

Flamingo Flyer



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Apply for Free and Reduced Lunch at:
www.myschoolapps.com

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www.myschoolbucks.com

School Menu can be found at:
www.schools.mealviewer.com
(Search for Flamingo Elementary)

Food and Nutrition Services
Meal Benefits Office
754-321-0250

FLAMINGO ACADEMY BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Flamingo Academy After-School Care operates every school day from 2:00-6:00 p.m. The price for this awesome program is \$201 per 18 school days. We still have a few spaces left at every grade level. Flamingo Academy also takes much pride in participating in a district-wide Online Academic Gaming Competition called "Dimension U". We are very proud of our all our Dimension U students that have helped Flamingo win countless district competitions over the years. If your 3rd-5th grader is currently enrolled in Flamingo Academy, they can show you how to play on www.dimensionu.com at home too. During aftercare your student participates in several other activities like yoga, arts n' crafts, Spanish and computer lab. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 754-323-5730 so we can tell you how our program can help your child meet their maximum potential. If you have any questions, you can also e-mail a supervisor, Mr. or Mrs. Anderson at FlamingoASC@browardschools.com. We look forward to meeting you and seeing how we can meet your child's after-school enrichment needs.

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Mission Statement and Philosophy:

The mission of Flamingo Elementary School is to provide a safe and secure environment where a foundation of skills is built to ensure each student has developed good character and the knowledge to achieve success in all endeavors.

TITLE I

School Improvement Plan:

School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan on Flamingo's website. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan, please contact Ms. Stephanie Rodriguez, SAC Chair at (754) 323-5700.

School & District Parent and Family Engagement Plan:

School staff, district staff, and parents jointly develop these plans. These plans include the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's program. You can access the school plan at Flamingo's website. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan, please contact Ms. Stephanie Rodriguez, SAC Chair at (754) 323-5700.

School Accountability Report:

Parents may find information about our school's test scores, annual yearly progress, and school grades at www.fldoe.org/accountability.

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Dear Flamingo Family,

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the 2019-2020 has passed, and we have already started the month of November. Now that our first report cards have been issued and things have settled in, I would like to outline my two main goals for the 2019-2020 school year.

Goal 1: Increase academic and extra-curricular opportunities for our students

- Establish both a debate and robotics team that are well prepared to compete at the highest level
- Provide an educational trip to St. Augustine for our 4th Graders to have a “hands on experience” of what they are learning in their social studies curriculum
- Establish a National Junior Honor Society that provides acclaim and recognition to our students that are in the top 2% academically and behaviorally in our school
- Insure that each child receives what is needed to grow both socially and academically, and bring back our State Grade to an “A,” which was last achieved in the year 2015

Goal 2: Provide top quality customer service while also ensuring a safe environment, and increase parental and community engagement

- Provide opportunities for students, families, and staff to engage together for evening out activities, like “Batty Bingo,” where over 400 families and 42 Flamingo Elementary teachers and staff participated
- To ensure that each and every parent feels welcome, respected, and knows that they have a direct line to the principal if they should ever need
- That security measures and protocols are always followed, regardless of what time of day that a guest visits our campus
- To ensure that our building and classrooms are clean, inviting, and our students have the tools and technology necessary for a world class education

Flamingo Elementary is a top quality educational institution with some of the most professional, caring, dynamic teachers and staff that I have ever have had the pleasure of working with. By working together and having only the highest of expectations, I am very confident that these goals will be achieved, along with a whole lot more. I am looking forward to our best year ever!

Sincerely,
Philip Bullock
Principal



The students, teachers and staff have had a wonderful first quarter here at Flamingo Elementary. Students had the opportunity to participate in several week-long programs. They celebrated Peace Week with a variety of activities like Chalk for Peace and wearing PEACEful attire. Red Ribbon week brought many fun activities for our students. They wore red throughout the week, socked it to drugs with fun socks, teamed up against drugs with their favorite sports team and said hats off to a drug free life with their favorite hats.

