

# The Owl Oracle

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## MAY Events

- 5/7 - 5/11  
Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/7 Kindergarten Pre-Registration 9am - 12 and 5pm to 7pm, WGES Computer Lab
- 5/9 Landgraf & Mendez visit WCHS
- 5/13 Mother's Day
- 5/15 Turn Around Student Breakfast
- 5/17 Grade 5 Field Trip
- 5/18 All Pro Dads 8:45am
- 5/21 District "Take Your Child To Work Day"
- 5/21- 5/22  
Hallam's Wax Museum, 10-12 in the media center
- 5/22 Grade 5 Talent Show, 2:00 p.m. in the Café
- 5/23 Grade 5 Students vs Staff Kickball game 10-11 PE Field
- 5/25 Bag lunches for Grades K - 4
- 5/25 Grade 5 EOY Ceremony 1:30-3 in the café. Clap-out 3:30
- 5/25 Last day for students

*From the desk of Mr. Mitchell*

As we enter our last full month of this school year we still have a lot of work to do, especially our fifth graders. It is hard to believe but they will only be elementary students for a few more weeks. We wish them success as they move on to middle school. We have some fun activities planned for them as we say goodbye and wish them well.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to an exciting 2018-19 school year!

Please encourage your children to read, read, read this summer! This year, we have book recommendations for your child's next grade level. See pages 5-10 for more information.

If Mrs. Felice or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## April Citizens of the Month

### Burrowing Owls

**Alisa C.**

### Pygmy Owls

**Dylan S.    Jayline A.  
Bailey P.    Naomi S.**

### Eagle Owls

**Emily W.  
Jayden G.**

### Snowy Owls

**Darell T.  
Taylor D.**

### Spotted Owls

**Nathaniel M.    Jaili R.  
Meghan L.    Jose P.**

### Great Grey Owls

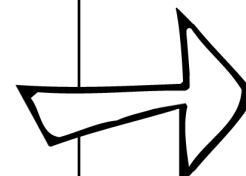
**Jalissa J.  
Joalix C.**

### Spectacled & Masked Owls

**Christian G. and Jonathan N.**

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Our event for the End of the Year Party is all set for Friday May 11th from 4-7 p.m. *No charge to attend!* Pre-orders for food will be sent home soon.

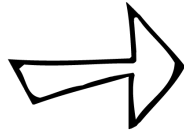
We are tentatively having a PTA general assembly on Tuesday, May 22 at 4pm. We will be voting for new PTA members for the next school year. We hope to see you there!

## Upcoming Events

- 5/11 End of Year PTA Party, 4-7 p.m.
- 5/22 PTA General Assembly, 4 p.m.

Since March, PTA has been supporting classroom collections by offering an ICE CREAM party to the class with the most Box Tops.

Our top three classes are:



- Mrs. Reidy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class: 440 Box Tops
- Ms. Cusmano's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class: 330 Box Tops
- Mrs. Hoffman's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class: 232 Box Tops

Please remember to KEEP clipping over the summer. We will still be collecting for the 2018-2019 school year Box Tops collection.

### SUMMER READING IS IMPORTANT AND FUN

Reading books during the summer helps kids during the school year!

**80%**

OF KIDS AGES 6-17

**AGREE**

**96%**

OF PARENTS

**AGREE**



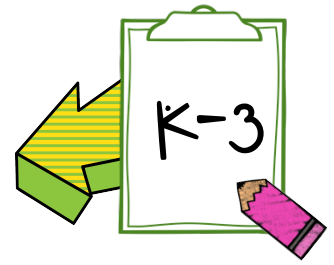
#### TOP REASONS AMONG PARENTS:

It keeps my child's brain active!

Reading requires constant practice



# Team News



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## Burrowing Owls- Kindergarten

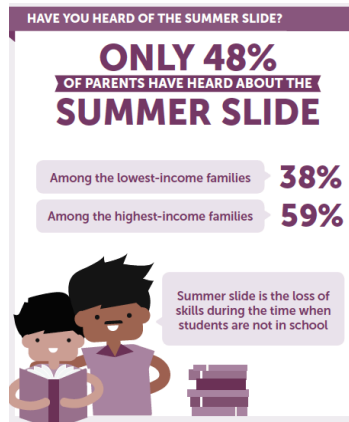
Kindergarteners will be "busy bees" for the remainder of the year. Each Friday in May will have a special event to help the students continue all their hard work during *Read-to-Self* time. We will have fun with hats, sunglasses and flashlights...oh my! A "Busy Bee" yellow flyer went home last week with the details.

During the final week of school, the Burrowing Owls will enjoy a few special events like board game day, autograph day, and finally, an ice cream party picnic. A notice will go home soon to families to invite you to the picnic.

