



# Fourth Grade News



Coconut Palm Elementary  
Miramar, Florida

## May

2019

### Important Dates to Remember

- May 1: ELA Session 1 (Reading)
- May 2: ELA Session 2 (Reading)
- May 7: FSA Math Session 1
- May 8: FSA Math Session 2
- May 9-May 9-17 Book Fair (Dinosaur Themed)
- May 9: Early Release Day (Dismissal at 12:00)
- May 13-16 End of Year Math and Reading Tests (For promotion)
- May 20: Playal Picnic
- May 24: Sawgrass Recreational Fieldtrip
- May 30: End of Year Awards in the classrooms.
- May 31: End of Year Party
- June 4: Early Release and the last Day of School! (Dismissal at 12:00)

### Notes from Fourth Grade

Classes will intensively review all FSA Standards prior to the tests.

**Reading:** Students will be reading the Last Egret, a book about the Florida Great Bird Expedition. Students will be focusing on theme, cause and effect, character traits, story elements, and historical references.

**Math:** Students will be preparing for 5th Grade Standards to include place value to the ten millions, dividing multiples of ten, using order of operations, finding sums of decimal amounts in dollars and cents, and using multiplication to describe a pattern. Students will be exposed to rounding decimals, including money amounts to the nearest whole number or dollar. Students will be shown how to use place value to read, write and represent decimals. Students will use place value to compare decimals.

**Science:** To tie into our unit on the Last Egret, students will focus on seasonal changes of Florida organisms. Later in the month we will focus on the physical sciences through hands on experiments. Students will learn about energy, heat and motion.

**Social Studies:** Students will read document-based information about the Everglades. They will learn about the Everglades and how development has affected it and endangered certain species. A power point on the Everglades will be assigned and presented

### Fourth Grade Standards

**LAFS.4.R.L.1.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says and drawing inferences from text.

**LAFS.4.W.2.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**MAFS.4.MD.1.3** Apply the area and perimeter formulas for rectangles in real world and mathematical problems. Add and subtract mixed numbers with like denominators.

**SS.4.G.1.1** Identify physical features of Florida.

### Special Activities

- Our classes will use Canvas to participate in discussions, PowerPoint presentations and assessments.
- Newsela articles and short quizzes will help students test their comprehension
- NoRedInk is a great tool to practice grammar and punctuation.

### Testing Tips

FSA testing tips: FSA and end-of-year tests will take place this month. We expect students to focus and do their very best on these tests. As you know, these tests are used to determine promotion to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each student has practiced how to eliminate choices, bubble multiple answers and fill in grids and charts. You can help your child by talking with him/her about staying calm and using all skills practiced in class, and helping us making sure that your child:

- ❖ Eats a healthy breakfast
- ❖ Gets a good night's sleep
- ❖ Is in school on time

