



Mrs. Spears and Mrs. Metz-Nicholson

Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of May 17-21, 2021

Thank you for your continued support of our scholars' first formal academic pursuit of an education during a virtual school year.

Upcoming Events

- May 17th - May 28th - End of Year Assessment (EOY)
Continue to focus on reading and math skills. The scholars will soar!
- May 31st - MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL
- June 3rd - PROMOTION CEREMONY - 6:30 PM - FMBC Parking Lot

Academics

- ELA - Phonemic Segmentation - CVC words, Main idea, Comprehension, Nonsense Words, Blends, Digraphs and Vowels
- Story - Jack's Garden
- Sight Words: All introduced sight words should be written in the ABC book.
- Math - Step Up to First Grade
- STEM - Insects
- Penmanship - We will continue practicing lowercase and uppercase letters.
- Scholars should read 20 minutes nightly and record on the Reading Log.

- Mrs Spears - cell number (980) 428-3158/ work email mspears@friendshipcharlotte.org
- Mrs. Metz-Nicholson - cell number (980) 254-8377/ work email ametznicholson@friendshipcharlotte.org

- **If you have an emergency, question or concern during instructional time, please text Mrs. Metz-Nicholson.**

Weekday Schedule (Monday-Friday)

Academics for the Week

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9:30-9:40am	Morning Meeting
9:40-10:10am	ELA Block
10:10-11:00am	ELA Small Group & Learning Lab
11:00-11:30am	Math Block
11:30-12:00pm	Math Small Group & Learning Lab
12:00-12:30pm	Science/Social Studies
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00pm	Creative Arts
2:00pm	Dismissal
	Creative Arts Schedule: Monday-Art-1:00pm-2:00pm Tuesday-Spanish-9:30am Violin 1:00pm Wednesday-P.E. -1:00pm-2:00pm Thursday-Science-1:00pm-1:30pm 1:30pm-2:00pm- Promotion Practice

- **Scholars must not use the chat or additional screens during instructional time. If a scholar continues to chat and/or use other sites, the scholar will be removed from the session and will not be able to return to the Zoom meeting until the next learning session. Thank you for your support with this matter!**

Thank you for all your support!



First Grade Newsletter: May 17-21, 2021

Hello, First Grade Families!

Assessments start today!!! Thank you for scheduling your scholar's Math and ELA end of year assessments. We look forward to seeing how much your scholar has grown academically. Please remember to bring your scholar's completed work, their 50 states book, and their Earth Day Projects (posters only, please 😊). Scholars and adults should wear a mask to the assessment. This week, we will begin to work on our piece for the Promotion ceremony. Scholars will learn songs, poems and review the Scholar Creed for the program. The Promotion ceremony is scheduled for June 3rd, with June 7th as the rain date. Please continue to connect and be involved with the FDS Parent Group. There are still ways to help and support the group. The FDS PG is a vital part of our school success. Please be sure to read the latest newsletter from Ms. Comer posted on Class Dojo. Parents WE are almost there! You've been great partners. We have 14 days left in the school year! Let's all finish strong. Please continue to contact us with any questions and or concerns. Have a great week! ~Mrs. Ivory and Mr. Cunningham

ELA

We will continue to work with **Unit 5, Observing the Messages of the Natural World**. Scholars are reading new anchor text, "**King Kafu and the Moon**". This fictional text is a fable that will help scholars understand that sensory details in literary texts can provide descriptions, facts and details.

Phonic pattern of the week:
a-e
Long a

Spelling Words

Sixteen
Brave
Seventeen
Peeped
Eighteen

MATH

We will review Topic 8's assessment. Scholars will be introduced to our next topic, Topic 9- **Compare 2 Digit Numbers**. Scholars will understand ways to compare two-digit numbers up to 120.

Key Vocabulary:

Less, compare, greater than >, less than <

*Reminder- The Savvas app has great enrichment and practice available to each scholar.

Creative Arts

Violin- Dr. Swanson is doing a wonderful job with our scholars. It does make it difficult for her when scholars are not prepared for class. Please be sure your scholars are ready with their box violin on **Wednesday**.

Due to EOY assessments, scholars will have modified creative arts for the next two weeks. Violin and Spanish will remain the same.

Important Information, Dates and Events:

EOY Assessment- May 17th- 30th. Please check the Sign-Up Genius for your appointment time.

Memorial Day – May 31st. No school

Teacher Workday- June 4th

Spring Fling- June 8th – More information to come.

Last Day of school- June 8th. Half day.