Our PTO is keeping busy. In addition to organizing the fall fundraiser, a new and improved Flamingo Dollar store has opened. Students have the opportunity to earn Flamingo Dollars every day and then shop every 3 weeks. Students are loving the prizes they can purchase, and some are even learning to budget and save their dollars for something bigger and better down the road. PTO also gave out treats for Box Tops and plans for a Holiday Store are in the works.

The end of October was a very busy time. PTO's first family night, Batty Bingo, was a huge success. Hundreds of Flamingo families attended the event. The next morning, students in Pre-K through 2nd grade participated in a character parade. Students dressed up as a character from a book. Second grade students also displayed a cereal box that was created to represent their book. The parade was followed by 4th grade students hosting a wax museum. Third grade students and staff were given the opportunity to “push a button” and hear all about each individual.

I also want to take this opportunity to highlight a special group of 5th grade students. Safety patrols are helping all around campus before and after school. They are assisting students in the car lines, helping kindergarteners get to class quickly and safely and being an overall positive role model for all Flamingo students.

Thank you for helping to make the first quarter a very successful one here at Flamingo. We look forward to another extremely successful quarter!



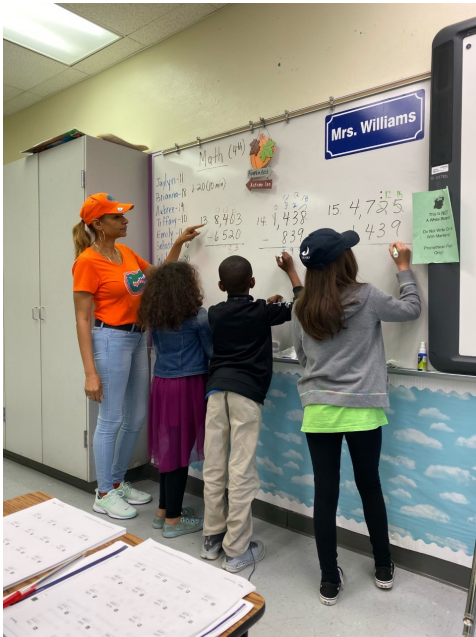
Hillary Arroyo, Assistant Principal



THE READING CORNER

Parents, Guardians and Grandparents play an important and influential role in their child's life when it comes to reading. Most of the time spent out of school is spent at home, which means parents are their children's most influential teachers. Here are some great reading ideas, strategies and tips that parents can incorporate at home and just around the corner.

- *Get the Whole Family Involved* in reading books aloud to each other. You can even role-play as you read aloud your favorite parts of the story.
- *Be a Reading Role Model* and make sure children see you reading. They need to see you with a book, newspaper or magazine in hand.
- Most importantly, *Encourage Reading*. Experts all agree that encouraging children to read is the most important thing parents can do to ensure children's success in school.
- *Go to the Public Library* often. It's free and has a great selection of books.
- *Read a Book in Unusual Places* like under a tree, in the park, at the mall, at the beach, in a tent, even at the pool. When it's fun and interesting everybody takes part. Parents can make reading fun and exciting for children.



RESOURCE TEACHER

Hello Parents,

I am Mrs. Williams, the reading and math resource teacher at Flamingo Elementary. I have the privilege of working with some of our amazing students in math and reading. In grades 1-3, we are currently working on phonics, sight words, and fluency. In 4th grade, we are working on math skills and fluency. I am excited about getting our students where they need to be academically so that they can be successful this school year.

Thank you,
Dawn Williams

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times per year. The District has also mandated that "code red" lock down drills be every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Flamingo Elementary will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using parent link. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, be sure that you keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 20
SAC & SAF Meeting 3:15
Kid of Character 6pm

Nov 27-29
Day Off – No School

Dec 2
4th Grade Field Trip

Dec 3-10
Olympics 8:30am

Dec 9
5th Grade Field Trip

Dec 18
SAC & SAF Meeting 3:15
Kid of Character 6pm

Dec 20
Early Release

Dec 23-Jan 3
Winter Break

Jan 6
Teacher Planning Day

Jan 20
No School

Jan 22
Class Group Pictures

Jan 29
Report Cards Issued



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MS. PADRON—GUIDANCE COUNSELOR



The Sun Sentinel Kid of Character Program, sponsored by Publix, is strong at Flamingo Elementary! So far over 60 students have been recognized for their character, specifically Cooperation and Responsibility. We honor students monthly for doing exemplary deeds at home, in school, and in the community. To learn more click on the link or visit https://www.nieonline.com/sentinel/downloads/curricula/KOC_2017-18.pdf



Flamingo students began the 2019-2020 school year with "Hello". This nationwide program promotes connectedness and inclusion. At our school we are proud that our students and staff are engaging in real conversations every day while they learn and work together.



