





Welcome to a
New School Year!

2024-2025

Meet Mrs. Blanco

- 19th year teaching, 7th year at KLES
- Graduated from University of North Florida
- Master's Degree in Elementary Education
- Husband, Danny, supervisor for Florida's Office of Insurance Regulation
- We have two children, Addison, attending 4th grade here at KLES, and Alexander who is 3.



Classroom EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to follow the KLES school rules.

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready to Learn

Behavior & Work/Study shamrocks are coded daily, if need be. Parents should initial each night and students return them each morning.

This is to help you and your child become aware of areas they need more growth in and be able to monitor behavior choices. This will help them to become responsible for their actions at school.



Daily Communication Log

		Concern	Homework	Minutes read	Initials
Monday	✿				
8/29/22					
Tuesday	✿				
8/30/22					
Wednesday	✿				
8/31/22					
Thursday	✿				
9/1/22					
Friday	✿				
9/2/22					

		Concern	Homework	Minutes read	Initials
Monday	✿		No School / Labor Day Holiday		
9/5/22					
Tuesday	✿				
9/6/22					
Wednesday	✿				
9/7/22					
Thursday	✿				
9/8/22					
Friday	✿				
9/9/22					

		Concern	Homework	Minutes read	Initials
Monday	✿				
9/12/22					
Tuesday	✿				
9/13/22					
Wednesday	✿				
9/14/22					
Thursday	✿				
9/15/22					
Friday	✿				
9/16/22					

Behavior Expectations:

1. Follows Rules
2. Demonstrates self-control
3. Respects adults and peers
4. Handles conflict & problems appropriately

Work/Study Expectations:

5. Works cooperatively
6. Works independently
7. Exhibits on-task behavior
8. Completes assignments
9. Follows directions

Our HOMEWORK

Name _____ CHARACTER _____

A Canoe Adventure

Kelly and Carmen were about to drive to Blackridge Lake. They were going canoeing with Kelly's parents. Carmen had said "YES!" right after Kelly invited her to come with them. But now, sitting in the truck, Carmen started to feel nervous. "I've never been in a canoe. What is it like?" Carmen asked.

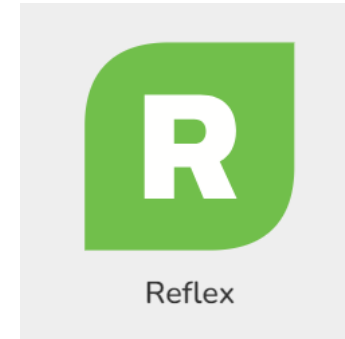
Kelly's mom smiled and said, "You're going to love it!" Carmen was worried. What if the canoe tipped over? She wasn't very good at swimming. Maybe she could sit on the shore and watch. But Carmen wanted to spend time with Kelly, and Kelly's mom said she would love it.

Soon the truck pulled up to the lake. Carmen whispered to Kelly, "I'm feeling scared." Kelly put her arm around Carmen and said, "When I first went canoeing I was scared too! We will paddle around the edge of the lake." Carmen smiled. Kelly was such a nice friend. This was going to be a happy day after all.

Fluency Tracker	1 st Read	2 nd Read	3 rd Read
Accuracy			
Words Per Minute			

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Reading passages will be sent home on Friday and will be due back the following Friday.



A Math practice sheet will sometimes be stapled to the reading passage sheet. Math Facts should be practiced 3-4 times per week either through Reflex Math or flash cards. Check the Go Math Outline sent home in the Weekly Parent Email to review skills for each chapter. Prior to each test, a review sheet will come home.