STEM

Scholars did an amazing job with their Earth Day Projects. Thank you for your hard work and great ideas. This week we will start our final topic, **Liquids, Solids and Gases**.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Scholars continue to explore the 50 United States. They are learning how to identify each state's shape (territory), name and spelling, as well as fun facts. Last week we traveled to **West Virginia and Wisconsin**, using Google Maps.

2nd Grade Weekly Post
 Teacher: Mrs. Cureton
 Cell Number – 704-369-3276
 Instructional Assistant: Mrs. Bostick
Week of May 17, 2021

Scholars, now that the test is finally here, I do not want you to fear! You have learned a lot this year so far, so if you take your time, I know you will be a testing star!! Be careful to follow directions and read, and I know you will succeed! Relax and have confidence in all you do because,

I believe in you!

Important Information and Dates

May 17th – May 28th – (EOY) End of Year Assessments – Your scholar must bring his/her Orange Spelling Test Booklet, Myth Paper, Journal, and Reading Log on their assign assessment day. Thanks So Much!

Homework

Penmanship (Cursive) – Please allow your scholar to place his/her writing packet at their workstation. We will begin using the new cursive writing worksheets on Wednesday.

Math- Parents please use Savvas Realize for additional instructional tools available for Topic 1-8 review. This will help to review and prepare your scholar for the upcoming EOY math assessment. Remember to use the XtraMath site for math facts fluency. Your scholar was provided a PIN and Username for the XtraMath site.

Spelling List – Spelling List –Tangled, Wild, Amazed, Visitors, Beneath, Clever, Planter, Tattered, Hero, Creatures, Young, Direction, Travel

Reading – Read at least 30 mins. daily. Complete your reading log daily. Please use Raz Kids as your main reading resource. I would like for all scholars to read a Raz Kid’s book daily and complete at least 2 reading comprehension tests per week. I will be monitoring their progress weekly. Your scholar may continue to enjoy all the wonderful books in Epic after completing the Raz Kids assignment.

Writing – Complete a journal entry on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** only. Please practice ELA narrative writing skills while completing your journals. Include a beginning, middle and end with at least two events. Do not forget to use words such as first, next, then, and finally to tell the order of events.

Check Daily – Reading Log, Journal (Tuesday and Thursday), Practice Addition and Subtraction Facts on XtraMath site. Practice your cursive writing on a separate sheet of lined paper. Please do not use the cursive writing sheets from school.

Current Topics of Study

ELA	MATH	STEMScopes	SOCIAL STUDIES
Text: A Walk Around the City, At Home in the Wilderness, A Garden in the City, We Shall Overcome Compare and Contrast Text Phonics adding -er, and -est. <u>Cursive Writing</u> br, oe, we, ve, oo,	<u>Reviewing All Topics 1- 8</u> <u>Addition and Subtraction</u> <u>Time and Money</u> <u>Equal groups,</u> <u>Add with 100 Using</u> <u>Strategies, Subtracting</u> <u>Within 100 Using</u> <u>Strategies,</u> Solve Problems with Coins, Solve Problems with Dollar Bills, Reasoning <u>All Vocabulary Words for</u> <u>Topics 1-8</u>	<u>Living Things Change</u> <u>Their Environment</u> <u>Vocabulary</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment • Burrow • Dam • Nest • Seed • Help • Harm 	<u>Geography</u> <u>180 Days of Social</u> <u>Studies</u> Settlement patterns - Where People Live and Why

Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Gordon

Third Grade

Week of May 17, 2021

Important Information, Dates, and
Upcoming Events

- **mClass Testing** - Our last test for this school year will be the End of Year (EOY) mClass. This test will be individualized like our BOY and MOY. The test is scheduled to start this coming week Monday, May 17th – Monday, May 24th! Thank you for signing your scholar up to be tested! No Creative Arts classes during mClass testing, our Instructional Assistants will be teaching!

Academics in May

- **mClass End of Year (EOY) Testing Week- Mrs. Gordon will be teaching for the next two weeks! She will be reviewing concepts in all core subjects.**

Homework & More Information

- Scholars are expected to read Monday-Thursday nights for at least 30 minutes and at least once over the weekend. Scholars must complete his/her reading log with a reading response previously taught. Also, scholars need to practice math strategies for at least 30 minutes.
- Mrs. Dixon- cell number (704) 877-4311 work email vdixon@friendshipcharlotte.org
- Mrs. Gordon- cell number (980) 417-9482 work email ngordon@friendshipcharlotte.org
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Thank you for all your support!