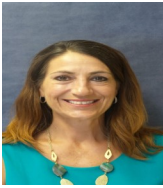




Griffin Elementary

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EAGLE GAZETTE



Principal Dr. Melissa Durrance

ADMINISTRATION



Assistant Principal, B.J. Stinson



3/11/20	EARLY RELEASE OUT @ 12:45PM
3/13/20	END OF THE 3RD NINE WEEKS
NOW thru March 31st	Yearbooks on sale \$12.00 Must be paid by March 31st.
3/23/20 Thru 3/27/20	SPRING BREAK

Dear Families,

Everyday I have the pleasure of going into the classroom to monitor the teaching and learning that is occurring. I continue to be amazed by our talented educators and our hard working students. I am very proud of the learning gains that are happening at Griffin this year.

The week we come back from Spring Break begins our first round of FSA testing for our students in grades 3-5. Third grade will take the FSA reading assessment on April 1st and 2nd. This is a very important test and is used as a factor in deciding promotion or retention. Fourth and fifth grade students will take the FSA writing assessment on April 2nd. The writing test is one of the components that make up the students FSA reading score. This is very important for our fifth grade students as their performance on the FSA testing is used as a factor to determine what classes they are eligible to enroll in for middle school. Fifth grade students that perform poorly on the standardized tests will have to take remediation courses in middle school and will be limited on the electives they can choose.

As a parent you can help prepare your child for testing by encouraging them to read over Spring Break. In addition, please make sure your child is present and well rested on all testing days. Research shows that students perform better if they test on the regular testing days instead of during make-up sessions. I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable Spring Break and don't forget to have your child read, read, read!

Sincerely,
Dr. Durrance

ATTENDANCE

- School attendance is **DIRECTLY** related to school achievement.
- Parents have the responsibility to make sure students attend school every day, arrive promptly, and remain throughout the scheduled day.

Check Out Policy

All students must be checked out through the front office. Adults must present a photo ID and be listed on the student's emergency card to check out a student. We **DO NOT** allow students to be checked out after 2:30

CAMPUS SAFETY

There is **no** supervision for students before 7:45 AM. Therefore, students **CANNOT** be dropped off nor walk to school before 7:45 AM. Any student that is late to school **MUST** report to the office and be accompanied by a parent or guardian before the student will be allowed to report to class.

Morning Drop Off

Please drive through the car line & only unload at the walkway next to the school. **REMEMBER...**students **CANNOT** be unloaded before 7:45AM. Students who arrive after 8:15 AM **MUST** be accompanied to the front office by a parent and/or guardian.

***Reminder for afternoon pickup-when leaving the school- it is a right hand turn only! ***

School Hours 8:15 - 3:15

8:10 First Bell

8:15 Tardy Bell

Afternoon Dismissal: 3:15 Car Riders, After School/Day Care Riders, Walkers, & Buses on Campus.

3:25 Remaining bus students dismissed to the Cafeteria until bus arrives on Campus.

TESTING DATES:

April 1st-2nd	3rd Grade ELA
April 2nd	4th/5th Grade Writing
May 4th-5th	4th/5th Grade ELA
May 11th-12th	3rd/4th/5th Grades Math
May 19th-20th	5th Grade Science

*****Parents *****

Just a reminder, when your child is absent, please make sure you send in a parent or Dr's note in order for them to be Excused.

Also, if your child is tardy, you must walk them into the front office. Please do not drop them off.

2nd Grade:

2nd grade continues to work diligently to complete our learning targets in literacy and math. In Literacy, we are enjoying folktales and poetry, while determining the central message. In Math, we have started a new unit on Time, while using analog and digital clocks to show time to the hour, half-hour, and to five minutes. Students must READ, READ, READ to meet their weekly A.R. Goal. Please continue to read with your students 20 minutes each night and to practice their math facts. As always,

Thank You for supporting 2nd Grade!

3rd Grade:

Spring Break is coming up....Please make sure students are reading at least 20 minutes a night, they will be tested in early April. Also, please help students learn how to tell time using an analog clock. Continue to practice area and perimeter.

VPK:

Theme "What are buildings made of?"
What makes them strong? What happens inside them?

Letters we are learning right now :

I and L

Numbers: 0-31

Children & Teachers are peacemakers....

PK ESE :

We are learning geometric shapes and months of the year.

Letter of the week is "O".

5th Grade:

The 5th grade students have been working extremely hard the last few months using CHAMPS expectations in the classroom, so that it can be a better learning environment for all at Griffin. They have been challenging themselves in mathematics learning different strategies to master the grade level standards. The 5th graders just finished their module on converting measurements and are starting a module on numerical patterns. They will soon be able to graph ordered pairs on a coordinate grid. It is extremely beneficial if students are practicing their multiplication facts at home daily for 5-10 minutes, so that they can gain mastery. Mastery of basic facts is essential when keeping up with the grade level standards. Students will be tested on fact fluency throughout the month. The fifth graders are taking their third quarter district science assessment before break. We are completing the unit on our galaxy and solar system and will begin the organs and systems of the human body after break!

1st Grade:

Happy March from 1st grade! We cannot believe that this school year is already coming to an end! Our classes are continuing to work towards our AR goals each month. In math, we have been working on how to tell time. Next, we will be entering into our money unit. We will be learning about different coins and their values. Please continue reading with your child at home as much as possible. We also wish you a safe, happy and relaxing Spring Break!

Florida First Start:

FFS has a playgroup every Tuesday from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM. If you have a child under the age of four, come and play with us. Join us for art, play, music and friendship. Other resources are also available if you join the program.

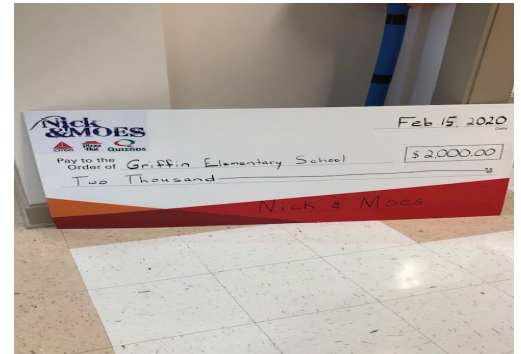
Kindergarten:

Kindergarten News!

We are working on long vowel words, compare and contrast, problem/solution and cause and effect of a story this month. Please read to your student everyday and ask "Who, What, Where, and Why questions." In math, writing and recognizing numbers to 20, counting to 100. We will start with 2-D and 3 -D shapes next week.

4th Grade:

The 4th grade students have been working extremely hard the last few months using CHAMPS expectations in the classroom, so that it can be a better learning environment for all at Griffin. They have been challenging themselves in mathematics learning different strategies to master the grade level standards. They are learning about converting measurement and how fractions can relate to line plots. The fourth graders have been studying rocks, the rock cycle, erosion and weathering. After break we are learning about plants and plant reproduction.



Congratulations to Griffin Eagles for winning the "Fill Up, Fuel Good" rewards program from Nick & Moe's.

Our school was awarded a check for \$2,000.00

Way to go Eagles !