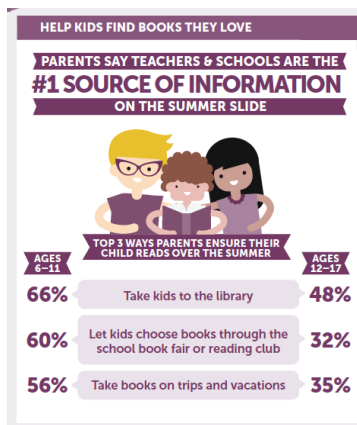
It has been a fabulous school year. The students have grown and learned so much since August. We are so proud of all their achievements. The Burrowing Owl teachers encourage you and your children to read together in June and July. We wish you all a safe and happy summer. Hoot! Hoot!

## Eagle Owls- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Hello Owls! As the 2017-2018 school year winds down we are completing instructional learning goals. We would like your support in encouraging your child to stay focused and do their best. Thank you so much for your continued support with the Eagle Owl students and teachers throughout this school year. We have all worked hard this year to provide our 2nd graders with the best education possible while nurturing the students' physical, social and emotional growth. Please continue to check their planner. We are reminding our students to show kindness and respect to one another. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Happy Summer from the Eagle Owl Teachers!



*Kids and Families Reading Report*  
[Scholastic.com/readingreport](http://Scholastic.com/readingreport)



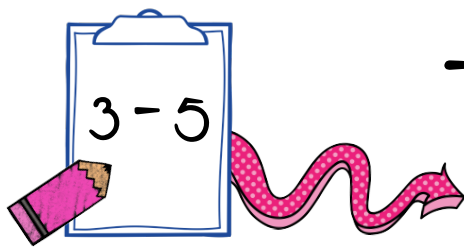
## Pygmy Owls- First Grade

The summer is approaching, remember to keep having your child reading daily. *Zearn* and *RAZ Kids* are also available during the summer. Students can stay sharp with their reading and math skills by doing these weekly.

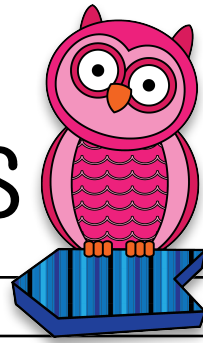
As the end of the year approaches, our Lost and Found gets pretty full. Please check the lost and found for any jackets, lunch boxes, sweaters, etc.

The Quarter 4 Behavior Celebration will be the last Thursday, May 24. Students have been working to earn a movie with popcorn, candy treat, and drink. Some will also earn an extra goodie if they have had outstanding behavior during all six weeks of the quarter. We will also be sending home a letter explaining the special activities planned for the last week of school.

It's been a great year in 1st grade! Thank you for all your support in helping your child succeed.



# Team News



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## Snowy Owls- Third Grade

We have worked so hard on the FSA tests, AND we are not done learning yet! This last month of school we are doing novel studies, working on measurement and word problems in math, and writing text-based essays to prepare for fourth grade. Students should continue to practice their reading Power Goals in order to earn the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter popsicle party! Many students have recently moved up or are getting very close to moving up to the next IRLA color level. Read, read, and read some more!

Information will be coming home soon with a schedule and details of our end-of-year activities and celebrations. Also be on the lookout for information about the Summer Reading Challenge and how you can have "A Magical Summer of Reading"! The Snowy Owls wish everyone a happy and safe summer!!

## Spotted Owls- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wow, this year is already coming to an end. Students have worked hard on their FSA Assessments and we will be wrapping up the year with Modules 6 and 7 in math, Human Growth and Development in Science, Florida's Economy and Government in Social Studies, and Scientific/Technical/Historical Texts along with Narrative writing in ELA.

Please look for a flyer to come home for some Summer reading!



**"Reading is fun. I love exploring other worlds. It is like vacationing in my head."**

—8-year-old girl, TX



**"I really liked reading over the summer because now in fifth grade I have seen a change in my writing. I got better."**

—10-year-old girl, TX



**"Reading books keeps him in practice and helps him to keep learning during the summer."**

—Father, 7-year-old boy, MO

## EOC Testing Schedule

Students will be having an *End of Course* "final" assessment in the following areas:

Kindergarten- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- Art, Music, and PE
- ELA/Social Studies
- Math
- Science

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Art, Music, and PE
- Science

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Art, Music, and PE

## Great Grey Owls- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Events

May 17: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip

May 22: Talent Show

May 23: Kick-Ball

*(Teachers -vs- 5<sup>th</sup> graders)*

May 25: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ceremony and Banquet

# Specialists News

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## Music Notes

On Thursday, May 3 our last concert was held in the cafeteria and was a huge success! We are so proud of our Chorus and Orff Ensemble. We had a great year in the music department and look forward to next year!