As a part of the Western Zone, together we have been collecting non-perishable items to donate to the Annual Harvest Drive. These donations will be shared with the many families in need in our community during the holiday season. We thank you for your donations. The final day of collection will be this Friday, November 15th.

During October, Flamingo students and staff participated in **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.



Our students and staff wore **pink** in support of all of those who have been affected while encouraging and supporting the ongoing research for a cure.



At the end of October, Flamingo Elementary students and staff participated in recognizing the importance of a 'Drug Free' life during **Red Ribbon Week**. Through various presentations, activities and conversations, it was made clear that goals can be achieved when you are living a healthy, drug free life!

Watch **PADDLING with PADRON** every Wednesday morning on the Flamingo Elementary schoolwide announcements for great tips on how to be the **BEST YOU!**





PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Reading & Writing: We are working diligently to enrich each student's reading and writing skills. To accomplish this, we continue to focus on teaching and reviewing letter names and sounds as well as learning and practicing sight words and word families. Our focus during our writing block, is for your child to become an Author and Illustrator of many different types of writing (Narrative, Informative, and Opinion). Below are some skills that you can assist your child with when writing at home. Our goal is to have our students read independently at level D by the end of the school year on BAS (Benchmark Assessment System). The skills below includes specific ways to work with your child to assist him/her get to the Instructional Level D:

-Accuracy: Recognizes high frequency sight words, Break apart beginning, middle and end sounds of CVC words, Easily find small chunks inside larger words, Listens to their own reading and self-corrects when the word they say does not match the printed text.

-Fluency: Reading voice sounds like conversation voice, Puts groups of words together in short phrases while reading.

-Comprehension: Can retell the story, Remembers the important details from the story, Begins to refer to specific pages as evidence from the story to support answers, thoughts and opinion.



Math: Students have been studying and learning about the numbers 1-9. They can recognize, write and read these numbers. They are comparing sets using counting and one-to-one correspondence. They are working on mastering concepts more than, less than, and the same as. The students solve a daily problem with the method -understand, plan, solve, check. They also are practicing math fact fluency. Thank you for practicing counting, number recognition, and facts with your child.



Technology: Your children are entering an educational career where they will use iPads, Kindle Tablets and Computers at school daily as tools for learning. It is important that in addition to reading at home, educational technology is also encouraged by families. The best online option your child has is iReady. This is a prescriptive learning path where children are tested individually and are assigned lessons based on which skills they need to remediate. Visiting the public library and checking out books to enjoy together is the best way to "read" but the internet is a great tool when that is not an option.

Science/Social Studies: Our Kindergarten students have been learning so much about the world around them. The students have been learning how to make observations using their five senses. We learned how to identify our five senses and the related body parts. The students learned how we can use multiple senses at one time to make observations too. We also had our first Science Day! The students participated in many fun and engaging science experiments related to Pumpkins and Fall. During our experiments the students asks questions to form a hypothesis about the experiments. We learn how to draw conclusions and report our results. In our Kindergarten classrooms we have also been learning about nocturnal animals such as bats and owls. We are learning they hunt for their prey at night and use echolocation. We look forward to all the fun things we will learn in the upcoming months!





August

First grade has had such a wonderful start! We have been reviewing and practicing classroom, hallway and cafeteria rules and procedures. We learned all about and put into practice how to be a good friend. Key reading strategies this month included the identification of the main idea of a text and how important details support that big idea. In the area of math, students were working on picking out the most important information in addition and subtraction word problems.