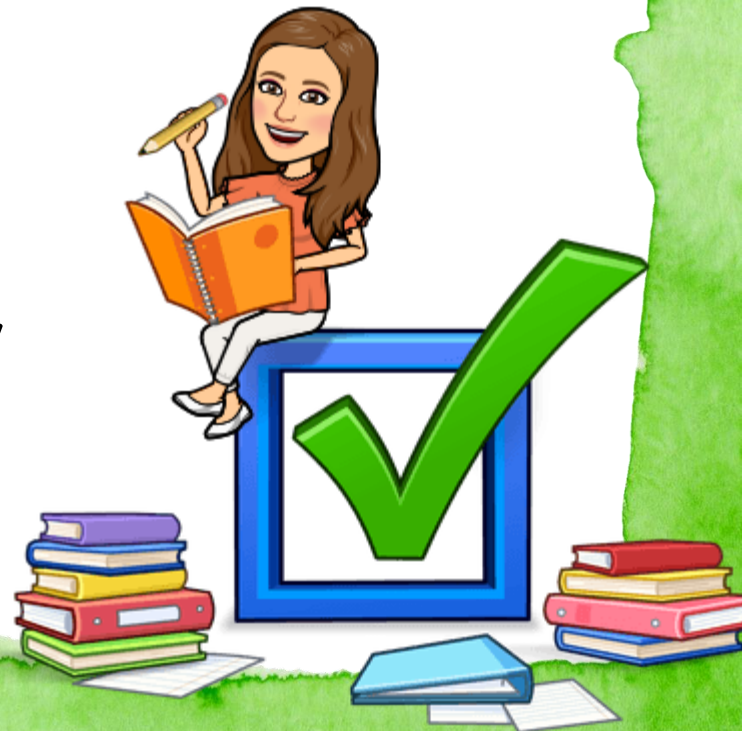
Your child should read for a minimum of 15-20 minutes each night. Each week, your child should read and take an AR quiz on a minimum of two picture books or one chapter book. AR quizzes should not be taken at home.



Our HOMEWORK

Phonics is practiced and reviewed on a weekly basis. Use the Home Practice half sheets to review reading and spelling of new concepts, irregular words, and sentence writing.

If homework is fully completed and turned in, they will receive 100% credit. Homework counts for their Work/Study grade (E,S,N).



Transportation

Transportation changes: If your child will be going home other than what is documented in my dismissal plan, please change it using the PikMyKid app.

*For last minute changes, please e-mail

KLESDismissalChange@leonschools.net

**Emails must be received by 2:30p.m.*

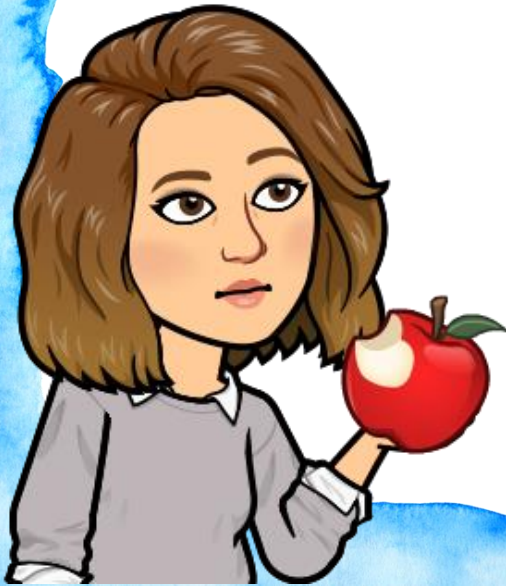


Snack

We have a snack break each afternoon.

Please send in a healthy item that will keep their energy up. Students may also bring a water bottle to class daily.

Please do not freeze the water bottles, as the condensation makes a mess on the desks.



Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays! If you would like to send in a treat, please contact me so we can discuss a date, time, quantity, and allergies.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**





B.E.S.T ELA Standards

The state of Florida's set of standards for Reading has a heavy focus on foundational skills. In the early grades, K-2, there is an emphasis on explicit, systematic phonics instruction, as decoding and fluency are essential to creating proficient readers.

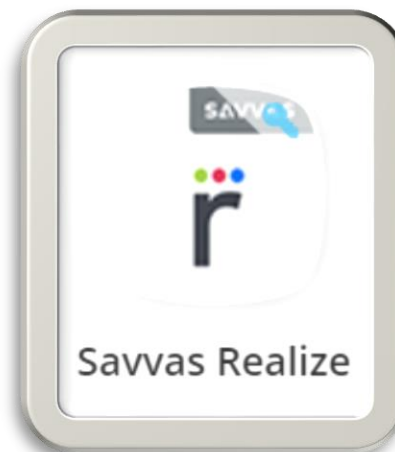
LCS uses UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) Foundations to meet the foundation standards

Link to the standards on my website





Savvas MyView Reading Curriculum



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LANGUAGE ARTS:

- Participation in reading group
- Teacher observation (listening to child read)
- Creative writing
- Completion of daily work
- Consistency in applying skills taught
- Benchmark skills, comprehension tests
- Unit Week tests

***UFLI Home Practice sheets will be found in your child's folder each Friday for the next week's skills.**

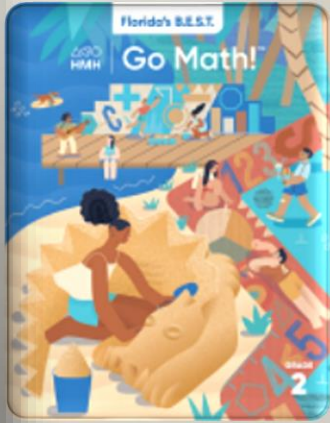
LANGUAGE ARTS Assessments

Phonics: Phonics skill practice sheets are sent home on green half sheets in your child's yellow folder each week. Please practice the skills with your child. Our UFLI checks will be each Friday.

