



Sabal Palm Elementary School

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Message from Administration

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 we 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. Have a wonderful break and encourage the students to read, read, read! Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we have completed the first 90 days of 180 days of schooling. Please make sure that students are attending school regularly and get back into the swing of things. We are gearing up for the start of the second portion of the school year. Please make sure that students are not dropped off at school prior to 7:45. We are having a lot of students unsupervised around 7:30 and this is dangerous as they are not in contact with any adult. Interventions will be kicked up a notch this semester with us targeting students that need extra assistance. Please be on the lookout for additional intervention letters to be sent home if needed. Permit parent drop off will only at Eisenhower. We have to leave our visitor parking open for our mentors and volunteers that are in class helping with our students. If you are dropping off and walking, please park in the grass lot and not in the front of the school. Thank you for understanding and for keeping our students safe.

Events: December/January

December

Dec 17th: End of Second Nine Weeks/ End of the 1st Semester
Dec 20th -31st: Winter Holiday: No School
*Please return your Title I Parent & Family Engagement Surveys to your child's Teacher by 12/15/2021

January

Jan 3rd: Winter Holiday
Jan 4th: Teacher Planning Day/ Inservice Day
Jan 5th: Students/ Staff Return
Jan 9th: National Law Enforcement Day
Jan 17th: No School: Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan 20th: PTO/SAC/ Parent Workshop- @6:00pm-7:00pm Virtual via Zoom
Jan 24th -28th: Literacy Week: Please be on the look out for schedule of events

Pre-K

We continue working on our unit on Buildings this month and January. We will learn about how buildings are made and try to build some with blocks, cardboard, etc. We are working hard learning letters and sounds. Practice these at home with your child a few minutes each night. 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. Pre-K needs your help! Its cold/flu season and we need baby wipes, anti-bacterial wipes, and Kleenex. If you can donate, any of these things, we would appreciate it. Remember to label coats, sweaters, and hats with your child's name. This helps so much when they lose them. Enjoy your holiday and we look forward to working hard and learning so much in the New Year!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is on the move. We are digging deeper in math and language arts. We are covering the toughest chapters in math, which are addition and subtraction. With the holidays right around the corner please continue to encourage your child to stay focused.

Happy New Year and welcome back. We are excited to continue learning. In language arts we will begin working on word families and reviewing the letters of the alphabet. In Math, we will cover recognizing, counting, and writing numbers 11-20. Remember to check homework folders daily.

1st Grade

First Grade is working hard on blending and segmenting words, writing complete sentences, reading sight words, and related addition and subtraction facts. Completing weekly homework is an important review for the content we are working on in class. Supplies that we are beginning to run low on are hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, and any donations are greatly appreciated. Wishing your families a safe and happy holiday season!



2nd Grade

Winter Break is just around the corner and our second graders are staying busy. We have begun our midyear testing for Reading and Math. In addition to wrapping up the second nine weeks this month, we will be incorporating various activities to get us in the holiday spirit. Our classes will be celebrating with treats. Stay tuned for an opportunity to sign up and contribute. Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of 2nd Grade! We are excited to be back to class. Students will be having their middle of the year testing over the next week. As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Children do best when their parents are connected to their school in meaningful ways. A perfect blend of teacher and parental involvement in a child's education is one of the biggest contributors to their success. We hope you had an excellent winter break and ready for second semester.

3rd Grade

The bustling holiday season is upon us. As we approach the 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. As we are learning new reading skills, the students should be practicing at home through independent reading. In Math, our focus throughout the month of December will be learning strategies for finding an unknown factor and for multiplying with multiples of 10. We are excited to learn division and how it is related to subtraction, and how multiplication and division are inverse operations. 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. Winter is officially here!

A new year is upon us and Third grade is filled with excitement for what is yet 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. During the next few weeks, our Math class will be learning about division facts and strategies. We will also learn the order of operations rules to solve problems involving more than one operation. Our focus in Science this month is Force and Motion. Students will learn how force makes things move, or change their motion.

4th Grade

December/January Newsletter for, 4th Grade!

Happy Holiday and a Prosperous New Year! 4th Graders are falling into becoming stronger readers, writers, and mathematicians! We are able to do this because we understand the benefits of classwork, homework and reading/computing daily. In ELA, we are focusing on using details to determine theme of a story and poems. In Reading, we will be working on summarizing literary text. We are also learning more about vocabulary and grammar. In Math, we are focusing on equivalent fractions. In Science, the students are learning about Science in physical and chemical changes. We continue to encourage our students to know their multiplication facts and to read 30 minutes every day to increase vocabulary and comprehension skills. Thank you for your parental support as we move your child to the next academic level.

5th Grade

In Fifth Grade, we have been hard at work while having a little bit of fun. For up to date information on all the happenings, please join our REMIND.

Fifth Grade Remind App Codes

Mrs. Hoffman – Math - @cc47b8328b

Ms. Davis – Reading/Writing - @63b334297d

Mr. Scotese – Science/ Social Studies - @gdagh2ee8b

January

Happy New Year from Fifth Grade. We are looking forward to the great things in the coming year. If you desire a conference, please contact your child's teacher. We are more than happy to have one. Remember for up-to-date information, you have access to a parent portal. <https://www.leonschools.net/parentportal>



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