



The Principal's Corner

Greetings Wayman Eagles,

Happy New Year! I can't believe we are already halfway through our school year... There is still so much to do! I want to thank the families that work hard to get their children here to school everyday and on time.

Parents our 3rd-5th graders' State Assessments are around the corner. Teachers and students have been working hard as we continue to prepare students for these assessments. Please continue to support us by helping your child know the importance of completing assignments, asking questions, and paying attention in class. Remember that children need rest and routines. Stay consistent with home-work routines, bed times, and behavior expectations. It will help your children get the most out of the learning time.

As always, if at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Simaran Bakshi
Principal

Assistant Principal's Corner

Welcome back parents and students. I wish all WAA families a new year filled with hope and promise. Here at WAA we are ready to make 2014 a year filled with success through hard work and dedication by providing students with daily opportunities to grow. The hard work is the responsibility of us all- teachers, students, staff, families, and administrators. I know together we can make learning an exciting adventure for our boys and girls. Remember.....Hard work pays off!!!!

Ms. Hare



Kindergarten

We're rocking and rolling in Kindergarten and are so proud of our students for keeping up! In Writing, our focus has been on functional writing, and explaining "how to" do or make something. In Math, we are ordering numbers, using the vocabulary such as fewer, more, same as, etc. These lessons will better prepare our students for addition and subtraction which is being introduced very soon. In Skills, we are continuing to add to our sight word list and have been focusing on making words with the -at and -an word families. In Reading, we are comparing and contrasting different books, both fiction and nonfiction. Please continue to work with your child everyday as YOU play a huge role in your child's education.



- 1/1—New Year's Day (No School)
- 1/2-3—Weather Days (No School)
- 1/6—Return from Winter Break
- 1/8—Early Release (12:45 p.m.)
- 1/16—End of 2nd Quarter
- 1/17—Teacher's Planning Day (No School)
- 1/20 No School (MLK Day)
- 1/22—Early Release (12:45 p.m.)
- 1/27—Theater Works: Rock & Rock Dino Show for K-5 (School Assembly)
- 1/30—Report Cards (Go Home); Writer's Tea (2:00 p.m.)
- 1/31—Student of the Month Celebration



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1st Grade

Wow! We are now beginning the second half of the first grade and it has gone by so fast. By now in Reading your child should be using their reading strategies to sound out unknown words. They should also be reading most of their high-frequency words with good fluency. When reading with your child at home, please make sure they are using those strategies and retelling the story to you to enhance their comprehension. In Math, we have been working on greater than/less than/equal and balancing equations. Please continue reviewing all math that comes home to ensure their understanding. In Writing, we have been focusing on writing a complete story about a single topic. We have written make-believe and expository stories, where we have been able to explain things about our own lives. Please continue working with your child on a daily basis and if you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Have a wonderful New Year!

WAA 1st Grade Team

2nd Grade

What exciting months November and December have been! We second graders have been busy accepting new challenges and we are certainly willing to receive more. One of our biggest challenges was learning addition with carrying. Wow! That was quite a process. We knew our basic math facts but now we learned to apply them in a whole new way. We are proud to say we can add two digit numbers and we can carry. Even more exciting than this we can subtract two digit numbers with regrouping. That means we are almost ready for third grade math with Ms. Shehee and Ms. Taylor.

We celebrated *The Polar Express* by having a pajama and teddy bear themed Christmas party. That was special. We got to spend the day with our furry best friends and we got to watch one of the best Christmas movies. A thoughtful part of December was learning to write friendly letters. We even got the chance to write letters to

a few lonely soldiers. It was a nice way to say thank you. Best of all was the Christmas program presented by Ms. Stubbs and Mr. King. We enjoyed seeing the results of all the hard work and we loved seeing our friends as they danced a unique version of the Nutcracker. Wow! There might be a few of our friends who are Broadway bound.

3rd Grade

Parents and family, Congratulations on completing the first half of the 2013-14 academic school year! The Wayman Family (faculty, administration, parents, Team-Up staff) have joined forces to ensure our students receive the best education possible in preparation for the FCAT. On January 6, 2014, we will continue the momentum. Here are a few helpful hints:

1. review homework with your child daily
2. sign agenda book/planner daily
3. adhere to scheduled parent-teacher conferences
4. make sure student gets proper amount of rest
5. read at least 15 - 30 minutes daily with your child
6. allow student to practice reading and math skills on

www.fcatexplorer.com (students user ID and Password are stapled inside of their agenda book/planner.

7. Other useful websites for reading and vocabulary skills:

<http://www.quia.com/rr/186396.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cb/617009.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cb/213396.html>

<http://www.quia.com/rr/176859.html>

capstonelibrary.com: user id and password is Jacksonville

8. additional website for math is:

<http://www.ixl.com/>. user id and password is attached to the student's agenda book/planner. As always parents, we appreciate your continuous support.

Third Grade Team

4th Grade

Happy New Year!

Welcome back students, we hope everyone had a great holiday break. Now it's time to get back to work because

FCAT is approaching fast. This month we will pick up where we left off with finding equivalent fractions and writing fractions in simplest form. We will also discuss decimals, and percent of fourths, tenths, and hundredths, and their connections to our everyday life. Always remember to study your multiplication and division facts daily!

In Reading, author's purpose, cause and effect, homographs, suffixes, and base words with affixes. Please, keep reading your chapter books. Visiting your local library is an enjoyable and educational experience for the whole family.

In Writing, we have begun our unit on Expository Writing. We learned that when the prompt asks us to explain something we need to write an expository essay instead of a narrative story. Writing a five paragraph essay encompasses an initial paragraph which should engage the reader, three paragraphs with three general reasons, and a concluding paragraph. The concluding paragraph must recap the reasons and details given in the essay. I look forward to reading your next expository essays.

5th Grade

Fifth grade has been working hard to master the standards. We have covered adding and subtracting decimals and are currently working on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators. We will be moving into measurement after this current topic. In science, we have begun our unit on the Solar System. The next unit of study will be weather. Please make sure your child is reading 20 minutes a night and ask them monitoring questions to check comprehension. At this time we are in desperate need of glue sticks and tissues. Any donations would be much appreciated. Please remember to send your child in uniform every day and with needed classroom supplies. Don't forget that the second quarter ends January 16, 2014.