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Kindergarten Updates

What's happening in Kindergarten ...

Our reading focus for February is understanding a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.

We are also focusing on asking and answering questions about key details in a text. Scholars will be learning how to add drawings to provide additional details. Please reinforce these skills while reading with your child at home daily.

Our reading focus for February representing, showing, counting and writing to 20 and beyond. We are also focusing on representing numbers up to 20, comparing numbers and understanding the counting sequence when counting to 100 by ones and tens.

Our science focus for February is understanding how energy is involved in all physical processes and is a unifying concept in many areas of science.

Our social studies focus for February recognizing the importance of celebrations and national holidays as a way of remembering and honoring people, events, and our nation's ethnic heritage.

Dates to Remember

February 3

3rd-5th Honor Roll Assemblies

February 6

SAC Meeting

February 13

Dance

February 14

Early Release

February 17

No School

February 19

3rd-5th Recycling Assembly

February 27

Kid of Character Breakfast

February 28

NRMS 5th Grade Presentation

Reminder...

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



First Grade Updates

Our reading focus for February is identifying who is telling the story at various points in a text. Also, students will identify the main topic of an informational text and retell/identify key details in an informational text. In addition, they will be asked and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

You can assist your child with these skills by asking questions such as:

- Who is talking? How do we know?
- What words are used when a character is telling a story, and when the narrator is telling the story?
- Can you retell the story to a friend?
- What were the important details that your partner needs to know?
- What is the most important idea or part of this text?
- What can you do when you get to a word you don't know?
- Is this a word/phrase you know or have heard?

Our math focus for February is to add within 100, including adding a two-digit number and a one-digit number, adding a two-digit number and a multiple of 10, using concrete models or drawings, strategies based on place value including properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction, relating the strategy to a written method and explaining the reasoning used. Understanding that in adding two-digit numbers, one adds tens and tens, ones and ones; and sometimes it is necessary to compose a ten. You can assist your child with these skills by using strategies such as:

- Modeling
- Using 10 frames
- counting up
- using counters, cubes, etc.
- using fingers
- drawing pictures
- using the 100 or 120 chart

Safety Reminders



Just a friendly reminder, 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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· using vocabulary words: add, addition, subtraction, sum

Our focus in science is to explore the law of gravity by demonstrating that Earth's gravity pulls any object on or near towards it even though nothing is touching the object. Our focus in social studies is American History. Students will begin to understand how history tells the story of people and events of other times and places.

Second Grade Updates

Our reading focus for February will be identifying the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain or describe. Also, students will be able to acknowledge differences in the point of view of characters. This will include speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud. Students will also be able to write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic/book they are writing about, give their opinion, supply reasons that support their opinion and provide a concluding statement. You can help your child by reading a variety of texts and asking questions throughout their reading to check their comprehension such as the following:

- Why did the author write the text? Provide evidence to support your answer.
- What is the main purpose for this text?
- What did the author want you to understand from this text?
- Explain what the author thinks is the most important about _____?
- Who is telling the story
- Where in the story does another character tell what he thinks or what he feels about what is happening in the story?
- What is it about (character) that bothers (character)?
- How does (character) feel about _____?
- Which sentence first lets the reader know how the character feels about _____?

Our math focus for February is telling and writing time from analog and digital clocks to the nearest 5 minutes. Also, students will solve 1 and 2-step word problems which involve dollar bills (ones, fives, tens, twenties and hundreds) or coins (quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies) using Symbols (\$ and ¢). Problems may include addition, subtraction and equal group situations.

Our focus for science is on weather, severe weather and air. Also, investigating that air is all around us and that moving air is wind and the importance of preparing for severe weather lightning and other weather-related events. Our social studies focus is on American History and identifying why people came to America throughout history.

CPE's February Dance



Parrot scholars get your tickets early! Our fifth grade team will be sponsoring a dance February 13th, 2020 after school!

We hope to see you there!



Third Grade Updates

Our reading focus for February is for students to explain how aspects of illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story. Students will also learn how to refer to parts of stories, dramas, and poems when writing or speaking about a text using terms such as chapter, scene and stanza. They will describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections. Please continue to have your child read books on their level at home and complete lessons on I-ready reading.

Our math focus for February is fractions. They will learn that fractions are a part of a whole and be able to understand a fraction as a number on the number line. They will also learn how to explain equivalence of fractions and compare fractions. If your child is continuing to struggle with learning multiplication facts, they can practice on prodigy, reflexmath.com and I-ready math.

