are working how to apply textual details to determine the theme of story, drama or poem. This is used across the curriculum, including English language arts, science and social studies. In addition, we are reviewing main idea, supporting details and summarizing informational text. This supports our standard on informative writing. It is imperative that students access i-Ready on a daily basis. Continue to encourage your child to read daily. This will improve vocabulary and build reading stamina.

In science, our scholars have been learning about the phases of the moon, rocks and minerals. Have your child identify the phases of the moon in the night sky! In the upcoming days, they will learn about changes to the land caused by weathering and erosion. Parents, thank you for your support!

Fifth Grade Updates

As we bring first quarter to a close, here's what's happening in fifth grade. ELA completed and tested text structure for literary and informational text. Ask your scholars how they have and continue to perform on the Mastery Check on I-ready. We are finishing up theme of stories, dramas and poetry. Poetry is often a challenge, so extra lessons on i-ready have been assigned for practice.

In math we have been working on decimals, specifically, adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying decimals. Science focus is currently forms of energy.

Thank you for those who supported McDonald's Teacher Night. It was great seeing everyone there! For those who earned the Ninja Lounge incentive, the deadline for payment is October 20. Looking forward to a productive second quarter!

Guidance News

Career Day is Friday, 10/25, from 8:00am to 10:30am. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating, please contact your child's teacher or call the school at 754-323-7250 and let Mrs. Lopez know. Students love when their parents participate and present in their classes. **On Career Day, students will dress-up for success, or dress up as the professional they want to be in the future.**

CHARACTER EDUCATION is a program taught yearly to our students. A different character trait is taught monthly throughout the school year. We start in September with COOPERATION, and continue with RESPONSIBILITY (October), CITIZENSHIP (November), KINDNESS (December), RESPECT (January), HONESTY (February), SELF-CONTROL (March), TOLERANCE (April). Each month one student from each class is selected as the KID OF CHARACTER for the month for demonstrating the character trait of the month. The selected students receive a certificate, a pencil, a free gym pass, and appear on our in-house TV (WSEA), during the morning announcements.

Calling all Interested Dolphin Volunteers



How can you become a volunteer?

- Complete and submit a volunteer application. <https://www.browardschools.com/volunteerapplication>
- Check application status. Wait one week and contact the school or department you selected to check your approval status.
- Get a volunteer badge at SCE.



Title I News

Parents please be advised that a copy of Sea Castle's Parent Compact Letter is available online, or a copy can be requested in the front office. Please be sure to complete this and return to your child's teacher or to Mrs. Hernandez in the front office.

Please visit our Sea Castle Elementary website to locate a link to our school grade (LEA Report Card).
<https://www.browardschools.com/seacastle>

A copy of the Sea Castle Elementary Parent Engagement Family Plan is located in our front office. You can also find a link on the school website.

Cafeteria News

Please remember to complete your Free and Reduced Lunch Forms, they must be renewed each year.



REMINDER

ON SEPT. 27, STUDENT ACCOUNTS
WILL ROLLOVER TO PAID STATUS

APPLY FOR 2019-2020
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