

The Principal's Corner

Welcome back Wayman Eagles. I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Vacation. It was great to see all of our students arrive back to school on Tuesday. We are particularly proud of the students who arrived to school on time after a week off.

This school year is just speeding by us and we are excited to enter the last quarter of the 2012-13 school year. Students will receive their third report card on April 12th. We will have only about eight weeks of instruction but that is certainly time for goals to be set so that continued growth can be seen. Many outside activities will be starting for children and it can become difficult to remain focused on their academics. It will be important to continue to monitor homework and attitudes to insure that students are continuing to show responsibility, respect and a readiness to learn.

Please remember that students in Kindergarten through second grade will be taking the FAIR assessments throughout the month of April. Students in third through fifth grade will be taking the FCAT in Reading, Mathematics, and Science from April 15th – April 23rd. While these are only one of many assessments taken by our students, they are indeed the important ones that give you information about how your child compares to those in the school, county and state. FAIR scores in K-2 decide whether a student will be retained in their grade level or not. FCAT reading scores of 2 or higher are also a promotional requirement for third grade students. We ask that you consider the dates carefully when planning any appointments and trips.

Thank you for your continued support.

Simaran Bakshi

Principal

The World of Kindergarten

Our Kindergarteners this month are learning about subtraction in Math. Subtracting the negative and adding the positive creates a beautiful learning experience for this Spring. Reading and Writing has come to be double the experience, as we dive into our reading. Asking questions and paying attention to the details in our pictures helps us to remember the characters in the books, as well as the story order. In Skills we have two new words to add to our sight word list...THE and SAID, of course still reviewing I, a, and, at, for, go, here, have, is, like, my, see, and to. With that being said, we move along to science, where we are using our 5 senses to see, hear, taste, smell, and feel our way into new discoveries. Social Studies has opened our eyes this month into our family trees. As we learn about all the different kinds of families we see and why each one is special to us.

1st Grade

As the year is coming to a close we are still hard at work in first grade. We recently celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss and loved reading many of his books. We are conducting class experiments in science to help us learn how plants work. In math we are learning about doubles and how we can solve word problems.

In writing the students are busy writing reports. We are putting together individual reports on various topics. As always we could use any extra supplies from parents like pencils and tissues. Any items are greatly appreciated.



- *4/1 Last Day of Spring Break—No School*
- *4/2 Back to School*
- *4/5 Teacher's Planning Day—No School*
- *4/10 Early Release—12:45 p.m.*
- *4/12 Report Cards—Go Home*
- *4/15–23 FCAT Testing*
- *4/24–26 FCAT Make-ups*
- *4/08–5/16 FAIR Testing*



FAMILY NIGHT
5:30 P.M. — 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 4

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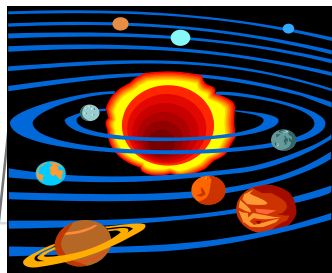
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2nd Grade

March was certainly filled with lots of activities. We second graders were excited to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 1 followed by the Dr. Seuss family fun night on March 7. Then a week later we had a wonderful visit with Captain Citrus. We learned about how citrus fruits are important to our health. We also learned that Florida is the citrus capital of the United States. How amazing is that? We are studying hard in each of our subjects. We want to say thank you for all your help and support. We couldn't do it without you. We have a new saying, too: "Reach for the stars"! In Math, we are striving to learn our measurements. It takes a lot of work to remember there are twelve inches in one foot and there are three feet in one yard. We are also learning new liquid measurements. For example, now we know there are four quarts in a gallon and two cups in a pint.

Biographies are books written about a person's life. We read a few biographies and in the process we learned why Teddy Roosevelt became known as the "Conservation President." More importantly, we had a chance to write our own biographies. It was amazing to think of everything we've done in our young lives. Next came the study of families and how important they are. Our families impact our lives every day.

Finally, in Science we are learning how to study the things around us and ask questions. Currently we are asking questions about the solar system. Did you know there are actually only eight planets in our solar system? We also learned that although Mercury is closest to the sun, Venus is the hottest planet. Why? Venus is the hottest planet because it has more cloud cover and that means it keeps more heat.



3rd Grade

Thank you parents for your continuous support as we prepare our students for the FCAT. We are working tirelessly to ensure students' mastery of skills. We are extremely proud of them as they continue to show growth in the content areas. The students share our same enthusiasm when receiving their results from the bi-weekly Reading and Math Scrimmage Assessments! As a result, our goal for the FCAT is 3 OR MORE IS WHAT WE'LL SCORE.....G00000000000 EAGLES!

4th Grade

Our Focused Fourth Graders are using technology daily in preparation for FCAT Math. Parents please encourage your child to continue practicing by going online to Florida Achieves—Focus, IXL.com. Additionally students should complete the Spring Break Math packet. FCAT testing begins with Reading on Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Math follows on Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18, 2013. Each session is 70 minutes. It is important for student to arrive on time to school and be well rested.

Finally, due to allergies and colds, we are in need of tissues and hand sanitizer. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Dr. Mitchell's Authentic Readers (5th)

With the 2013 FCAT quickly approaching, we can't help but rigorously plow the fields of READ-ing! We're expecting a harvest of 4's and 5's that will allow us to expand our Eagles' wings to a new height of learning. Fifth grade is tilling the grounds of author's purpose and perspective, comparing and contrasting elements of plot structure, finding cause and effect relationships, identifying main idea and relevant details, using reference sources and locating, interpreting, and organizing information. Parents, please encourage your child to complete the reading packet that accompany them during their Spring Break.

5th Grade Math and Science

FCAT Explorer, Achieves, IXL...Oh My! With just some of the resources that provide 5th Graders practice on their road to success. We are at the home stretch now for the FCAT. Testing dates are April 15-26. Make up dates included. We are excited to put our learning to the test. For the first time ever 5th grade will take their Math FCAT on the computer. We are spending as much time as possible in the lab to be fully adjusted to this new testing environment. Students please continue to do so over Spring Break (March 25—April 1). A Spring Break packet was sent home for Math and Science practice. These packets are Standards based and will provide continued practice and enrichment.



Congrats to Wayman's Mathletes!!

Our 5th graders competed in Mathletics 2013 at Rivercity Science Academy on Saturday, March 16th. Mathletics is a math competition where 5th graders from all over the county compete for great prizes. Our 5th graders represented Wayman Academy and their families very well. These students came to Saturday School to work with Ms. Wilson and Ms. Childs to prepare for the competition. We are sooooo proud of our 5th graders:

Gabriel Allen,

Ronesha Collier

Key'Ana Gadson

Chinae Haines

Chamaurie Jackson

Dymond Johnson

Lisa King

Miah Strong

Tamar Taylor

Emmanuel Williams



Mathletics 2013