

Third Grade Updates

"The expert in anything was once a beginner." – Helen Hayes

SMES Week 35

May 2, 2022



ABC COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER!

		A Animal Day 4/20 Dress like an animal	B Birthday Day 4/21 Build a fort in your classroom	C Crossing Day 4/22 Master a crossing	D Dance Day 4/23 Dance like a professional
E Exercise Day 4/26 Exercise for 10 minutes	F Fairy Tale Day 4/27 Dress like a character from a fairy tale	G Game Day 4/28 Bring a game to play	H Holiday Day 4/29 Share a holiday story	I Investigation day 5/2 What will you investigate today? It's a mystery!	J Joke Day 5/3 Share a funny joke
K Kindness Day 5/4 Do only acts of kindness today	L Lights Out Day 5/5 Bring a flashlight and read with the lights out.	M Math Day 5/6 Put your math skills to the test	N Nature Day 5/9 Enjoy and explore the nature around us.	O Occupation Day 5/10 Dress like your future career	P Pajama Day 5/11 Wear your favorite pajamas.
Q Question Day 5/12 Ask your class a question	R Rockstar Day 5/13 Dress like the Rockstar you are	S Silly Sock Day 5/16 Wear your silliest socks.	T Thank You Day 5/17 Express gratitude to others	U USA Day 5/18 Wear red, white & blue	V Voila 5/19 We will take turns sharing magic tricks
W Wall to wall cleaning 5/20 Help your teacher clean the classroom	X eXcited to celebrate 5/23 Exchange autographs	Y Year End 5/24 Celebrate the end of the year	Z Zero More Days! 5/25 Zip up your backpacks and zoom out of school!		

Happening This Week

Quiet Campus. No
Volunteers on
Campus.

Monday, May 2nd	5th grade FSA
Tuesday, May 3rd	5th grade FSA
Wed., May 4th	4th grade FSA
Thurs., May 5th	4th grade FSA
Friday, May 6th	5th grade FSA



May 10th & 11th	FSA Math
May 13th	Stallion of the Quarter
May 25th	Student's Last Day



Mad Minute

Dear Families,

April 29th, 2022

In 3rd grade, it is an end of the year expectation for students to be fluent with all of their multiplication facts through 10 and know them quickly and accurately. In our experience, students who do not know the times tables will struggle with math in the years to come.

We are practicing multiplication fluency every day in class. You can help support your child's learning by having your child practice multiplication facts at home. There are many ways to study times tables. Try some of the following:

- Xtramath.org
- Traditional flashcards
- Online flashcards at www.mathfactcafe.com
- Reciting times tables aloud (Try singing to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.)
- Card games such as Multiplication War (<http://letsplaymath.net/2006/12/29/the-game-that-is-worth-1000-worksheets/>)
- Online games at <http://www.fun4thebrain.com/mult.html>. (Google search multiplication facts practice for more ideas.)
- Electronic games available at most department stores

We are excited to announce the start of our annual Multiplication Facts Contest! Beginning **May 2nd**, children will compete against themselves to earn 100% on timed multiplication drills in class. Successes will be tracked and celebrated weekly. Students will have until **May 20th** to take and pass their timed drills. Each level passed (2's, 3's, etc.) will earn an ingredient/ material for the ice cream celebration. Our celebration will take place on **May 20th**.

Please support your child's learning at home and include daily drills or review of math facts to your child's homework routine.

Thank you for partnering with us to help your child be successful.

Thank you,
The Third Grade Team





Reading: The students will use information from text features and words to understand a text.

Math: The students will review various math skills this week.

Science: The students will classify plants and animals into major groups.

Writing: The students will write informative/ explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.



Third-grade FSA reading scores

The FSA is a state-wide assessment and the tests are sent to Tallahassee to be graded. We are *hoping* that we have the reading test results by the end of the school year! If you have any questions, please reach out to the front office.



Reading Tips

What does the story mean?

Stop at natural breaks in the story and ask questions.
Avoid questions with "yes" or "no" answers.

Instead, ask questions such as:

- What do you think will happen next?
- Which character in the story did you like the best? Why?
- What was the setting of the story?
- Who was telling the story?
- What was the most exciting part of the story?
- Retell the story in your own words.
- What was the funniest, saddest, or scariest part of the story?

Thank you so much for your support at home. :)



Resources to help your child at home

- * Freckle
- * Lexia Core 5
- * Read a book with someone.

Information for Parents

We are excited to share webpages that have been created to help parents access important information.

[Navigating Elementary School](#)

[Sanders Memorial Elementary](#)

[Pasco County Schools](#)