



Sabal Palm Elementary School

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Message from Administration

Welcome to March! Parents State Assessment Season is upon us. Please make sure that your child gets adequate sleep and eats well over the next few months. 3rd-5th grade students will be taking their state assessments and we want them to do their best. Make sure that your student is present all the testing dates. We are gearing up for our Writing assessment in 4th and 5th grade at the beginning of April as well as our 3rd grade Reading Assessment. Please see the listing of events below for the month of March! We will be having a few events in the month of March. FSA night will be virtual this school year and will be held on the March 25th. Also, please let the school know what plans you will have for your student for the 2021-2022 school year regarding their status if they are in the digital academy. We will NO longer be holding a school based digital academy for the school 2021-2022 school year. Your options will be to either enroll your child back in brick and mortar, enroll in virtual (LCS or FVS), homeschool or another route. Please let us know as soon as your family has made the decision. Make sure that you are checking your child's grades in FOCUS and scheduling meetings with teachers. It is important for you to be in the loop with your teachers concerning your child's education.

COVID Updates-

1. If you have taken a covid test and are awaiting the results-, your student CANNOT return to school.
2. If a family member in the household has tested positive, then your student must quarantine.
3. If your student has tested positive- the student is home for 10 days.
4. If your students has been exposed to a positive contact (school or outside of the home)- then they will quarantine for 10 days.
5. Masks must be worn on campus and all students must have a mask to enter campus.

March Events:

8th-12th: Wellness Week

15th-19th: Spring Break: No School

22nd: Students & Teachers Return from Spring Break

25th: PTO/SAC Parent Workshop – FSA Night: Via

Zoom @6:00pm (Please make plans to attend for important FSA Testing Information)

Pre-K

PreK is busy! We celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday. We made hats, graphed 10 Apples Up On Top, and ate Green eggs and Ham! We will participate in Special Olympics on March 12th. We will have fun doing the activities and races. We are finishing our Ball Unit. We are learning about the different kinds of balls. We are also learning about shapes and how some balls float and others do not. We continue working on letters, sounds, and numbers. Please keep working at home on these skills. We hope everyone enjoys their Spring Break.

Kindergarten

Spring break is near, and our kindergartners have been working hard. In language arts we are doubling up on letters, sight words, and the reading books are getting harder. In math we are going over 2D, and 3D shapes. We will also cover measurements this month in math. Please make sure to check your child's homework folder every day and review the skills we are learning in class.

1st Grade

We continue to work hard in first grade, and had a great time for our pajama day! We also had a fun and educational Zoom presentation from TCC on dental hygiene. The students received a dental health bag, and participated in several activities during the presentation. Please remember to read each night for 20 minutes with your child, so we can continue their reading progress! 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. Every Wednesday is popcorn day. Please send in a dollar by each Tuesday, so the whole class can enjoy this delicious treat!

2nd Grade

Hello 2nd Grade Parents!

Friday, March 12th, 2nd grade will be having a Pajama Day to celebrate good behavior and academics. Your child's teacher will send out guidelines for pajamas.

Just a couple reminders for the school year:

--Be sure to schedule phone conferences with your child's teacher to check on his/her progress.

-- Keep track of your child's grades in FOCUS.

--Continue to read every day!

-- Be sure to send your child to school with clean mask and help remind them the importance of keeping them on.

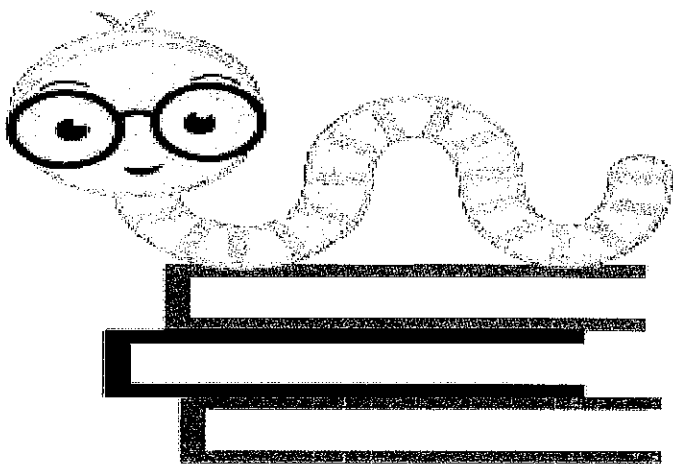
Let's soar 2nd grade!

3rd Grade

Happy March!!! We are hopeful this month will bring us some sunshine and warmer weather! The month of March, here at school is going to be busy, as students will have Spring Break, continue preparing for Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) while celebrating student successes in AR, academics and attendance. Thank you parents for all of your help in getting students here daily and on time. In Reading/Language Arts, our third graders will be exploring Earth and Its Neighbors. While doing so we will hone in on summarizing, main idea and key details, suffixes, and past-tense verbs. While in Social Studies, we will focus on Women's contributions to society, as we celebrate Women's History month. During the next few weeks, our math classes will be learning about measurement. We will learn to measure time, length, liquid volume, and finding perimeter and area. You can expect to see homework that provides practice with telling time, finding elapsed time, and solving problems with measurement. You can also expect homework that provides practice with finding perimeter, and finding area by counting squares, using addition, or using multiplication. FSA Math is scheduled for May 6 and 7th and we are in countdown mode. Students will benefit from as many experiences as possible with applying the needed skills.

4th Grade

Fourth grade is moving right along preparing daily for FSA writing! In reading, we are focusing on Author's Point of View and asking/answering questions. Our vocabulary skill will be focusing on Latin/Greek roots. 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. Also, 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 April for the writing and May for reading/math. In Math, we just started chapter 6 on fractions and learning how to find an equivalent fraction and comparing fractions. We will also be learning how to add, subtract, multiply, and relate fractions in chapters 7-9. In Science, the students will complete their study on Unit 3, 'Earth in Space' and begin their study of Earth's Structures: Unit 4 'Rocks, Minerals and Resources'. In Social Studies, the students will learn about the State of Florida (project) and Women in History. We thank you for your parental support as we continue to move your child to the next level in their academic!



5th Grade

Greetings fifth grade parents! Florida Statue requires that all school districts establish and communicate expectations for levels of student performance in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies at each grade level. Those levels of performance are used to identify students who have mastered content as well as those students who may need targeted instructional support. Leon County Schools sets expectations for each area of study based on the standards established by the State of Florida. Use all available data, including progress monitoring and statewide assessment results, to determine promotion eligibility. A student working below grade level or repeatedly earning a grade of "D" or "F" on the student progress report card is in danger of not meeting expectations for the promotion to middle school and may be retained. The minimum fifth grade expectations are listed below:

- Master each Florida Standard at 70% or greater in all core content areas taught.
- Attain a grade equivalent (GE) score of 6.0 by the end of the year on an individualized assessment in the subjects of math and ELA.
- Read with accuracy and fluency equal to fifth-grade end-of-year expectations.
- Score Level 3 or higher on the Florida Standards Assessment in both mathematics and ELA.
- Score Level 3 or higher on the statewide, standardized science assessment

Please reach out to Mrs. Wilson if you have any further questions.

Community Partnership:

Hi parents & guardians!

If you have not heard... We now have routine haircut here **FOR FREE!** After Spring break, we will have another Dental Bus, which is at **no cost to you!** Next, the SPE Girl Scouts will meet every Monday! To register please visit <https://www.girlscouts-gateway.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join.html>

If you haven't had a chance yet, join the Sabal Palm Elementary, a Community Partnership School (SPE CPS) REMIND!! Remind CODE:

@specpscru

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



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