



# CHAPEL TRAIL ELEMENTARY JANUARY NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy New Year! Our little ones are starting the New Year with getting back into routine. Pre-K is having fun this month with learning new letters names and sounds, writing their names and tracing their letters. We are also learning about manners and having so much fun playing make believe!

## Kindergarten

The kindergarten gators came back to school eager and excited to start 2023! They worked hard while celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day by spreading kindness to those around them, honoring Dr. King's quote, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." They enjoyed wearing their spirit shirts to take a kindergarten class picture, and look forward to all of the fun February has in store!



This month we will be learning about how technology affects our lives and retelling a story. We are continuing to take our AR quizzes daily and record our books on Beanstack. In Math, we are working on counting to 120 and skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. In Social Studies we are learning about historical fact vs. fiction. In Science we are learning about pushes and pulls as well as natural resources. We are also excited to be attending a field trip this month. We are going to the Broward Center of the Performing Arts to see the play Ladybug Action Hero! We are always learning and having fun in first grade!



In the context of reading, asking if the glass half full or half empty is one example of helping students understand the importance of different perspectives. Students continue to learn to embrace different viewpoints and opinions, leading to tolerance place value. In math, base ten blocks and use of number lines are helping students grasp how to plot numbers, compose and decompose numbers, and place value. In Math, base ten blocks and use of number lines are helping students grasp how to plot numbers, compose and decompose numbers, and place value. In Science, students are learning about plant photosynthesis, and why this process is important to our very existence. In Social Studies, we are wrapping up our study of continents.

Our Fabulous Second Graders took their second FAST assessments as well as the iReady Diagnostic 2 in reading. We also enjoyed our first field trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science and were able to explore and see an animal show. Our winter centers were so much fun and we did so many activities to get us in the holiday spirit. We are ready for 2023!



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It's a new year with new goals for our fabulous fourth graders! Our students are finishing up Topic 7 in Math. We have been learning about creating and extending number patterns, factors, prime numbers, and composite numbers. Coming up in Topic 8, students will be learning all about fractions. In Reading, we have started Unit 5 in Benchmark Advance which is focused on informational texts. Through our reading practice, we will examine how authors provide reasons and evidence to develop claims in their writing. We have discovered the "Law of Conservation of Mass" in our Science studies. We will be learning about plants and life cycles in the next month. We have been focused on discovering Florida's early explorers in Social Studies. Our fourth-grade students are looking forward to their next field trip to the Old Davie Schoolhouse coming up in February!



Fifth grade is welcoming in the new year with many goals, new concepts to learn and activities to look forward to. We are working towards our fifth-grade goal of reading AT LEAST 45 minutes every night. Independent reading is one of the most important things children can do to strengthen their vocabulary and comprehension skills. Let's work together to help our students achieve this very important goal for the new year! In Math we are kicking off the new year with fractions. We are finishing up Topic 8 which is dealing with adding and subtracting fractions and then we will be moving on to Topic 9 where we will be working on multiplication of fractions.

## SPECIALS

The Specials Team is looking forward to an exciting 2023! During the new year we are looking forward to the following events.

**Physical Education** : The Kid's Heart Challenge

Field Day

**Media**: Spring Book Fair!

We look forward to all these fun events with our amazing Gators!

## LITERACY

**Celebrate Literacy Week - Jan 23-27<sup>th</sup>**

Monday: "Reading Can Take You Back in Time"-  
*Wear attire from a previous decade.*

Tuesday: "Reading Can Give You Superpowers"-  
*Wear a superhero shirt.*

Wednesday: "Reading Can Transform Your Future"-  
*Wear your future career attire.*

Thursday: "Reading Can Make You Brighter"-  
*Wear bright colors.*

Friday: "Reading Can Help You Relax"-  
*Wear your favorite P.J.s*



## GATOR PALS



### Gator Pal Meeting

January 18<sup>th</sup>

## GUIDANCE



### Gator of The Month Character Trait:

**Respect**



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