



## The Principal's Corner

Dear Wayman Parents and Guardians,

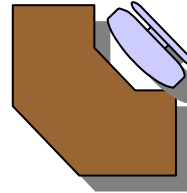
The first two months of the school year have been a whirlwind of excitement and activity! Students and teachers are fully secured into learning! Parent-teacher conferences were successful and very well attended! Thank you for your continued support!

On November 4th, report cards were sent home to share your child/children's first quarter grades in all the content areas including conduct and resources. The Wayman team will be working even harder to refocus our teaching to align with the new proficiency levels as well as the new Common Core State Standards to move our students even higher!

Staying connected is essential for students to learn and be happy in and out of school! Please utilize our email, or phone contacts to stay in touch to what is happening at school. Also, keep us aware of what is happening at home that could impact the learning of your child. Research shows that students with involved parents' are socially more adjusted and academically more successful. Thank you for the support you provide both in and out of the classroom. It truly makes all the difference.

I hope you enjoy the month of November!

Sincerely,  
Simaran Bakshi  
Principal



- 11/3— 2nd Grade Field Trip  
12:00 p.m. (Theater Works:  
Junie B Jones)
- 11/4—Report Cards (Go Home)
- 11/5—Early Release (12:45 p.m.)
- 11/10— Weather Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 11/11—Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 11/19—Early Release (12:45 p.m.)
- 11/25—Writer's Tea (2:00 p.m.)/SOM Pictures
- 11/26—Weather Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 11/27-28—Thanksgiving Holiday (NO SCHOOL)



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## Ms. Hare Assistant Principal's Corner

In some families, saying, "Oh, Dear!" doesn't mean something is broken. Instead, it means it's time for family reading. D-E-A-R stands for **Drop Everything And Read**. During DEAR time, everyone in the family sits down for some uninterrupted reading time. The TV goes off, the telephone goes unanswered and the computer is shut down. Wouldn't you like to have some DEAR time with your family? Enjoy!



## Kindergarten

Great job on completing the first nine weeks kindergarten! In reading and writing, students have learned about nouns, verbs, labels, captions, capitalization, punctuation, rhyming words, writing sentences, beginning sounds, and sight words. In math, we have been working on numbers, identifying more than, less than and equal to, and measurement. In science, we have learned about our 5 senses, science skills, scientific tools, living/nonliving and real/pretend. Our Kindergarteners had a BLAST on our field trip to the Jacksonville Main Library Downtown. They learned about fiction and nonfiction books and everything the library has to offer. We even had time to enjoy a few minutes hanging out at Boone Park. PLEASE remember to read with your child every night and continue to practice sight words!!

## 1st Grade

Hello 1st grade families!

We have just finished the first nine weeks and we are so proud of all the first graders. In math we will be expanding upon the standards we have learned to include balancing equations and place value. In reading we are tackling skills like main idea and sequencing. Keep up the good work first graders, and parents thank you for your support!

## 2nd Grade

It's been a busy first nine weeks for us second graders. We celebrated with a movie on Friday, October 17. We had a great book fair, too. That was exciting and we are looking forward to our first field trip to the Florida Theatre as well.

November will bring plenty of holidays and reasons to celebrate. For example, Veteran's Day is in November. Thank you to all of the brave men and women who fought so hard for our

freedoms. It must be difficult to spend so much time away from your families. Thanksgiving is in November, too. Sometimes we forget just how much we have to be thankful for. We have our families and a good school and caring teachers. Math always brings an interesting challenge. We started studying addition with carrying and subtraction with borrowing. The hardest part wasn't finding the sums and the differences but being able to explain how we got the answers! Next we started learning to tell time to the half hour and to the quarter hour.

Language Arts is just as thrilling. We are still learning how to develop and write a clear paragraph. Our wonderful Reading Coach has a monthly Writer's Tea for our top writers. We are taught to use an opening sentence that will get someone's interest. Next we use details to keep their interest. Finally we restate our opening sentence. Whew! Now that's some hard work.

## 3rd Grade

This month students are excited about participating in the Book-It reading program which earns Pizza Hut coupons for students who submit four reading responses per month. Our focus of study in Language Arts is cause and effect, sequencing, and persuasive writings. In Social Studies we are studying the U.S. government. KUDOS to our students for creating informative branches of the government posters, a job well done. These creative posters are on display in the hallway of the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades building.

In Science students are learning about the scientific tools. In Math the focus is on understanding the meaning of multiplication and division. Students are showing evidence of progress in math by earning 83 bronze awards and 4 silver awards this first quarter using the Mathletics program. Way to Go! Students are encouraged to practice Mathletics on

their electronic devices at home, in addition to the four days we practice at school. The Acaletics Math Club is also in full swing daily providing students practice with all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math standards.

We are very proud of our Students of the Month for being excellent role models.

In

## 4th Grade

fourth grade we have been accomplishing a lot in English Language Arts! In reading, we have worked on many comprehension strategies to ensure the students understand fictional and informational texts. In writing, we have been working on argumentative or opinion writing. In social studies, our main focus has been on map skills. In Mathematics, we are learning about multiplication and division in word problems. You should have received a parent letter last week. In Science, we are continuing to learn how to think like a scientist. We are discussing how scientists use tools to collect data during investigations .

## 5th Grade

Wow, this year is flying by fast! As the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks approaches, we will continue the rigor in the classroom. Here are some of the skills we will be focusing on:

- Science: What are solids, liquids, and gases (matter)
- Math: multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals
- Language Arts: Text Structure, Point of View, Poetry, Opinion Writing,
- Social Studies: Ancient cities and historical trade routes.

Please remember to check your child's agenda daily.