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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. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade at the beginning of April as well as our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Events: March

11<sup>th</sup>: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks

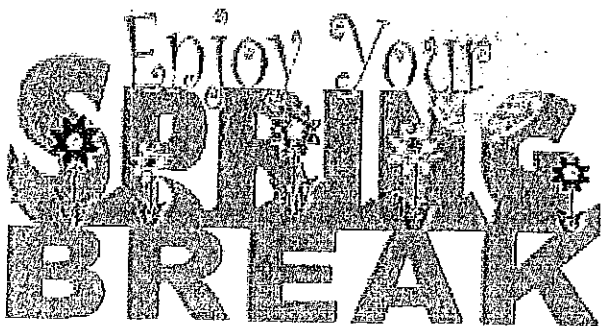
14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break: No School

21<sup>st</sup>: Teacher Planning Day/ Inservice Day

22<sup>nd</sup>: Students & Teachers Return from Spring Break

24<sup>th</sup>: PTO/ SAC/ Parent Workshop Meeting 6:00pm- 7:00pm

FSA Night 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Only Virtual via Zoom



Pre-K

Our pre-K class is continuing to grow! Please remember to label any coats, sweaters, or hats with your child's name before they are brought to class. Pre-K is strengthening our letter skills, rhyming words, and finding the beginning sound in words. In math we are practicing counting each object slowly and stopping when we get to the total we need. Thank you for all you do, and please remember to check your child's folder daily for announcements and progress updates.

Kindergarten

Spring break is near, and our kindergartners have been working hard. In language arts we are finishing up word families. We will soon focus on the long vowel sounds. 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. Also, don't forget to review letters, letter sounds, and sight words at home.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

First Grade is working hard on blending and segmenting words, writing complete sentences, reading sight words, and adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. We had a great time celebrating Black History Month in February, with informative and fun door decorations, and many history lessons. Please complete weekly homework, as it is an important review for the content we are working on in class and is part of your child's grade. Supplies that we are low on are hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, and any donations are greatly appreciated.

2nd Grade

The Third Nine Weeks will be coming to an end on March 11th. We are continuing to discuss your child's progress at Parent/ Teacher Conferences throughout these nine weeks. If you haven't received a conference notice, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. Just a reminder, 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!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Happy March!!! We're 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. Thanks parents for all of your help in getting students here daily and on time. In Reading/Language Arts our third graders will be exploring what plays are made of describing how each scene of a play builds on the one before it helping to understand what you read. We will also be focusing on what poems are made of, as well as determining if their point of view of a story is the same as or different from that of the narrator and characters. During the next few weeks, our math classes will be learning about fractions. We will identify, read, and write fractions as part of a whole and as part of a group. We will also learn how to compare, order, and find equivalent fractions. You can expect to see homework that provides practice with these skills.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

4<sup>th</sup> 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, students will be learning how authors build frame work called text structure to help them understand the information in the passage using Chronology and Problem/Solution. In Social Studies we will be studying map skills and working on Blended Lives activities. Also, we are preparing for the FSA writing which will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We are finishing up on fractions, decimals, and money amounts. We have learned how to add and subtract fractions, find equivalent fractions, compare them, multiply fractions by whole numbers, and relate fractions to decimals. We are moving into Geometry. The first thing we are learning is two-dimensional figures. This includes lines, rays, and angles, classifying triangles, identifying parallel and perpendicular lines, quadrilaterals, and symmetry. In Science, we will be learning how to recognize that heat flows from a hot object to a cold object and that heat flow may cause materials to change temperature. 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.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fifth Grade is excited to Welcome Spring. The Fifth Grade Teachers are so impressed by how far the students have come this year. More great growth is building. We are working hard to learn all about dividing fractions, interpreting data, comparing and contrasting nonfiction, the variety of plants that surround us, plant life and their parts, and middle school expectations. For Reading, please ensure your child is reading at least one chapter book a week, take the Accelerated Reading Test for the book and completing their Vocabulary Explosion. In math, your child has a homework sheet each night. We go over it in class to ensure understand and setting expectations so it should have work started prior to going home. In science, Frayer models for the weekly vocabulary need to be turned in each Friday. Please contact your child's teacher on Remind, email, phone, or Parent Portal, if you have questions or would like a conference. Thank you, Parents, for all your support this year.

### 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 family! Stay up to date with all the school and community has to offer by joining the REMIND @speparent. We have FREE FOOD FOR SPRING BREAK! In partnership is Junior Leagues Mighty Meals and other community partners we will have a food distribution and housing resource fair on March 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am- 11:00am in the SPE Bus Loop. Plus, we have FREE GROCERIES! Murdock's Market is open for Monday pick up! You submit an order form and pick up your groceries on the following Monday, AT NO CHARGE! And A FREE COOKING CLASS! Is your child interested in cooking? Sign them up for the free cooking class offered on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> by contacting Ms. Makayla. 850-879-2228. Lunch & samples of dish is included. Slots are limited. We continue to support our students with a 1 on 1 mentor and tutoring assistance upon requests! Plus, The Student Leadership Council is excited to announce Blue Pop Fridays (biweekly), price \$2.00. Be on the lookout for money forms being sent home. Lastly, does your student enjoy running, needs an after-school activity, or an activity that promotes health and exercise. Running in Patriots Style is the program for you! 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students recommended. Contact Ms. Jae at 850-510-7408 for more information! Does your family need assistance? Do you want to start a business, buy a home, or learn some money management? Contact Ms. Austin for more information on the financial literacy class and prizes offered! 850-443-0240

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