



Estates Elementary School

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- Nov 1st – Pre-K Family Literacy Night
- Nov 2nd – Early Dismissal @ 11:50
- Nov 7th – Awards Ceremony
4th grade @ 9:30 am
5th grade @ 8:45 am
- Nov 8th – Veteran's Day Ceremony 9:00am
Chorus Celebrate America 6:00 pm
- Nov 10th – McDonald's Night 4-6pm 3rd grade team
- Nov 11th – Veteran's Day No School
- Nov 15th – 2nd grade Zoo-rific Musical 6:00 pm
- Nov 16th – WVCU Curious Kids 7:30 am
- Nov 21st – Nov 25th - Fall and Thanksgiving Break No School
- Dec 2nd – Picture Retakes
- Dec 8th – McDonald's Night 4-6pm Leadership Team
- Dec 13th – 4th grade Holiday Concert 6:00 pm
- Dec 22nd – 31st – Winter Break No School

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

At Estates Elementary we believe high expectations yield academic transformation for all students. Be assured we are committed to doing our part in ensuring your child achieves academic excellence; and we look forward to working with you to guarantee that goal is achieved.

As a parent, you are an essential link in your child's education. We encourage you to join us in supporting and sharing a genuine concern for your child's educational experiences. The level of interest you show in your child's education will demonstrate to them the value you place in their education. Please send your child to us well behaved, on-time, equipped with the proper materials, and encouraged. We, in-turn will send them home to you prepared to meet the demands of the future. ***Your presence is not only welcomed, but it is greatly needed!***

The entire Estates Elementary staff takes great pride in educating children and will continue to ensure the safety and continued success of all of our students. This year we have a number of exciting initiatives:

1. New science series (K-5)
2. Standards-based report cards (PK-2) and pilot in 3rd grade

As always, thank you for sending me your children every day. They are precious! Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Let's work together to make this an awesome school year!

Warm regards,

Francine Eufemia
Proud Principal

From the Desk of the Assistant Principal

Mrs. Sheryl Rogers

What a thrill it is to be part of Estates Elementary School:

Where the best get better!

I look forward to meeting students, parents, and community members.

Although I am entering my first year at Estates Elementary School, this for Collier County Public Schools. Most recently, I was the assistant principal at Laurel Oak Elementary School. Prior to that, I worked in a variety of capacities at Vineyards Elementary School.

Research indicates that family involvement in their child's school can be the strongest factor in student achievement as well as student enjoyment of school. As a partner to your child's education, we hope to provide any assistance, guidance, and support that you may need in raising children who will go on to experience lifelong learning and success in school and beyond.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 377-6602. I know that this year will be one in which students learn, grow, and achieve!



Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start! I have enjoyed seeing our returning students and also meeting several new students! I look forward to getting to you each of you as well.

I welcome the opportunity to work with your child thorough out the school year. My goal is to assist students to learn the skills and attitudes necessary to be successful learners and productive citizens. Guidance and counseling are an integral part of each school's total educational program. I will be emphasizing communication, decision-making and interpersonal skills through individual counseling, small groups and classroom guidance when invited by the teacher.

The Counseling Curriculum includes lessons on learning/study skills, bully awareness, conflict resolution, and friendship skills. The objectives of the various topics are:

- ***Learning/Study Skills** – students will learn strategies to be a productive and successful student
- ***Bully Awareness** – students will learn how to identify and deal with bully behaviors
- ***Conflict Resolution** – students will learn problem-solving methods.
- ***Friendship Skills** – students will learn ways to make and maintain friendships.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in small groups throughout the school year. A variety of topics will be covered including divorce, friendship, anger management and friendship/ social skills. Other groups may be added later as the need arises. Before your child participates in a small group, a permission slip will be sent home for you to sign.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS/CHAPERONES

If you would like to assist a teacher or a child by volunteering or be a chaperone on a field trip, please go to collierschools.com and complete a volunteer application and then call me to set up your orientation. The next orientation will be held on Tuesday, November 1st at 8:15 a.m. in the media center.

Pre-K Fall News

What a great start for all of our students!!!!



Now Ms. Jolie & Mrs. Angela need to share some fun activities with you that your child experiences every day. So please come and join us **Tuesday, November 1st @ 6:00 pm** **for our annual Family Literacy night.** Also don't forget that we meet again for a conference or home visit to review your child standard base report card and other achievements.

They must be done before November 18th.

Kindergarten

It's amazing how your child has acclimated to his/her new environment. Kindergarten is a big change in comparison with pre-kinder (no naps). Kindergarten teachers have huge expectations for their students and we need your help to ensure that your child will succeed and have a great school year. It is very important that you make reading a daily routine. Reading daily will increase your child's vocabulary and listening skills. At the end of this school year, we expect your child to read, write, and do math besides learning science, social studies, and health. Don't forget to look for our weekly newsletter; it provides information about each week. Thank you in advance for your support.

