

Parrot Chatter Newsletter



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Dearest Parrot Parents/Guardians,

Please find below information which will be helpful. Each grade level submitted the concepts, areas of concern and items they will be working on between now and the end of October. 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 to the optimal achievement of all students. Working hand in hand will solidify the bond needed to 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

Our reading focus for November is to practice a variety of skills that will help our scholars become successful readers. For example, blending and segmenting onsets and rimes of single-syllable spoken words and add or substitute individual sounds (phonemes) in simple, one-syllable words to make new words. They are also practicing spelling simple words phonetically and drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

Our math focus for November is representing addition with objects, fingers, mental images, drawings, acting out situations, verbal explanations, expressions or equations.

Our social studies focus for November is Native Americans and Pilgrims and how they celebrated their first Thanksgiving. Students will explore unique traditions, foods, clothing and activities.

Our science focus for November is comparing real and pretend animals using fiction and non-fiction books

Dates to Remember

November 5

Veteran's Luncheon

November 7

*Math Night
SAC Meeting
PTA Meeting*



November 11

No School

November 15

Fall Dance

November 19

Chipotle Family Night

November 27

Thanksgiving Break Begins

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.



Kindergarten Parent Tips/Reminders:

- Create reading rituals and read together every day
- Talk about the pictures and ask questions
- Share many different kinds of books
- Visit tumblebooks.com (user name: bcs) (password: reads) for online books
- Please practice the sight words daily and do iReady for both Reading and Math. Students should average 45 minutes on for each subject and score 75% or higher each week
- “A person’s a person, no matter how small.” Dr. Seuss

First Grade Updates

Our reading focus for November is asking and answering questions about key details in a text. In addition, students will discuss key details and the main topic of a preferred text, identify the main topic of an informational text and retell/identify key details in an informational text.

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

- How do you know this is the main event?
- What is the most important idea or part of this text?
- What can we learn from this book?
- What details were important?

Our math focus for November is using addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems¹ involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem (¹Students are not required to independently read the word problems.) We are also working on understanding subtraction as an unknown-addend problem. Also, we are adding and subtracting within 20, demonstrating fluency for addition and subtraction within 10.

You can assist your child with these skills by using strategies such as:

- counting up
- using counters, cubes, etc.
- using fingers
- drawing pictures
- using the 100 chart
- using vocabulary words fewer, less, greater, more, minus

Our focus in science is identifying characteristics of living and nonliving things, including whether they need food or water. Students will also distinguish between living and nonliving things in their environment as well as recognizing self and others as living things. Our focus in social studies is American History.

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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Students will begin to understand how history tells the story of people and events of other times and places. Compare life now with life in the past while recognizing examples of daily life that are different now from long ago as well as items that did not exist long ago.

Second Grade Updates

Our reading focus for November is recounting stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. The students will also identify the main topic of a multi paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. At home you can help your child by having them read a variety of texts at home and ask them questions to check their comprehension.

Examples of questions to ask:

Recount Story to determine Central Message/ Lesson/Moral

- Recount what happened in the story? (fable/folktale/play/poem)
- What happened first? (Beginning/Middle/End)
- Which of these happened first/last?
- What lesson/moral did ___ learn?
- How do you know?
- What is the central message of the story? (fable/folktale/play/poem)

Identify Main Topic/Focus

- Why do you think ___ has the title ___?
- Why does paragraph __ have the subheading___?
- What is the MAIN TOPIC of the text? Give two details to support your answer.
- What is the topic of the text? Step # ___ tells _____?
- Part A: What is the Main Idea of the article?
- Part B: Select the sentence from the article that supports your answer.
- Tell how the author supports the main idea. How does ___ support the idea that ___?

Our math focus for November is learning a variety of strategies to help them fluently add and subtract (i.e. doubles, make a ten, commutative and associative properties, related facts, count back, etc.)

Our science focus for November is observing and measuring objects in terms of their properties, including size, shape, color, temperature, weight, texture, sinking or floating in water and attraction and repulsion of magnets. Our social studies focus for November is learning why people form governments and ways that citizens can make a positive contribution to their community.



CPE's Title I Family Math Night



Join us Nov. 7, 2019 at 5:30 - 7:30PM! This event provides an opportunity for parents to gain knowledge on how to build math skills at home while having fun.

What to expect:

- Information on Florida Standards & FSA
- Tips to reinforce math at home
- Supplemental resources
- Academic Games
- Refreshments
- Fun

We hope to see you there!



Third Grade Updates

Our reading focus for November is for students to distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text. Students will read informational text, determine the author's point of view about the topic, and compare his/her point of view with the author's. Students will also recount stories, and determine the central message, lesson or moral.

Our math focus for November continues to be multiplication. We are working on fluently multiplying within 100 and using multiplication within 100 to solve word problems in situations involving equal groups, arrays, and measurement quantities.

Our science focus for November is classifying animals into major groups (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, arthropods, vertebrates and invertebrates) according to their physical characteristics and behaviors and learning about plant structures and functions. Students will describe structures in plants and investigate and describe how plants respond to stimuli (heat, light, and gravity) such as the way plant stems grow toward light and roots grow downward in response to gravity.

Our social studies focus for November is identifying the cultures that have settled in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

Fourth Grade Updates

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! The school year is in full swing, the first quarter has come to an end, and the holidays are just around the corner. Our fourth-grade scholars have been busy learning a variety of topics from space exploration to the native inhabitants of Florida. They have been growing academically by reading from a variety of genres, writing informative essays using text evidence, and learning multi-step strategies in solving multiplication problems. It's a wonderful time to discuss and celebrate your child's learned skills and achievements. Take a few moments to ask your child what academic achievements make them most proud. What do they feel has been their greatest accomplishment since the start of fourth grade?

Remember, even small gains can feel big to children and providing encouragement will motivate them to do better.

Our reading focus for November and December is to describe a character, setting, or event in a story and draw on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions). Students will also learn how to determine the theme of a story, drama, or poem. Our writing focus will now shift to opinion-based essay writing supported by text evidence. In

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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.



math, our focus will be on understanding factors and multiples as well as identifying number patterns. We will also be delving into fractions and mixed numbers. Our science focus will be to explore the properties of minerals and the natural resources found in Florida. In social studies, we will learn about the Spanish exploration and colonization of Florida.

Fifth Grade Updates

Our reading focus for November is for students to be able to quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says and when drawing inferences. Scholars will also work on figuring out the meaning of unfamiliar words to help better understand what they have read. Students will work on comparing and contrasting how information in texts is structured to help them better understand the purpose of each text.

Our writing focus for November is informational writing and composing multi paragraph essays. Students will continue to work on citing evidence and elaborating when writing.

Our science focus is lifecycles and weather in specific environments. Students are encouraged to use stem scopes on their clever dashboard to enhance their science knowledge and science vocabulary.

Our math focus for November is fractions. Students will interpret fractions as division of the numerator by the denominator, multiply fractions by whole numbers, and multiply to find the area of rectangles. Students will also interpret multiplication when scaling and resizing using fractions.

Our social studies for November is "Early Settlers" as we look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Fifth Grade upcoming: Field trip Universal 1st payment due by 11/10/19

Specials Squad Updates

Media: Our Arctic Book Fair was a great success. Thanks to all the students, parents and staff who participated in our spirit week, family night and grand event. Mark your calendars for our Barnes & Noble Pajama Night on December 5th, 2019 from 5-7 p.m.

Art: In the Art room we are working on the theme "Famous Artists" where we study and imitate artists such as Van Gogh, Khalo, Ringgold and Kusama. Kindergarten and first grade celebrate Hispanic Heritage with Mexican Ponchos!

P.E.: Field day dates – Kindergarten- 12/12, 1st Grade- 12/13, 2nd Grade- 12/16 , 3rd Grade- 12/17 , 4th Grade- 12/18 , 5th Grade 12/19. Check out this website for information on exercise & test scores <https://theconversation.com/daily-exercise-can-boost-childrens-exam-grades-new-research-120443>

Music: CPE musicians are hard at work composing 5 note pieces and learning about the Baroque period in music. Our chorus and recorder club show will be on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 PM in our cafeteria!

