

Patriot Pride

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Proud Patriot Families,

Thank you for all your support as we continue to navigate the twists and turns accompanying the start of the school year. There is nothing like being together again. Our staff was so excited to meet their new students, see the return of familiar faces, and get right to work learning. Students are doing an admirable job learning the expectations and making every minute count by focusing on their work.

Be sure to check your child's agenda each day for important messages and to ensure that your child earned their Patriot stamp. The agenda is a critical communication tool between home and school because communication is vital to ensure our students are excelling. If you need to schedule a conference, please call the school or place a note in your child's agenda. We are a team and can do anything if we work together. If you have not joined your child's Class Dojo, please reach out to your child's teacher. Class Dojo is another way to stay informed about what is going on

within the classroom.

We have started our first round of progress monitoring testing. Results will be made available through Parent Portal. If you are not connected to your child in Parent Portal, please stop by the main office, show your photo ID, and retrieve your PIN number. Parent Portal is another great tool to keep you informed of your child's progress. Again, all progress monitoring data will be made available through Parent Portal. In addition, all interim reports and report cards will be sent home electronically through Parent Portal.

We have a school wide AR goal of 21,000 points this year. So, remember to pick up a good book and READ, READ, READ!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dardis, Principal

Upcoming Events:

October:

5 – Fall Picture Day – Leadership Dress

7 – Student Early Dismissal at 12:30, \$2 dress down

13 – End of 1st 9 weeks

17 – Teacher Workday/No School

21 – 1st Quarter PBIS – Bingo & Nachos

24 – Report Cards sent home electronically

28 – Student Early Dismissal at 12:30

November:

4 – \$2 Dress Down

9 – SAC Meeting 8:30 am

11 – Veteran's Day Holiday – No School

18 – Interim Reports, Student Early Dismissal at 12:30

21 through 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Grade Level News:

Kindergarten News:

Kindergarten has spent the first few weeks of school learning school procedures, classroom routines, and making new friends! We are working hard in reading to learn our letter names and sounds, blend letter sounds together to form simple words, and begin to learn our sight words. Our goal in Kindergarten is to teach your child how to read. We will be practicing a lot! You can help your child by practicing their sight words and listening to them read their reading passages at home every day. Students will be tested on their first set of sight words the first week of October. In math, we are learning to count and recognize numbers 0-10. Look for opportunities at home to point out numbers in your environment and practice counting different objects throughout the day. We end our day with hands-on Science activities. Science is everywhere and the students are eager to use their observation skills to explore their world.

First Grade News:

Wow! We have had a great start in first grade! We have loved getting to know every student in our classes. In language arts, first graders are learning to identify and describe main story elements in a story, such as the characters, setting, and sequence of events. They are learning how to write about the beginning, middle, and end of the story using these main story elements. First graders will learn how to identify the topic and important details of a text. In math, students learned how to count forward to 120 or backwards from 120. They are beginning to learn how to read and write numbers to 100 in standard form, expanded form, and word form. They will explore place value concepts using tens and ones and will use strategies to decide whether a number is greater than, less than, or equal to another number. Students should be bringing their library books home. Read with your child every night and practice addition and subtraction math facts with your child at home. Students can also log in to Smarty Ants and Freckle Math for some extra practice. Thank you for your support so far this year!

Second Grade News:

During September and October, second graders will continue learning about the story elements by learning about characters, settings and events. Students will be able to find text evidence to prove the author's purpose. The students will be able to use clues from the story to justify whether the author wanted to persuade, inform, or entertain the reader. In addition, students will analyze stories to find the theme or underlying meaning. Students will read daily at their independent level and show comprehension of the book by taking tests in Accelerated Reader. In math, students will learn test taking strategies to help them think both concretely and abstractly. The students will learn how to read and write three-digit numbers in standard form, expanded form, and word form. They will learn how to compose and decompose a number. For example, the number 345 could be shown as 345 ones; 3 hundred, 4 tens and 5 ones; 34 tens and five ones or 3 hundreds and 45 ones. They will learn number sense by determining the place the digit is located and the value it has because of the place that it is in. In addition, rounding to the nearest ten will help teach them estimation skills. They will categorize numbers into even and odd and be able to sequence numbers on a number line. In science, students are learning to use observation skills and scientific tools to complete investigations. In social studies, students are learning map and globe skills. They may have already asked you about where their relatives lived when we discussed the many places we live. They can't believe that we live in so many places. Think about it! We are on Earth, in North America, in the United States, in Florida, in Polk County and some of us also live in Lakeland. They are amazed when we show them how we fit in this world! We are excited to explore, learn and grow in second grade!