Vocabulary: Vocabulary words are introduced and assessed every week. Words and definitions are sent home on the Week at a Glance outline in your child's folder.

Assessments: Students will be assessed each week on the skills covered in our Language Arts curriculum. The assessment will include 1 story with ten questions, vocabulary, and phonics skill. This is an independent reading assessment. There are no retests on assessments because skills are spiraled throughout the year.





Go Math Math Curriculum



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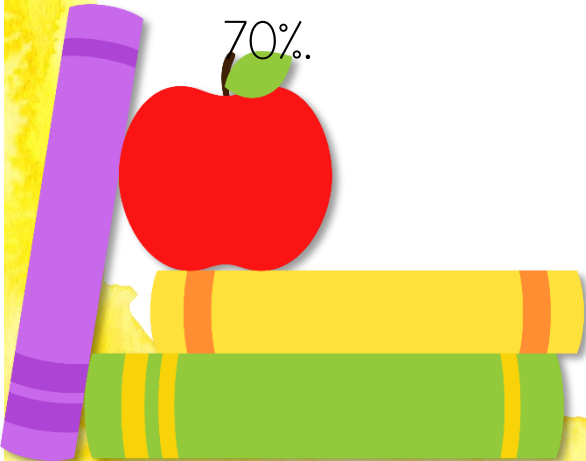
MATH:

Completion of daily work
Consistency of skills
Participation in group activities
Benchmark skills and concept testing

MATH Assessments

Math: Mid-Chapter Checkpoints will be given as quizzes throughout the chapter. Chapter tests are given at the end of the chapter. *Note: Some chapters do not have a mid-chapter.

Students will only be able to retest if they scored below a 70%. Both tests will be averaged; however, the maximum grade will be 70%.





HMH Florida Science Curriculum



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SCIENCE:

Participation in activities
Demonstrates understanding of concepts
Shows understanding during discussion
Benchmark skills and concept application

REPORT CARDS

Grading Scale for Second Grade

90 - 100 A

80 - 89 B

70 - 79 C

60 - 69 D

0 - 59 F

CONTENT AREA GRADE PERCENTAGES

Test 50% of grade

Quiz 20% of grade

Classwork 30% of grade

GRADES/REPORT CARDS

Please note, grades and report cards can only be found on your FOCUS Parent Portal. If you need help accessing this, please reach out.



MISSING/MAKE UP WORK

Students have 5 days to complete any missing work.

Exceptions:

Absences – students have 3 days for each absence.

After the make up period, students will earn a zero in the gradebook.

FIELD TRIPS

Second Grade will be attending two field trips this year: FSU Theater in November and Florida Caverns in Marianna in February.

Please look for the Activity Fee form (coming soon!) that will include this year's field trips and your child's class shirt.

You can pay a 1-time payment with E-funds (preferred) or with cash or check; or you can make 1 payment by October 18th and a second payment by January 17th.



E-Funds



Handy Links



Online Fee
Payment



ESE Site



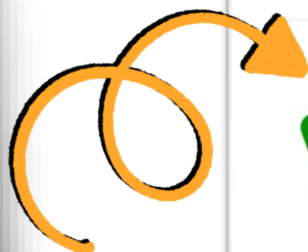
School
Supplies



The
Leprechaun



Calendar of
Events



CHROMEBOOKS

Please note that there are fees for damaged Chromebooks.

1st offense - \$25 2nd offense - \$50 3rd offense - \$75

If it is determined that the chromebook is not repairable, the fee is \$250.

A broken mice port is an example of how a chromebook would not be able to be repaired. Therefore, we are strongly suggesting students use the trackpad or wireless mouse only.

