

January News

Happy New Year!! -From Coconut Palm Elementary

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone has a happy new year. We are now in the second half of the year and getting closer to our FSA testing. During the second quarter we will begin the Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) in reading, math and science. The BSA is a tool which will indicate the strengths and weaknesses that will need to be addressed before the FSA. Please continue to practice the skills learned in class by completing 45 minutes of iReady every week while maintaining a 70% accuracy.

Conferences are being arranged to discuss growth for the second half of the year. Please contact the teacher to arrange a conference.

Important Dates:

Jan 16: Class Pictures

Jan 21: MLK Jr. – No School

Jan 22 & 23: ELA BSA

Jan 24 & 25: Math BSA

Jan 30: Report Cards Go Home

Jan 31: Legacy Wall @ 2:15PM

Jan 31: Literacy Night @ 6:00PM

English Language Arts

In the month of December the students have been comparing different types of text structures. We will soon begin to analyze several accounts of the same topic with a focus on comparing and contrasting the point of view each text represents. The students will also draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis and reflection. For literary texts, the students will concentrate on language and word meaning to determine the meaning of words and phrases. Our standards emphasize that students need to understand denotative and figurative meanings of words and phrases in context. Students will be completing graphic organizers in a three column chart to help organize the information they are gathering from the context clues found in a text. Please continue to instill the love and dedication for reading at home by reading together and picking books of their interests.

Science

The students are busy learning about life! We will be studying diversity and evolution of living organisms. Students will describe how, when the environment changes, differences between individuals allow some plants and animals to survive and reproduce while others die and move to new locations. Students will make models to compare and contrast adaptations that enable them to survive in different environments.

Mathematics

This month we will be focusing on fractions. Students will extend the concept of fraction addition and subtraction to adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. They rewrite fractions with unlike denominators as equivalent fractions that have a common denominator. Then they add and subtract the fractions using methods familiar to them from fourth grade. Students will also solve word problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators.