



## The Principal's Corner

Greetings Wayman Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful having the children back in school. We are amazed by the behavior and wonderful manners that the children have brought back with them. It is evident that the students and teachers have spent time discussing classroom routines and school-wide procedures. As we walk through the hallways and visit classrooms, we are impressed at how quiet the school is and by the teaching and learning that is already taking place at Wayman Academy of the Arts.

Should you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions during the school year, please do not hesitate to call us at 695-9995. Our purpose is to help each child become the very best he/she can be. Effective communication between home and school is extremely important in achieving this goal. We encourage you to be well informed with up to date information about your child's class and our school. If you wish to discuss a matter that directly affects your child in the classroom, please speak with your child's teacher first. He/She is the person who interacts with your child on a daily basis and will be able to address your concerns. Your child's teacher would be the best person to help you in the areas of: your child's academic progress, any behavioral concerns you may have, any concerns or questions you may have about classroom routines or procedures, classroom discipline matters, and homework. In addition, the classroom teacher can share ideas to help you reinforce skills and concepts taught at school.

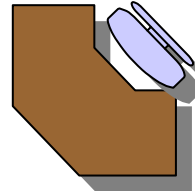
If your concerns center on a school wide practice, please direct your call to one of us. We will do our best to contact you as soon as we possibly can.

Thank you,  
Simaran Bakshi

## Ms. Haro Assistant Principal's Corner

What a wonderful beginning to the 2014-2015 school year! Our boys and girls are hard at work mastering Florida State Standards. Parents, please remember that your child's education is a partnership. Help him/her create high expectations, and then make sure they do all the work expected of them as well as their abilities allow. Also, keep in mind that Reading is a multifaceted process that develops only with practice. Therefore, please encourage your child to read at least 15-30 minutes every night from a variety of sources; including magazines, newspapers, and fiction and non-fiction books.

Happy Reading!!!!



- 9/1—Labor Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- 9/10—Early Release Day (12:45 p.m.)
- 9/18—Open House (5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.)
- 9/23—Progress Reports go home
- (9/24—Early Release Day (12:45 p.m.)
- 9/26—Writer's Tea; Student of the Month (SOM) Pictures



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## Kindergarten

Parents:

We are off to a wonderful year in Kindergarten! All of the teachers are thrilled to start using our new reading curriculum, *Journeys* to teach the Common Core Standards. We are happy to see so many students wearing their school uniforms and are asking that their participation in our uniform policy continues throughout the school year.

Every student has received a **blue homework folder**. **Homework is assigned Monday through Thursday and is due on the next school day.** We are asking for parents and students to read a book together every night for 15-30 minutes. Lastly, if any transportation changes occur, please write a note in your child's agenda or call the front office at (904) 695-9995.

The Kindergarten Team

## 1st Grade

The first graders are off to a great start learning the rituals and routines of reading, writing, and mathematics. Next week we will officially begin our Journeys Basal reading series and discussing "What is a Pal?" In Mathematics we are focusing on addition and subtraction fluency, counting up to 120, and the commutative property. In Science we are continuing to learn about scientific tools and how we can use our senses.

The First Grade Team

## 2nd Grade

Welcome back, fabulous second graders! We are thrilled to see so many students excited to learn new things.

Can you believe we've already been hard at work for three weeks? In fact, we've taken our very first I-Ready reading test. We can't wait to see how much we improve throughout the year. You might be interested to see just what we're studying.

We are studying Prediction in Reading. It's really cool how Prediction in Reading and Inferences in Science are almost the same.

One of the best things we learned in Science was how to do a small experiment and see how the results might turn out. For example, we looked around the classroom, closed our eyes and tried to remember where different things had been. It was like the room had been rearranged!

Math is not quite as easy as last year but we are willing to take on the challenge. We are studying place value and even and odd numbers. It's fun to show what we know. For example, did you know 613 has a group of 6 hundreds?

Finally, we want to remind you of a couple of things: Thank you for remembering to sign our planners daily; being to school by 7:45; and helping us to do our best with daily homework.

The Second Grade Superstars

## 3rd Grade

Welcome to Third Grade Parents and Scholars.

Please be aware our day begins with Intensive Reading at 7:45 each day. If you have not returned any of the paperwork that went home during the first week of school, please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that we have a current phone number for each scholar. It is also necessary for each scholar to come prepared for class each day with their agenda, homework and all necessary supplies. We have a very rigorous year ahead and without these tools instruction is delayed. As we look down the road each scholar will be required to pass the Florida Standards Assessment in March. Let's make every day count by coming prepared to learn each and everyday.

## 4th Grade

It has been a busy start to the school year in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade! We began the year with lessons that set up rituals, routines and expectations. Students should now know their expectations when walking through the hallway, during a lesson and during independent work time.

In ELA, we are diving into our brand new Journey's curriculum. This curriculum is directly linked to the Florida state standards to ensure every child receives an education that will allow them to succeed on state testing and throughout their education. Students are also discovering the different components of social studies. Our first focus is on geography. This includes reading and using maps, as well as recognizing various landforms.

We're off to a great year in Mathematics and Science! We have put a *Math Curse* on all our students, and everywhere they go they see math problems! Parents, you'll see your child's math curse project at open house. We are reviewing place-value concepts and exploring new things in place-value like, *how are the place values related to each other?*

In Science, students are beginning to explore what scientists do, what skills they use, how they collect and use data, why they compare results, and what kinds of models they use! The *Science Curse* is coming soon!

## 5th Grade

Welcome to fifth grade! Here are some strategies for success: Be on time, have school agendas reviewed and signed daily for assignments/homework/conduct/important announcements, complete home reading logs, and review any school letters with parents. **Please note:** Students should not struggle with homework, but should use homework sessions as a reinforcement from daily class assignments. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers via phone or email. Please remember communication is key to every child's success! We look forward to embracing our new journey at Wayman Academy!