Online Parent Sites

FOCUS Parent Portal: Grade book and attendance online

*FOCUS Parent Portal password letters
have been sent home and
the website is live.*



Classlink login information

*Classlink login info have been placed in student Communication
Folders*

username: 180____@edu.leonschools.net

password: your child's pin #



ClassLink

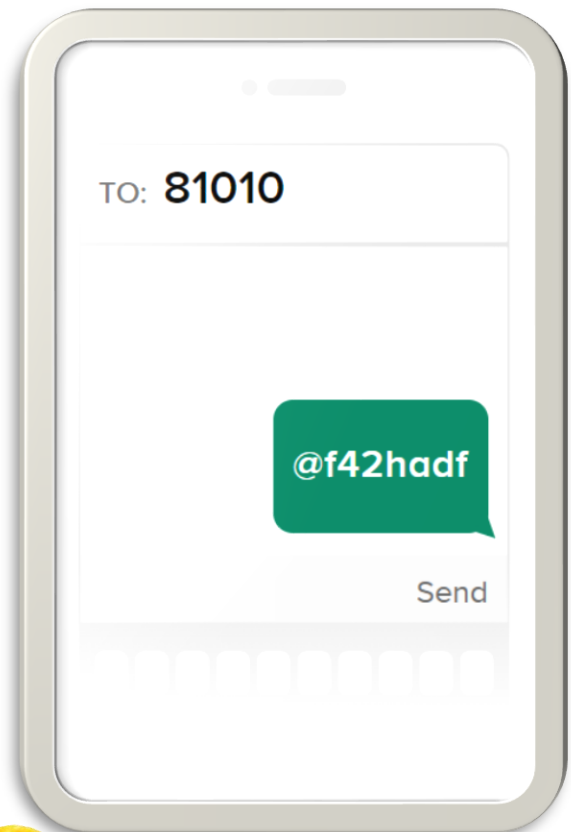
Connecting SCHOOL *to* HOME

Parent Weekly Update Emails

Monthly Calendar

Daily Communication Folder

Remind App*

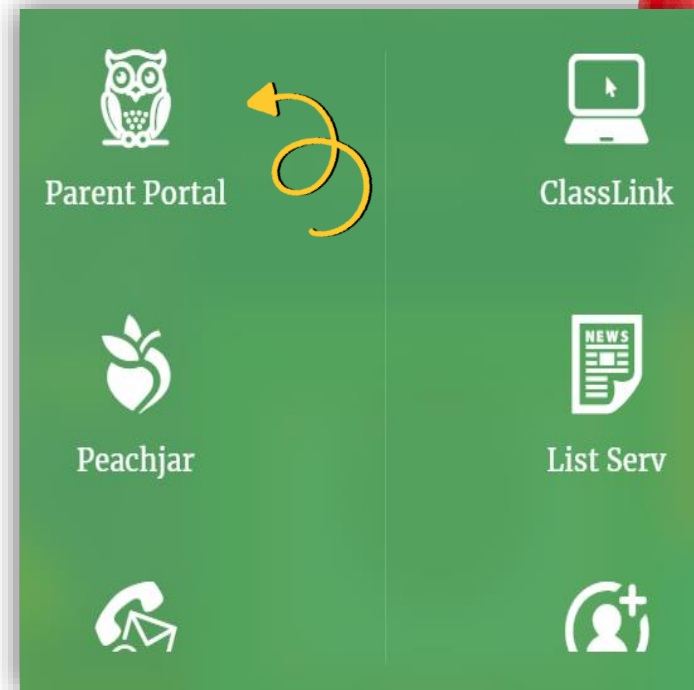




KLES Communication

- Please make sure you **e-mail and phone number** is updated in the Parent Portal.
- **Emergency communication, PTO Newsletters,** and other information is sent through the FOCUS system.

<https://www.leonschools.net/killearnlakes>





KLES Volunteers

Volunteers must fill out the online volunteer form annually. This is to help in the classroom, around the school, or on field trips. Visit volunteers.leonschools.net



School Improvement Plan

There are copies of the school improvement plan in the media center available for you to review.

If you have input or suggestions, contact our Assistant Principal, Champayne Riccairdi.

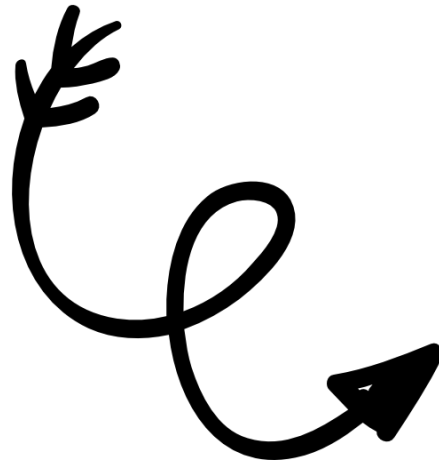
CONFERENCES

Please sign up for a virtual or in-person parent-teacher conference using the “Sign Up Genius” link that will be emailed.

Email reminders will be sent home before the scheduled conference!

WISH List

If you'd like to support our class, we'd love for you to choose an item off the wish list.



SCAN ME



Thank you so much for
coming to
Open House Night!!!