Student Leaders

These students have exhibited the seven habits for the month of August.

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Cabrera – Braylynn Behrens
Ms. Castor – Ana-Luz Perez
Mrs. DeBorg – Harper McCarthy
Mrs. Horton – Leela Bishop

1st Grade:

Ms. Arnold – Prim Voyles
Ms. Delisle – Adilyn Howland
Mrs. Spong – Derek Reyes
Mrs. Steele – Alayah Knight

2nd Grade:

Mrs. Bing – Thea Hawkins
Ms. Grant – Charlotte Hall
Ms. Lucido – Chloe Whipple
Ms. Schultz – Lily Blevins

3rd Grade:

Mrs. Beardsley – La'Miya Allen
Ms. Clark – Sophia Key
Mrs. Marsland – Sage Burger-Dejesus
Ms. Roper – Hunter Burns

4th Grade:

Mrs. Maldonado – Isaiah Sullivan
Mrs. Murphy – Anthony Deveraux
Mr. Packard – Jax Smith

5th Grade:

Mrs. Hollingsworth – Donovan Croft
Mrs. Lunsford – Kayden Clark
Ms. Rivera – Claire Maslyn

Ms. Hill – Jerell Fudge
Mrs. Weaver – Kailey Cecchini
Mrs. Zimmerman – Santiago Silva

Pre-K:

Mrs. Jakubik/Ms. Gloster – Mason Miller
Mrs. Roberts – A'nya Elbert

Third Grade News:

The start to the school year has been full of fun new challenges! Our third graders have been working hard on Place Value and Number Relationships by reading, writing, comparing, and ordering numbers from 0 to 10,000. We will be focusing on adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers next! In reading, we are explaining how text features contribute to the meaning of the text. We are also identifying the text structures of chronology, comparison, and cause/effect in text. Your third graders should also be able to explain the development of an author's purpose in an informational text. In the upcoming weeks, we will be enhancing our reading skills by describing character traits, motivations, and feelings. In science, we are asking scientific questions, using tools, and collecting evidence! Now, the question is, "what can you do at home?" Read, read, read! Your students should be reading every evening at home and practicing their multiplication math facts. Be on the lookout for our weekly newsletter that will go home in the agenda every Monday, and make sure you have joined our ClassDojo!

Fourth Grade News:

Hello from fourth grade! What a busy year it has been so far. We hope all is well with you and your families and that your child is enjoying fourth grade. We just wrapped up our beginning of the year testing and are delving into the data. Please get with your child's teacher about scores if you are interested. In Reading we have learned all kinds of different concepts. A few of those include text structures, idioms, text features, and character/setting/plot. We will continue spiraling with these standards throughout the year. In Science we have learned how to make observations and inferences, using visual literacy within Scientific texts, and have been excited about our experiments! The end to our first unit is coming up which means we will be testing soon. In Math we have learned how to compare and round numbers, add and subtract multi-digit numbers, and learned about the 10x rule with place value. Please continue practicing those rounding skills! Please check our weekly/bi-weekly newsletter, have your child read at least 20mins per night, have your child practice their math facts, and sign their agenda daily.