Kindergarten Team



First Grade News

First graders are off to a fantastic start this year! They are eager learners and love our Daily 5 literacy block each day. Some classes have started Accelerated Reading tests that go along with the new "Book a Trip around the World" reading incentive from the Media Center. They love the Investigation math centers and becoming first grade scientists with the new Science program. We enjoyed our first field trip to the Naples Philharmonic Art Museum and look forward to other trips this year that enhance our curriculum. We always appreciate your continued support with your child!





Second Grade News

This year we are focusing on Word Work at the end of each day. Word Work gives students the opportunity to understand how to spell their words for the week in a new fun way. Students are given a chance to get up and move around as they learn their spelling words. Not only do they practice their spelling words, but they play word games such as Making Words, Guess the Covered Word, and Word Families. These games help with spelling words and High Frequency Words that students should know and may come across in reading and writing.

On October 25th, we went to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts to watch Seussical! This musical was on Broadway in 2000-2001. They have condensed the musical into a one act show appropriate for younger viewers. It has received several nominations for outstanding revival, choreography, and costumes. Seussical will be presented with the special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

3rd Grade October Newsletter

We are off to a wonderful start for the 2011/2012 school year. We will be focusing on main idea, author's purpose, and problem/solution for the next few weeks in Reading. Good Questions to ask your students...What is the story or paragraph mostly about? What title would you give this selection? What happened first, next, or at the end of the story? What is the problem in the story? How was the problem solved?

In Writing we will be working on writing Fictional Narratives. We will be focusing our writing on the traits of writing as well (ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions).

We will also be reviewing number sense and operations, as well as geometry in Math. Help your students to understand what values numbers hold. We also would like them to continue studying their addition facts.

Please sign your child's agenda nightly. It is very important that they feel from you that their education is important. We check agendas daily for signatures. Feel free to communicate with us via the agenda/planners.

We are on our way to a wonderful and successful school year. Remember that together we can achieve more!





4th Grade News



Fourth grade has been having a very busy beginning of the year! In math we have learned about multiplication, arrays, factors, multiples, and division. In writing we have finished working on personal narratives and are onto writing fictional narratives. Science has been exciting! We have learned about life cycles, plants, and heredity. Ms. Ervans and Ms. Lamorgese's classes went on a field trip to the Naples Botanical Gardens to learn more about plants, flowers, and pollinators and had an amazing time! Curriculum night was a success and the students really enjoyed the student-led conferences and sharing their work with their parents.

We are working hard towards meeting our learning goals every day. Remember to continue to encourage your child to study times tables and read, read, read!

The Fourth Grade Team ☺

Salutations & Greetings from 5th Grade!

For those parents & students who were able to attend our Open House & Fall Student-Led Conferences in September, we thank you. It was a very pleasant evening & we enjoyed meeting with you. We've been really busy—Language Arts has finished up Personal Narrative writing; Science is focusing on Severe Weather, Climate, & Biomes; Math is wrapping up our first unit which covered number properties, multiplication, & division; Reading has focused on determining the Main Idea in a variety of different text; and Social Studies is focusing on Early Explorers.

Upcoming 5th Grade Events:

- November 1st: Fulton & Beard to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
- November 2nd: Early Release Day
- November 4th: Rodriguez & Pfrommer to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
- November 11th: No School~ Veteran's Day
- November 21-25: Thanksgiving Break

• Help Support the 5th Grade Class of 2012!!!

- **How:** Buy Popcorn (hot, buttery, salty, & delicious fresh-popped popcorn!)
- **When:** Check out the chart below—Please send monies to your child's homeroom teacher!

| <i>Grades K-2 Popcorn Dates</i> | <i>Grades 3-5 Popcorn Dates</i> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| October 7 th | October 21 st |
| November 4 th | November 18 th |
| December 2 nd | December 16 th |
| January 20 th | January 27 th |
| February 10 th | February 24 th |
| March 2 nd | March 16 th |
| April 13 th | April 27 th |
| May 11 th | May 25 th |

- ** All popcorn sale dates are Fridays. **

Music Class



Lots going on in the music room of EES! Third grade students are well on their way to becoming skilled recorder players. The 4th and 5th grades have been playing guitars for the last 5 weeks and recently began working on the piano keyboards. 2nd grade is preparing for their musical, Seussical Junior, which will take place on November 15, 2011 at 6PM in the cafeteria. Kindergarten and 1st grade have been working on their instrument and vocal skills. The chorus has been practicing every Tuesday morning from 7:20-8:00 in preparation for their concert, Celebrate America, which will take place on November 8th at 6PM in honor of Veteran's Day.

Mrs. Hilary Shore
Music Teacher

Technology

For the past four weeks, students in grades 3-5 have been working on PowerPoint software. The projects relate science and technology. Third grade wrote about what plants need to survive, and fourth and fifth grade wrote out the steps of 'The Scientific Method', complete with graphics demonstrating the various steps utilized to make a hypothesis, plan an experiment, and come to a conclusion.