*Kids and Families Reading Report*

*Scholastic.com/readingreport*

## Summer Reading Resources



Pasco County Public Library: See website calendar for FREE summer events.  
<http://pascolibraries.org>



Reading with the Rays: Pick up your game card starting May 27<sup>th</sup> from the public library. Children track their reading minutes to earn RAYS merch and tickets!  
<https://www.mlb.com/rays/community/reading>



Barnes and Noble Summer Reading: Earn a free book by reading!  
[https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/\\_/N-rs9](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9)

*Please see the following pages for recommendations for your child's NEXT grade level!*

# Summer Reading

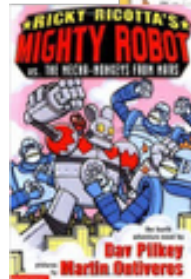
## Getting Ready for 1st Grade



There was an Old Lady... and Fly Guy series by Tedd Arnold



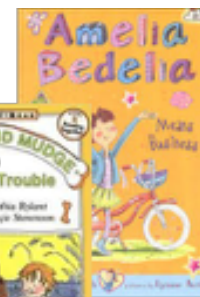
Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli



Ricky Ricotta by Dav Pilkey



Henry & Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

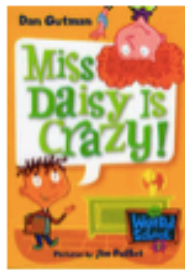


Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish

### Favorite Characters

First graders love the cute and mischievous characters found in Pete the Cat and Fly Guy. Plus, these books encourage MORE reading... there are several books in the series featuring the same characters!

GETTING Ready  
FOR 2nd GRADE  
Summer Reading List



By Dan Gutman



By Megan MacDonald



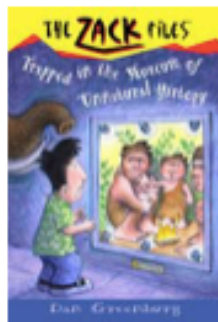
By Mary Pope Osborne



By Ron Roy

Silly Stories & Chapter books

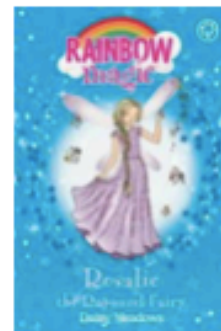
2nd grade readers love to laugh at silly stories. They also begin reading chapter books featuring their favorite characters!



By Dan Greenburg & Jack E. Davis



By James Preller



By Daisy Meadows

GETTING Ready  
FOR 3RD GRADE  
Summer Reading List

Award Winners  
and Graphic  
Novels

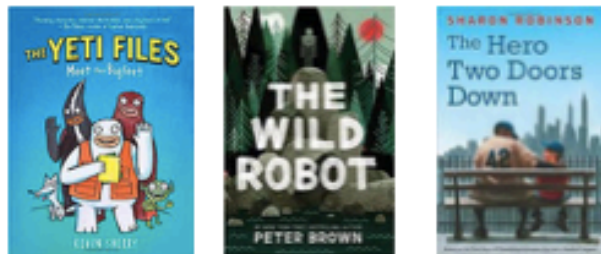
*Sunshine State Readers (SSYRA)* are a great way to introduce your child to award winning literature! The books are available at school, the public library and bookstores.

*Graphic Novels* (comic books) are also fun for 3rd graders! They love the action, humor and exciting illustrations used to tell stories that feature relatable characters.



Series By Raina Telgemeier

The new 2018-2019 SSYR Titles are available online at <https://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra.html>



SSYRA Titles: *The Yeti Files*, *The Wild Robot* and *The Hero Two Doors Down*





# Summer Reading

## Getting Ready for 4th Grade

**4th Grade Pick:**  
*A Crooked Kind of Perfect*  
 by Linda Urban



| 4th Grade, Bk Level Text             |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Gooney Bird Green Series             | Lois Lowry       |
| Diary of a Wimpy Kid                 | Jeff Kinney      |
| Franny K. Stein                      | Jim Benton       |
| Sideways Stories from Wayside School | Louis Sachar     |
| Matt Christopher Sports              | Matt Christopher |

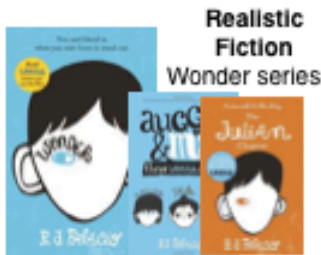
### *Get Hooked on a Series*

Series allow 4th graders to get “lost in a book”. While many popular titles seem silly, series help students understand how characters change and develop as well as understand common plot structures seen throughout literature.

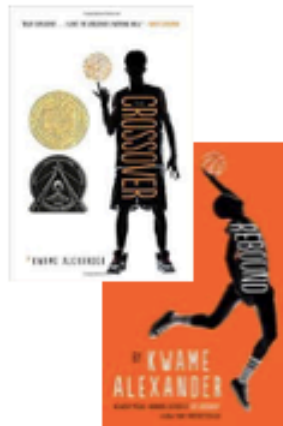


**Biographies**  
Who Was ...  
series

**Poetry**  
Kwame Alexander



**Realistic Fiction**  
Wonder series



**Fantasy**  
Sprit Animals  
Series



The Fairy Rebel by  
Lynne Reid Banks

**Exploring Genres**  
5th grade readers begin to look for new types of books to read. Biographies, poetry, historical and realistic fiction, fantasy, horror, and informational texts are all genres they should begin reading. Soon they will develop their own preference for one genre ... or maybe all!