Fifth Grade News:

We have made so many memories during our Leader in Me lessons and many hands-on activities, including learning about each other through our all about me dodecahedrons. In reading, we have been working on identifying text structure, author's perspective and analyzing primary/secondary sources. We will be moving on to analyzing multiple accounts of the same event or topic and noting the differences and similarities in the point of view. We have also been working on vocabulary, such as, using context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words, homographs and will begin working on Greek and Latin prefixes soon. Students have also been reading many books and getting AR points!! In math, we started with learning how to find the volume of right rectangular prisms and composite figures composed of right rectangular prisms. Next, we will be learning all about the order of operations, GEMA/PEMDAS, how to write expressions, and multi digit multiplication using several different strategies. We will then move on to understanding the relationship between multiplication and division and using that understanding to solve long division problems. Please encourage your students to practice multiplication facts, which are necessary to ensure success with most math skills/standards. In science, we have learned about making scientific observations, using the scientific method, replication and repetition, interpretation and verified observation. We used fossils to help us practice interpretation and verified observation skills. Soon we will be learning about atomic theory, the water cycle and weather and precipitation through many different hands-on scientific investigations and experiments. Please refer to our weekly newsletter and class dojo to stay informed on everything that is happening in 5th grade.

7- Habits Spotlight

Each month students will learn about one of the seven habits in great detail. In September, students learned about Habit 1 – Be Proactive. Being proactive means to take responsibility for your choices and behaviors. Habit 1 is the key to all of the other habits. Part of being proactive is being able to stop and think before we act. With your child, do some role-playing to practice the skill of stopping and thinking in different situations.

During the month of October, students will be learning about Habit 2 – Begin with the end in mind. This habit means to think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started. For example, reading a recipe before cooking or looking at a map before leaving on a trip is beginning with the end in mind. To practice this habit, ask your child if there is something special, he or she would like to buy, then help your child plan how much money he or she will need to save and how long it will take. Discuss ideas for earning extra money like doing additional chores and helping around the house.

FROM THE MEDIA CENTER:

We have kicked off the school year with a fun start to learning the different spaces in the library. Students completed a scavenger hunt in the library to find different types of books and important places. New in the library this year is the “Cozy Reading Corner” where students can choose a flexible seat to enjoy their books when they are done with checkout. We have a variety of seats like stools, cushions and lap desks amiable for students to use during quiet reading time.

Please make sure that students are taking care of the books they bring home each week. They are held responsible for books that leave the campus, and should return them in the condition they were checked out in. Fines will be assessed for books destroyed (wetness, pages ripped out, drawn or written in) or lost for more than 45 days. We understand that wear and tear happens to our library books but we want to try and preserve them for as long as possible for many students to enjoy!

This year our school’s AR goal is 21,000 points across the grade levels, so make sure students are reading all of the wonderful books they bring home. Each student is still expected to be reading and taking quizzes to earn AR points in class. Please note that AR quizzes are only available to be done in school at this time, therefore, students will not have access to AR at home.

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

To reach our Media Specialist you can email Christine.Gramza@polk-fl.net, but please note Mrs. Gramza started maternity leave in September. If you have an urgent matter in the next few weeks that needs attention pertaining to library and checkout, please contact the office. Otherwise Mrs. Gramza will respond to all emails and inquiries when she returns to school.



ACADEMIC COACHES CORNER:

We are off to a great start this year, and we’re excited to see all that this year will bring for our Patriots! To help support your child in math this year, be sure to practice math facts daily. (Please see the chart below for each grade level’s math fact skill). To help support your child in reading, continue reading AR books daily. Read for at least 20 minutes each day to power up those reading skills!

Mrs. Miller and Ms. Pierce

Our Proactive Patriots Math Fact Skills:

Kindergarten	Identifying and writing numbers
1 st -2 nd Grade	Addition and Subtraction Math Facts
3 rd -5 th Grade	Multiplication and Subtraction Facts

Art Updates

Greetings from the art room! Since it’s the beginning of a new year, I will start with a small introduction of myself. My name is Lindsey Meyer and this is my fourth year as the art teacher at Carlton Palmore. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with all of my students, new and old!

At the start of the year, all of my students are learning about the basic elements and principles of art, from kindergarten who is being introduced to them to fifth graders who are busily applying what they have learned through the years to their art. We’ll be doing a few projects to reflect the autumn season as well as preparing for our first art exhibition at the Polk Museum. Our first show will include art from K-2 classes.

Because of the many shows and exhibitions, we participate in, I hold on to our students’ finished projects when we have completed a major one. This is why you won’t see any big projects coming home throughout the year, but I always make sure to send all artwork home in May.

Thank you and never hesitate to reach out with any questions!