



Sabal Palm Elementary School

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Message from Administration

It's Fall Ya'll. Welcome to October. I can't believe we are already into the first month of school. Thank you guys for keeping your child safe and for helping us monitoring their health. Students are doing a great job of wearing their mask during the day and following all the rules. Thank you for participating in our October fundraising activities. Please remember to wear orange each Friday to help celebrate bullying awareness month. Please see the purple flyer coming home. There are many events that happen during the month of October (remember all events are virtual)! Be on the lookout for Curriculum night and PTO this month. Be sure to sign up for remind announcements through our family engagement page @sabalpa. Also, stay in touch with your child's teacher(s) through remind!

October Events:

- Oct: 1st 26th SPES Student Candy Donations Treat or Treat
 - Oct: 2nd National School Custodian Appreciation Day
 - Oct: 4th World Day of Bullying Prevention (Blue Shirt Day)
 - Oct: 5th World Teach Day
 - Oct: 7th-11th National School Lunch & Fire Safety Week
 - Oct: 8th Orange you glad Sabal Palm Is Bully Free PTO Fundraiser (Cheetos)
 - Oct: 15th: End of 1st Nine Weeks
 - & Orange you glad Sabal Palm is Bully Free PTO Fundraiser (Goldfish)
 - Oct: 18th Teacher Planning Day /In Service No School
 - Oct: 18th-22nd: Bus Safety Week
 - Oct: 21st PTO/SAC Meeting @6:00pm Via Zoom
 - Oct: 22nd Orange you glad Sabal Palm is Bully Free PTO Fundraiser (Orange Airhead)
 - Oct: 25th- 29th Red Ribbon Week
 - Oct: 29th Orange you glad Sabal palm Free PTO Fundraiser (Orange Spooky Gram)
 - Oct: 29th SPES Trunk or Treat (FOR SPES STUDENTS ONLY)
- Students are encouraged to wear orange throughout the month of October in support of National bullying prevention Month.*

Pre-K

Fall is in the air! Our new study unit is "Trees". We will learn all about how trees grow, the different kinds of trees, and how trees help us. We will also learn about the fall season. We will learn about the changes that fall brings. Leaves turning colors, the cooler weather, and fun activities are things we look forward to during this time of year. We will be holding Fall Conferences during the next few weeks. These conferences will let you know how your child is progressing and what we will be working on during the next nine weeks. Please look for information in your child's folder.

Please remember a few things:

- *if your child is sick, please keep him/her home.
- *check your child's backpack and folder each night for important reminders and school activities.

Kindergarten

We are getting close to the end of the 1st 9 weeks. Currently we are getting ready to have conferences with the parents. During the conference, we will go over how your child is doing so far in class and kindergarten expectations. We look forward to speaking with all of you and remember that we are to help.

1st Grade

First Grade is working hard this first nine weeks! Thanks for all the parental support with supplies, and for joining our Open House Zoom Meeting. Supplies that we are beginning to run low on are hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Conference signup sheets will be coming home in the next week, so please sign up to chat about your child's goals and progress.

2nd Grade

October will be a busy month. The First Nine Weeks will be ending on October 15th. We will be discussing your child's progress at parent teacher conferences later in the month. Look for specific dates and details regarding Conferences and Fall Celebrations soon. We have started Go Math Chapter 3- Basic Facts and Relationships. In this chapter, we will use different ways to practice our basic addition and subtraction facts. Homework plays an important role in the learning process of children. It allows students to recap on the skills, concepts and information that they have learned in class. It also gives an opportunity for parents to monitor students' progress. Please remember to check and sign your child's homework folder nightly!

3rd Grade

Happy fall! The Third grade team has been working very diligently since school began. Students are adjusting well to switching classes and are well on their way to a very exciting third grade year! In order to maintain this continuous growth, students need to be present in school. Research shows that consistent school attendance correlates highly with positive student achievement. In Reading this month your child will be focusing on using reading strategies to enhance reading comprehension. We are currently working on cause and effect, as well as figurative language. We are also digging deeper into vocabulary and using context clues to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words. Ask your child what words they have learned in reading class you will be amazed! We are quickly adding many tools to our reading tool-belt. In addition, Accelerated Reader is in full swing; please make sure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes every evening. During the next few weeks, our Math classes will be learning about multiplication. We will learn how addition is related to multiplication and how to multiply with the factors 0 and 1. You can expect to see homework that provides practice with multiplication. Matter is all around us. It is in everything that we see that takes up space physically. In Science, we will explore the three main states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas.

4th Grade

In 4th grade, overall we have been communicating to our students the need to complete all class work and homework in order to do well on assessments. We have also been letting students know the importance of thinking and not talking constantly. The teachers in 4th grade provide lots of time to discuss the skills, strategies and concepts needed to be successful in all subjects. We need our students to talk less, listen, and think more! In ELA, we will continue working on the strategy of cause/effect beginning our study of summarizing, as well as rereading to build knowledge, vocabulary word meanings, etc. Currently in Math, we have been working on multiply by 1-digit numbers. We have been using several strategies: multiplication comparisons, multiply by using expanded form, distributive property, partial products, and regrouping, solving multistep problems with equations. You can access multiplication cards from any store and test them with these cards at any time. In Science, we are finishing what scientist do, what they use, and how they collect and use data. Next, we will be learning about matter and its properties. In Social Studies, we are using Scholastic news to build our students current event knowledge and expand understanding of informational text. Thank you for your continued support as we move your child to the next level.

5th Grade

The first quarter is quickly ending on October 15th. Please be sure to check Parent Portal regularly to monitor your child's progress. Fifth grade teachers are having conferences. Please make sure to share updated contact information with the school and to connect on Remind. If you have not scheduled one, please contact your child's teacher on Remind. For reading, your child should be completing a chapter book a week, and taking the Accelerated Reading Comprehension Test on it. For math, please ensure your child is completing their nightly homework and practicing their multiplication facts as they are used in all areas of fifth grade math and the rest of their lives. For science, your child needs to complete the frayer model activity and review vocabulary.

Fifth Grade Remind App Codes

Mrs. Hoffman – Math - @cc47b8328b

Ms. Davis – Reading/Writing - @63b334297d

Mr. Scotese – Science/ Social Studies - @gdagh2ee8b

Mr. Shivar – Tech - @spetech5th

School Parent Info - @SPEP

Community Partnership

Did you know that YOUR School is a Community Partnership School? What does this mean for you and your family? We offer supports to our students and their families! Make sure to complete the paperwork in the welcome back packets! Stay up to date with all the school and community has to offer by joining the REMIND @speparent

Would you like to buy a home or learn about finances... AND ENTER TO WIN PRIZES! We have a financial literacy class just for you! Contact The Family & Community Engagement Coordinator, Javon Austin for more information! It is still her job to ensure that YOU are supported! Whether that means getting your GED, parenting classes, going to vocational school, or anything else, she is here for you!



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