September

First grade fell right into Fall with activities all about pumpkins and apples. We learned all about sequencing, comparing and contrasting, as well as cause and effect. Math fluency was and will continue to be a focus as we work to increase the speed and accuracy of our recall of addition and subtraction facts. iReady is in full swing and students are receiving lessons for their specific needs in both the areas of reading and math in order to really grow at their individual skill levels. Open House on September 11th was a great success! Thank you to all of our families who participated and received a glimpse into a day in the life of a first grader.



October

October has been busy, busy, busy for our first graders. We learned all about the importance of fire safety and having a plan in place both at home and at school. Students have also been hard at work putting all of their new knowledge about spiders and bats into their reading and writing practice. Batty BINGO family night was a blast! We also had a great time participating in the Storybook Parade on October 31st.



As the first quarter comes to an end, we are delighted to see the amount of academic progress each student in Second Grade has made thus far. We are working diligently to enrich each student's reading and writing skills. To accomplish this, we are focused on teaching reading skills such as sequence of events, author's word choice, main topic and identifying key ideas and details as well as learning and practicing verbs and nouns. Our

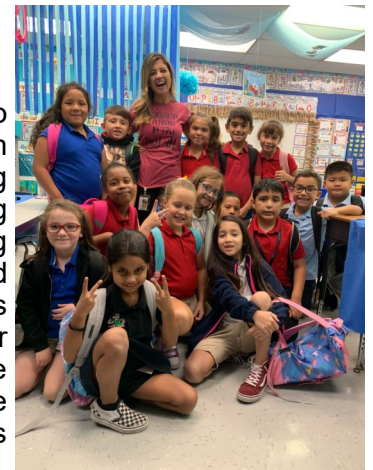
goal is to build a strong foundation for each student to become a better reader. We are broadening our student's knowledge in math by exploring and mastering place value and number sense with numbers through 1,000. We will continue to practice basic facts and relationships of addition and subtractions with numbers up to 20.

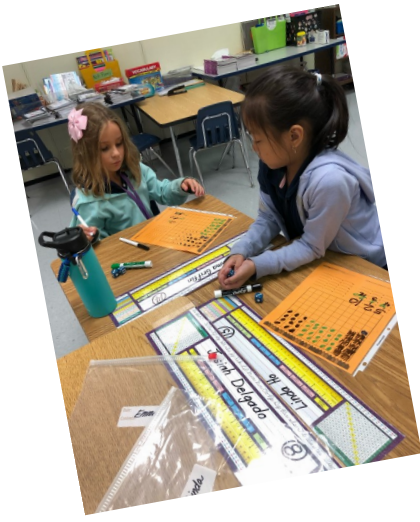
In science, we have learned how to identify what a Scientist is. We have also learned to identify earth structure such as the different types of rocks and layers of soil. We are now applying those skills during our hands-on activities in the science lab and in the classroom. Our weather unit was extremely successful and our students loved it! They completed a variety of hands-on activities as they investigated different types of sources used to collect weather data. We also would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents for all of their support, cooperation, and participation in family projects and events.

As we start the second quarter, our students will continue to strengthen their reading comprehension skills. We will continue to utilize reading and math computer programs such as iReady, Accelerated Reader, Imagine Learning and I-Station. These amazing tools will monitor our student's academic progress and will continue to provide resources to enrich their learning. Our students are buzzing with excitement as we infuse these technology tools into our curriculum.

Our goal as 2nd Grade teachers is to prepare our students to become problem solvers, independent learners, and creative thinkers. You are your child's first teacher and we want to thank you for your continued support. With all of these amazing events and learning opportunities, 2nd Grade is the place to be!

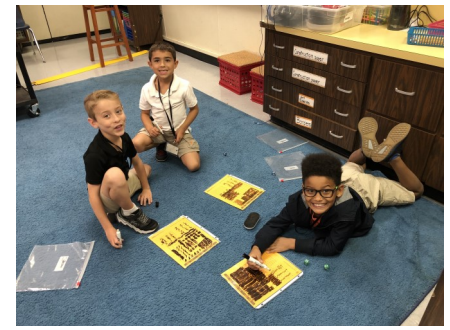
Sincerely, The 2nd Grade Team





THIRD GRADE ROCKS!

