



The Principal's Corner

Greetings Wayman Eagles,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final trimester for this school year! Our students have really been working hard! I would like to congratulate our 3rd-5th grade students on completing the FCAT testing in April. The students took these tests very seriously and used their test taking strategies when completing the testing sessions. I would like to thank our staff and parents for their efforts in helping students feel prepared and comfortable with the testing. Parents will be informed about their child's individual results as soon as they are released by Florida Department of Education.

As many of you remember, we had the pep rally, "Rock the FCAT" before testing. There were incredible dance performances from both a professional team and also our very own students. Pictures from the event can be found on our website's updated picture gallery. Share and enjoy!

May will bring numerous opportunities for students, staff, and parents to come together and celebrate accomplishments with special activities. We currently rewarded our K-5 students and staff with a fun filled Play Day on Friday, April 26th. The Play Day brought a good time for everyone and was certainly a big hit. Big thanks to Pastor Griffin and the wonderful volunteers who made this possible.

All grade levels are also in the midst of preparing their special end of the year events, so please watch for flyers and notices from the grade level teams. These events are, of course, in addition to many spring field trips and year-end celebrations. Watch for details concerning our upcoming field days, class outings, and year-end parties.

Sincerely,

Simaran Bakshi

The World of Kindergarten

Parents, we are so excited at the great gains our Kindergarteners are making at the end of the school year. In writing our focus is on Author Study. This means each teacher will pick an author and learn more about their life, education, and various books they have written. In math we are concluding with subtraction, still reviewing addition and getting ready to study the calendar and time. In science we are studying plant and animal life and in so-

cial studies the various roles transportation plays in our lives. We encourage parents to read with their child every night. We are still studying Theme 9 in reading, where we are learning many things about spring and how things grow.



- 5/1 Early Release—12:45 p.m.
- 5/2 3rd Grade Field Trip to Sally
- 5/3 1st Grade Field Trip to Theater Works
- 5/7 Progress Reports & Possible Retention Letters Go Home
- 5/14 2nd Grade Field Trip to Sally
- 5/22 Early Release—12:45 p.m.
- 5/23 2nd Grade Field Trip to Sally
- 5/16 Last Day of FAIR (K-2)
- 5/27 Memorial Day—No School
- 5/28 Retention Letter Sent Home; 5th Grade Field Trip to Sally; Book Fair Starts
- 5/29 Book Fair Continues
- 5/30 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip to Black Stallion; Book Fair
- 5/31 Student B-Days & Student of the Month Celebrations; Book Fair



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1st Grade

Our year is coming to a close, but we are still hard at work in First Grade!! In math we are working on subtraction strategies. Ask your child which strategy they like to use when subtracting and quiz them with some problems! In reading we are working on comparing and contrasting or noticing how things are alike and different. Ask your child to tell you how things in their everyday life are alike and different. You can also ask them to compare and contrast books that they read with or to you. We are continuing to FAIR test as well, so please make sure your child is in attendance every day.

2nd Grade

The third nine weeks simply whizzed on by and now here it is, the month of May and almost the end of the school year. We second graders have been busy with so many new and exciting ideas and concepts. We are so excited about everything we've been learning. We are studying the branches of government in Social Studies. Did you know there are three branches of government: judicial, legislative, and executive? We also learned the name of our mayor. Mom and Dad, meet Mayor Alvin Brown! Last of all, with Social Studies, we began studying the state capitols. Did you know the capitol of the United States is Washington D.C.? That's where the Lincoln Memorial is! Do you think we can visit someday? We are learning about adjectives, adverbs, and quotation marks in Language. It's fun to learn how to write interesting sentences using new and descriptive techniques! We like adverbs because they can describe an action. For example, I quickly did my homework. We know quickly is the adverb and we like homework!

We began working with greater than, less than and equal to in April. We are learning multiplication, division, and our measurement units. We are so thrilled about this new and just a little scary math, because it means we're ready for THIRD GRADE. We believe we can do it!

Thank you for taking a quick glimpse into our little world. We are happy to share.

3rd Grade

"Greetings Parents." The FCAT Testing is finally over and we feel confident that the students did their absolute best. We are looking forward to receiving their scores in the near future. As we finish out the 2012-2013 academic school year, let's keep in mind that school is still in session as the faculty of WAA continues to teach and prepare the students for the next grade level. As a result, continue to support your child's education by ensuring he/she attend school every day and adhere to the behavior policies and procedures. As always, we thank you for your continuous support.

3rd Grade Teachers!!!

4th Grade

Exciting activities are planned for this last quarter of the school year!

As our focused fourth graders continue to master 4th grade standards, they also are being introduced to 5th grade skills. Mrs. Wilson and some of her 5th graders are scheduled to lead us in joint Science inquiry experiments.

Additionally, students are adventure reading and discussing *The Black Stallion*. After reading the novel they will view the movie to compare and contrast genres. The adventure concludes with attending *The Horse Tales Literacy Project* on May 30th at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. Parents/Guardians are asked to complete

the permission form and return it with the \$10 admission fee by May 15, 2013.

Prior to the Horse Tales field trip, there is another outing to Sally Corporation on May 7th. Students will learn about art and animatronic technology used in museums exhibits, amusement parks, and motion pictures.

Please ensure that your student is present every day to participate in these educational and fun activities.

5th Grade

Wow! The end is quickly approaching, and we're excited about closing the chapter to our elementary school years. We're on our way to middle school! For the past two weeks, we read *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. This author had each of us on the edge of our seats anticipating the next move of Brian Robeson, a 13 year old who was the single survivor of a plane crash in the Canadian woods. We have analyzed author's purpose, character traits, vocabulary, and story structure. Several activities completed were SURVIVAL acrostic poems, RAFT writing, vocabulary windows, and story pyramids. We can hardly wait to begin reading *The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley.

5th grade did an outstanding test job! Having a great breakfast, staying alert, using excellent testing strategies and so much more! Look out 6th grade here we come!

In the coming months we will begin the planning and preparation for the 5th grade graduation and award ceremonies. How special!

Please continue to check Ms. Wilson's and Dr. Mitchell's website for upcoming dates and activities. We still have another 9 weeks of school. Let's continue to be on time every day and do our best.