



Sabal Palm Elementary School

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Message from Administration

We hope all of our Patriot community had a happy and healthy winter break! As we finish our second nine weeks, make sure your child is turning in all their assignments. Parents you can check their grades and look for any missing assignments on Focus. School will be closed Monday, January 18th for MLK Day and Tuesday, January 19th for teacher planning day. If your child is sick or running a fever please keep them at home. During these times if anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID, please notify the school immediately. More students will be returning to brick and mortar on January 20th and we are working hard to make sure that we are keeping everyone safe and well during these uncertain times. Make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes each night and getting adequate amount of rest each night.

January Events:

- 15th: End of the Nine Weeks
- 18th: No School Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
- 19th : No School: Teacher Planning Day
- 20th: Start of the Nine Weeks
- 21st: PTO/SAC/Parent Workshop @6:00p-7:00p
(Virtual via Zoom)
- 25th-29th: Celebrate Literacy Week
- 27th: 2nd Nine Weeks Interim/Progress Reports
(Available on Focus)



Pre-K

It is hard to believe it's almost the 2nd semester of our school year. We hope everyone had a great Winter Break. Now it is time to work hard again! We are continuing learning letters and sounds. We are also working on numbers 11-20. Look in your child's folder each day to see the lessons they have learned. Work with them a few minutes a night to review these lessons. We continue working on our Buildings Unit. We will do some fun activities during this unit. We will also learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and how he helped our country and its citizens. We will learn how we can be good citizens too. We will tune in when President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris are sworn in during their inauguration. Pre-K needs your help! Its cold/flu season and we need baby wipes, anti-bacterial wipes, and Kleenex. If you can send, any of these things in, we would appreciate it. Also, remember to label coats, sweaters, and hats with your child's name. This helps so much when they lose them.

Kindergarten

Happy New Year!!! It is 2021 and Kindergarten is excited and eager to continue our academic journey. We are strengthening our reading skills by learning new sight words each week, as well as, reviewing a new letter and its corresponding sound. In math, we have begun understanding two-digit numbers and writing two-digit numbers. Please assist our Kindergarten Patriots with writing a complete sentence. Please remind them to begin a sentence with a capital letter and end their sentence with the correct punctuation mark. Also, to use correct spacing between their words. We would like to thank our supportive Patriot Parents as we continue this academic journey.

1st Grade

Welcome back after a restful winter break. We are ready to get back to work in First Grade. 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! teacher to check on his/her progress. Let's Camp to Greatness!

2nd Grade

Hello 2nd Grade Parents!

Happy New Year! This semester, we will be focusing on two-digit and three-digit subtraction/ addition. Please practice those basic math facts. Just a reminder, students should read daily for 15-20 minutes. Be sure to schedule phone conferences with your child's teacher to check on his/her progress. Let's Camp to Greatness!

3rd Grade

Winter is officially here! A new year is upon us and Third grade is filled with excitement for what is yet to come. We have already learned so much in the past few months, but there is much more to come. The focus of our Reading and Social Studies lessons throughout January will be on Non-Fiction reading. In our study of non-fiction text, your child will be learning about text features, and supporting details. As we are learning new reading skills, the students should be practicing at home through independent reading. Our focus throughout the month of January in Math and Science will be on learning strategies for multiplication and division facts in Math. This month we are mastering factors 3, 4, and 5. You can expect to see homework that provides practice for both multiplication and division. Also, please ensure that students practice their multiplication and division facts for fluency each night. Students should have their parent time them for one minute using the worksheet provided. Our focus in Science this month is Force and Motion. Students will learn how force makes things move, or change their motion.

4th Grade

Welcome to the New-year! We are looking for exciting things to happen in your child's learning. In reading, we are working on Main Idea and Key Details. We will be moving into point of view from author's perspectives and 1st and 3rd person. We are also learning how to summarize our reading selection by using our own words to paraphrase the text and using context clues to help students understand unfamiliar words that fall in the story. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least thirty-five minutes every night. We will continue to work on FSA reading and writing skills to prepare our students for the statewide test that will be coming up in April and the month of May. In Math, we are learning to divide using various strategies, including using base-ten blocks to model division. When students learn to divide, a roadblock to success can be a lack of mastery of basic division facts. Students should continue to practice their multiplication facts on a daily basis for at least 10 minutes to increase fluency, which will form a foundation for understanding the concept of division. In Science, students are studying Forces and Motion in Unit 9. Reading, class participation, taking notes, completing assignments and studying for assessments are important for achieving a passing grade in science, reading, and math. We thank you for your parental support as we continue to move your child to the next level in their academics!

5th Grade

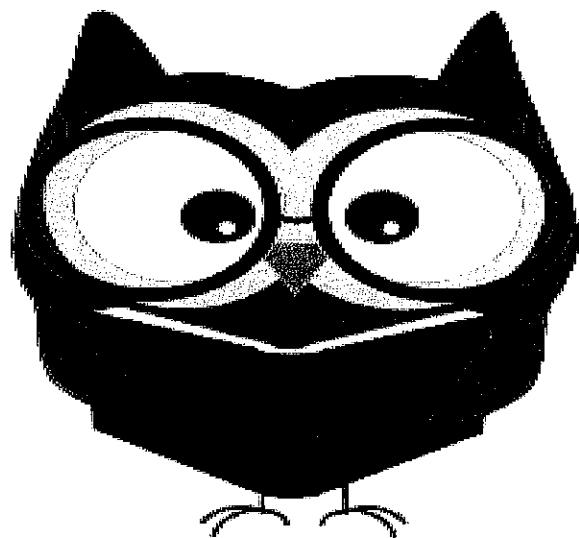
Welcome back to school for the last semester of 5th Grade. We are now working extremely hard to prepare students for their upcoming FSA test. In Reading, the students will continue to review reading comprehension skills such as cause and effect, point of view, and sequence. We need your help to encourage and practice text-based essay writing. Please remember to read with your students' nightly to build reading fluency and complete reading homework weekly. In Math, the students are beginning to learn strategies to multiply and divide decimals. Be sure to study those multiplication and division facts nightly!

Community Partnership:

Welcome Back!

As you know, Sabal Palm Elementary is YOUR Community Partnership School! We have another exciting month of supports for you! First, the Dental Bus visits is on January 15th. Contact us now to get your student on the next bus! Second, Student Council Elections are in! Student Council Officers are President- Laila Rains, Vice President- Alauna Garcia, Secretary- D'Nylah Albert, Historian- Anniston Willis, and Treasurer: Cortez Donaway. Make sure to congratulate the 2020-2021 student council leaders! Additionally, If your student is in grades K-3rd and may be interested in Girls Scouts at no cost, contact us! If you haven't had a chance yet, join the Sabal Palm Elementary, a Community Partnership School (SPE CPS) REMIND!! Remind CODE: @specpscu

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 @specpscu or email SabalPalmCPS@leonschools.net for more information on how you can receive these services and so much more!!



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