Second grade watched a NetSmartz video about online safety and used Kidspiration software to demonstrate their knowledge using a graphic organizer and graphic representation

K and first grade are using Angel to log on to district software and demonstrating to use the software to advance their knowledge.

Marnie (Marilyn) Scullin, M.S
Instructional Resource



Investigations in Math

Welcome back to another great year at Estates Elementary School. This school year we are continuing our math curriculum that was new to us last year. Of course, we always follow the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. In order for students to have a solid math foundation, they will need a deep understanding of math concepts. Because every grade level has fewer standards, we have more time to go in-depth with topics so that students can master important concepts and understand how they are connected. To help build a deep understanding, we will be spending the majority of our time working with Investigations in Number, Data, and Space. While engaged in mathematics instruction in the classroom, students will investigate problems, work in groups, use various strategies, communicate orally and in writing, and participate in a variety of educational games. At home, students may be asked to practice an activity or game from class, collect information to be used in class, solve a few problems and explain how these problems were solved, or solve one or more problems in more than one way. Please read the Family Letters that are sent home, and enjoy the games and problems with your child. If you need more information, you can find a wealth of resources at: <http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/math/mcE.htm>

Reading Corner



Dear Parents,

Again this year we have a HUGE focus on reading at Estates Elementary! We offer opportunities for parents to become involved with their child's reading and learning. Mark your calendars to attend Books and Bagels and Curious Kids. Both are enjoyable, on-going events to help you become more involved with reading. Students in all grade levels enjoy having their parent come to school with them for these special occasions. Early in October, Estates Elementary joined with Corkscrew Elementary for Families Building Better Readers. It is important to give your child lots of opportunities to read aloud. Inspire your young reader to practice every day!

The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

Once is not enough - Encourage your child to re-read favorite books and poems. Re-reading helps children read more quickly and accurately.

Dig deeper into the story - Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think that happened?"

Take control of the television - It's difficult for reading to compete with TV and video games. Encourage reading as a free-time activity.

Pick books that are at the right level - Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.

I read to you, you read to me - Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.

Gently correct your young reader - When your child makes a mistake, gently point out the letters he or she overlooked or read incorrectly. Many beginning readers will guess wildly at a word based on its first letter.

Talk, talk, talk! - Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around the house. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation, and build on words you've talked about in the past.

From the reading corner,

Coleen Size

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SEPTEMBER PANTHER OF THE MONTH CITIZENSHIP

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Marvin Valdez | Elizabeth Flothe | Layla Perez | Kaitlyn Johnson | Jorge Elizondo |
| Gisselle Urbina | Daniel Angels | Michael Gomez | Christina Contreras | Jayden West |
| Jorge Rodriguez | Samantha Mejia | Camila Amparo | Katie Blanco | Luis Gomez |
| Elizabeth Rocha | Alyssa Soto | Anthony Ortiz | Jake Flothe | Antonia Facuse |
| Anna Beata | Miranda Gamino | Haily Hernandez | Karlee Diaz | Alejandro Suarez |
| Marlon Alvarez | Voshon Siriac | Diego Mendoza | Julia Futch | Amanda Cooke |
| Gabriela Leno | Jeimy Rosales | Kristen Mendez | | |



OCTOBER PANTHER OF THE MONTH RESPECT

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Janise Knowles | Julian PenaGarcia | Jada Piere | Logan Tipton | MariCarmen Aviles |
| Ashlyn Fasulo | Carrie Shuster | Aaron Rojas | Emily Tosco | Rebeca Hernandez |
| Daniela Cadavid | Kelby Leith | Damien Sanchez | Jennifer Peralta | Nelly Meza |
| Dayna Badchkam | Ricardo Garcia | Spencer Fasulo | Asia Miller | Yilee Paz |
| Evelyn Munoz | Sebria Bube | Stephanie Nino | Janessa Tanelos | Taylor Bock |
| Anahi Fonseca | Yolanda Tapia | Gabriel Portu | Luke Albitz | Anaeya Perry |
| Edwin Heally | Samantha Anderson | Diego Ramos | Cheyenne Stingley | Julian Campo |

PTO NEWS



Box Tops – Please keep collecting Box Tops! Each quarter the first, second, and third place classroom are announced. The number one class each quarter wins a Popsicle party.

If you have internet access...check out www.boxtops4education.com . This is a great place to read more about the program, find out how Estates Elementary is doing with the collection, get free coupons for everyday products and find recipes for quick and easy dinners, snacks, and breakfast! They also mention special local bonus Box Top programs such as Publix, Target, Sweetbay, Kmart, Sam's Club, etc. If you have questions about the Box Tops program, please ask your classroom teacher.

Upcoming events:

Fall Fundraiser – Starts Friday October 21, - Monday November 7, 2011.

United Fundraising Holiday Catalog- Dog Adoption presented at the end of the sale.

PTO Meetings – Held on the same Thursday as Book and Bagels @ 8:00 a.m. We encourage you to attend and give your input to help us make the best decisions for our students.