Our third graders have been working hard this school year to get acclimated to the third grade curriculum. In math, we have been working on number sense which includes addition, subtraction, estimation, problem solving, and place value. We have been diving into multiplication. Students should be practicing their multiplication tables daily to build fluency. They are expected to have their facts memorized by the end of the school year.



Reading is an ongoing process. We are introducing and expanding on standards that the students need to master that will be revisited several times

throughout the school year. Some of the skills we have worked on and will continue to work on are main idea/key details, central message, recounting stories, time and sequence, ask and answer questions about key details, describing characters, and cause/effect.

For science we are investigating matter and forms of energy and in Social Studies, we are exploring the North American cultures.

We are looking forward to our first field trip on December 2nd to see "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

We will continue working hard and thriving in third grade!



FOURTH GRADE

Fourth grade has had a fabulous start to the 2019-2020 school year. The students are working hard and having fun while learning. As the first marking period comes to a close, we would like to

bring to your attention that the fourth-grade curriculum is highly rigorous in comparison to the previous years. With that being said, we expect the children to rise to the challenge and to take pride in their work as they meet these expectations. For a list of fourth grade standards, please visit www.cpalms.org. To reinforce skills being taught at school, please check your child's agenda daily for the home-school connection. We are fortunate to have iReady this school year. Each child is expected to complete at least 50 minutes in Math and 50 minutes in Reading every week.

Please keep in mind the week begins on a Monday. You can monitor their time on task through the iReady website that your child can access through Clever. The purpose of iReady is to reinforce recent skills taught and to strengthen areas of weakness. Please continue to

practice multiplication with your child as it is used throughout majority of the fourth-grade curriculum. All students took their STAR reading test, which gave them their independent reading level. Please encourage them to read nightly as they are expected to take Accelerated Reading Assessments in school. These books may be added to their Reading Across Broward lists to be eligible for an award at the end of the school year.

Thank you to all the parents that attended Academic/Open House. It was a pleasure sharing curriculum information with you all. This was beneficial to a successful start of the school year. Batty Bingo was a huge success. The teachers along with the students had a great time. It was nice seeing the students interact with their families at a school event. Our first field trip to see Shrek was fabulous. The students were fortunate to participate in a full Broadway performance. They showed exemplary behavior, which shows how fabulous our students are at Flamingo Elementary.



FIFTH GRADE

We're off and running in 2019/2020, and it's already shaping up to be the best school year yet! The already fabulous 5th grade has been made even more fantastic by the addition of our newest teacher: Mr. Wells, who brings his leadership, experience, and passion for teaching to our team.

The 1st quarter is always challenging as we try to "get back in shape" after a long and restful summer, but thankfully we have an extremely hardworking bunch of students, and they fell into their work like a hot knife through butter. Fifth grade is particularly challenging due in no small part to the fact that we have four Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) to take including reading, math, writing, and science. As a result, our classes have been busy honing their reading skills and covering standards that include *finding the main idea, making inferences about informational texts and literature, and comparing characters and settings in*

literature. In math, our students have been learning how to *add and subtract decimals, strengthening their fluency with whole numbers and decimals, and dividing whole numbers.* The focus of our persuasive and informational writing has been on *organizing an effective essay, as well as using solid evidence from the passages to support an opinion or main idea.* Finally, in science we've already covered topics as far ranging as *the scientific method, minerals, objects in space, the water cycle, and weather.*

As you can clearly see, the 5th grade is setting the bar high in terms of expectations, and the goal remains the same: to ensure that our students are motivated and supported as they begin their journey to becoming life-long learners and educated, responsible members of our community.



ANTONIO'S PIZZA NIGHT

Join us at Antonio's Pizza-Rant in the Shenandoah Square plaza every first Wednesday of the month. Mention Flamingo Elementary and some of the proceeds go to the school.

**Next Pizza Night:
December 4th**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Excused Absences

Parents are expected to report absences within two days of the absence. If requested by the school, the parent must provide documentation of a illness from a physician or public health unit.

To report an excused absence, you can do one of the following:

- Call the school's attendance hotline
- Submit an online form using the school's website under Contact: "Report an Absence"
- Submit a note to the school's Front Office Staff

**Absences can add up!
Missing just 2 days a
month means a child
misses 10% of the
school year.**