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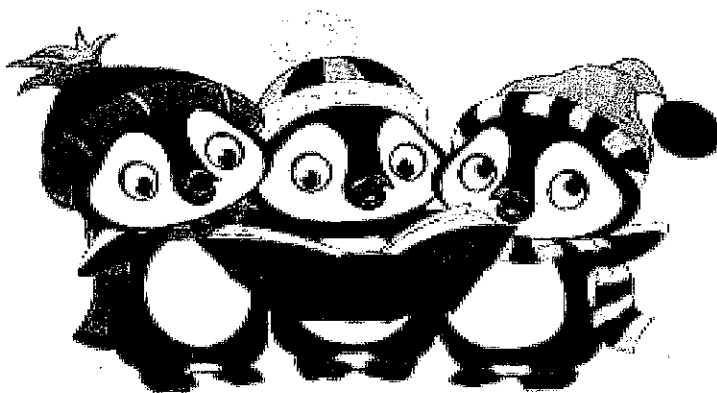
We are winding down the first half of the school year. Please make sure that all students are attending school regularly as we come to close out before the break. Students are finishing their testing and mid-year assessments to help us determine their strengths and weaknesses as close out the first semester. You will be receiving winter holiday packets to help students maintain all the skills that they have acquired over the first half of the school year. Please assist your child with their activities and see that they complete the packet. They will be earning tokens as they complete their packets. Have a wonderful break and encourage the students to read, read, read!

December Events:

Dec 2nd: Progress Reports available on focus (Parent Portal)

Dec 21st-31st Winter Holiday (No School)

January 5th Students and Staff Return to school



Pre-K

We are starting our unit on Buildings this month. We will learn about how buildings are made and try to build some with blocks, cardboard, etc. We are working on letters Dd, Ss, Tt, Pp, Cc, and Aa. Ask your child the sounds these letters make and have them tell you some words that begin with them. We are also working on sequencing numbers 0-10 and patterns. The children are working hard on these skills. We are having fun doing our Holiday art and activities. We hope you enjoy decorating your house with the artwork. We will have a Holiday party on Dec.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is on the move. We are digging deeper in math and language arts. We have started addition in math and we will finish up with subtraction by winter break. We are now testing on the decodable books. Please have your child read their decodable book daily. This will help with reading and learning their sight words.

1st Grade

We are continuing to work hard in First Grade. We are learning about fact families, different types of buildings, animal habitats, and focusing on main topic and key details in our reading. We have successfully welcomed many of our students back to campus. If you would like to help replenish our supply of hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes, we would be very thankful! Our number one priority is keeping everything clean and safe for our students. Please remember to read each night for 20 minutes with your child. Thanks for all your support!

2nd Grade

Hello 2nd Grade Parents!

Thank you for all you do. This semester, we will be focusing on two-digit subtraction. Use the holiday break to practice those basic math facts. In Reading, we are putting a heavy focus on reading interventions and will continue to focus on various comprehension skills. Just a reminder, our grading categories have changed: 50% Tests, 30% Quizzes, 15% Classwork, and 5% Homework! Be sure to schedule phone conferences with your child's teacher to check on his/her progress. Let's Soar 2nd grade!

3rd Grade

The bustling holiday season is upon us. As we approach Winter break, we are in high gear in third grade! The focus of our lessons throughout December will target both Fiction and Non-fiction texts in our Reading classes. In our study of fiction text, your child will be learning about folktales, Historical Fiction, supporting details, themes, and words in context. In our Non-fiction reading we will focus on our government and how people make government work. We will also continue to work on identifying the problem and solution, making predictions and retelling the story. As we are learning new reading skills, the students should be practicing at home through independent reading. Please continue to read every day with your child at home. Every bit of reading makes a difference.

In Math, our focus throughout the month of December will be focused on continuing learning strategies for finding an unknown factor and for multiplying with multiples of 10. We are excited to learn division and how it's related to subtraction, and how multiplication and division are inverse operations. Our focus words are **dividend**- The number that is to be divided in a division problem and **dividend, divisor, quotient**- The parts of a division problem. Energy exists in many forms, including light, heat, sound, and mechanical energy. In Science, we will explore Forms of Energy and how energy is transferred. Some of our focus words for Science are **energy, heat, sound, light, mechanical energy, potential energy, and kinetic energy.**

4th Grade

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays and the joy is in the air! In reading, we are focusing on theme as well as determining the main idea of a text and explaining how it is supported by key details. We are also learning how to summarize our reading selection by using our own words to paraphrase the text. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least thirty-five minutes every night. In addition, we will continue to work on FSA reading and writing skills to prepare our students for the State Wide test that will be coming up in May. Fourth graders are currently on Chapter 4 in Math. In this chapter, we are working on 4 digits by 1-digit division. By the end of Chapter 4 as we look at our Learning Progression we would like to see the students at a Level 3, which states, *that students can explain how to divide by 4-digit numbers with remainders.* Please continue to have your child practice their multiplication facts at home. In science, we have begun studying how heat transforms and the transformation of material through heat. Social studies we will be learning about the district required historical topics. We thank you for your parental support as we continue to move your child to the next level in their academics!

5th Grade

It's hard to believe we are in December already! 5th grade is working hard to master our standards. Please support your teachers by allowing your child to read a non-fiction book each night and memorize multiplication and division facts. Please stay in the know by checking the remind app to see teacher newsletters each week. A signup genius has been created for parent teacher conferences. Please sign up to hear about your child's current progress.

Community Partnership:

Sabal Palm Elementary is YOUR Community Partnership School! We have another exciting month of supports for you! First, the Dental Bus visits on Dec. 4th & Dec. 11th. Contact us now to get your student on the January bus! Second, Student Council Elections are happening right now! Our Patriot Leaders will be revealed soon! Lastly, if you need support this Christmas please reach out to SabalPalmCPS@leonschools.net!

If you haven't had a chance yet, join the Sabal Palm Elementary, a Community Partnership School (SPE CPS) REMIND!! Remind CODE: **@specpscr**. Each week we send out information on opportunities such as Food Drives & Meals locations, COVID testing, Parenting classes, job fairs, GED class opportunity, and much much more! For more information: sign up on our REMIND @specpscr or email SabalPalmCPS@leonschools.net for more information on how you can receive these services and so much more!! Wishing you and your families a Happy Holiday!

A large, stylized graphic of the words "Happy Holidays" in a decorative, cursive font. The letters are black with white outlines and intricate flourishes. The word "Happy" is on the top line and "Holidays" is on the bottom line, with the 'H' being significantly larger than the other letters.

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