Our science focus for February is classifying plants. Students will learn how to classify flowering and nonflowering plants into major groups such as those that produce seeds or those, like ferns and mosses, which produce spores according to their physical characteristics.

In social studies our focus for February will be economics. Students will be able to give examples of how scarcity results in trade, recognize that buyers and sellers interact to exchange goods and services through the use of trade or money. They will be able to distinguish between currencies used in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Fourth Grade Updates

Welcome to February! We have exciting learning opportunities and many fabulous events to come. Now that the year is in full gear, this is a great time to get your child on track with good reading habits. How can you help your child? Here are some tips you can do at home:

- Read newspapers, periodicals, fairy tales and biographies. Encourage your child to read every night.
- Use other content sources (science, math, social studies text) as reading resources.
- Talk about what you've read.
- Stop at unknown words. Discuss what the words might mean and if the text helps to understand the unknown word.
- Summarize what you have read.
- Most importantly, have fun while you're reading.

You can still become a Volunteer!



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 CPE.



Our reading focus for February is to describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts or information in a text or part of a text. Students will also determine the meaning of words or phrases in a text using context clues. Our writing focus is opinion-based essay writing supported by reasoning and evidence from the text. Students will continue to work on improving their skills in organizational structure and elaboration techniques to write a well thought out essay. In math, our focus is to apply and extend previous understandings of multiplication to multiply a fraction by a whole number. Our science focus is to identify processes of sexual reproduction in flowering plants, including pollination, fertilization (seed production), seed dispersal and germination. In social studies, we are learning about Florida becoming a state and its role in the American Civil War.



Fifth Grade Updates

In reading we are starting to jump into unit 4 of our LAFS books. We are jumping back into informational texts and will cover standards RI.3.7, RI.3.8, and RI.3.9 which ask the readers to integrate information from several different texts on the same topic to write or speak about the topic knowledgeably. The students will learn how to locate specific information quickly in order to answer a question or solve a problem effectively. The students will be able to explain why an author includes specific information from the text. To help students at home, ask the students a question about a book they are reading and have them students locate the answer.

In writing, we are shifting from informational writing to opinion writing. Our prompts for February will include "Dogs on the Beach", "Bike Sharing Programs" and "Space Travel: Worth the Cost?" Students' opinion responses should support an opinion using ideas that are presented in the prompts. Students should read the prompts first and are encouraged to underline and take notes to support the planning process.

In science, the students will be focused on Big Idea 13: Forces and changes in motion. The students will identify forces And mass of objects which will effect a given force and changes in motion.

In math, the students will continue to learn about fractions. Recently students have learned to add and subtract fractions and now we must learn how to multiply or divide fractions. For these lessons, the teacher will also use resources from EngageNY to supplement the Go Math book. To assist our scholars with these difficult lessons, help the students practice drawing and visualizing fractions and parts of a whole. Students have access to these online tools which they should be using daily to help conceptualize the topic.

On February 13th, the 5th grade team is hosting a dance. All of the proceeds will go to the 5th graders "End-of-Year" picnic. Parents are welcome to volunteer; we look forward to seeing many of you there! The second payment for Islands of Adventure will be during the first few weeks of February. If you made the first payment back in October, please make sure to make the second payment before the due date to secure a spot on the trip.

Specials Updates

Media

Our Spring Book Fair will be March 9-14. Our theme is "Book Fair Jungle...Elephants, Tigers and Books oh my!" Students will be attending the book fair during their media special time slot. All purchases are cash only. This is a reminder that we are not participating in Reading Across Broward. Our reading incentive program is Accelerated Reader and students will earn awards based on points they have earned through the program.

Music

Our C.P.E. musicians are busy preparing for our Multi - Cultural program which will take place on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 in our Cafeteria. There will be a letter coming home soon with the countries being represented and costume suggestions! Fourth and 5th graders will be beginning their Rap compositions and K-2 will be discovering the Orchestra!

Art

Coconut Palm artists are well on their way with their perspective projects. Kindergarten and first graders are working on landscapes. Second and third graders are making 3- D shapes and fourth and fifth graders are creating beautiful architecture!

P.E.

Jump rope for heart is right around the corner. This year's event will be held in March. We will be having our jump rope kickoff in the next few weeks. Please be on the lookout for the fundraiser information.