



Scott Lake Elementary Eagle Edition

Home of The Leader in Me







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Dates to Remember in March

3/13 Early Release	
3/15 End of 3rd Quarter	
3/21 Family Science Workshop 6:00-7:30	
3/25-3/29 Spring Break	

Spring is definitely in the air here at SLE. It is truly a pleasure to see such beautiful blooms in and around the campus. As I walk through classrooms I am amazed at the progress our students are making academically as well as socially. In order to keep this momentum going, I want to remind you of the importance of having your child at school and on time each day. Please remember, even though your child will be on vacation in a few weeks, have him/her read daily. Let's make this the most successful year ever at Scott Lake Elementary.

*Have a safe, fun-filled Spring Break,
Ms. Durham*



- ~ Our Spring "Nancy Daniels Gourmet Catalog" fundraiser is in full swing, please check backpacks for packets. We kicked off on Friday 2/22, all order forms and money is due Friday March 8th. Remember to check out the Gecko Collectible Voucher sheet in your packets for details on how to collect them ALL. Check your fundraiser envelope for important dates and delivery information.
- ~ PTO Nomination forms have been sent home, please consider joining the PTO Board.
- ~ March 5th Spirit Night "The Little Greek" Lake Miriam Shopping Center. Eat in or Take out, remember to mention "Scott Lake Elementary School"

Middle School Transition:

5th grade parents it is that time! Your student is getting ready to embark on their next great adventure...Middle School!! A few things to note to help you and your child be ready for this transition.

- If your address is not updated with the front office, please do that now. All middle school elective forms are generated based on the zoned school that is on file based on the student address. If you have moved recently, please make sure that is updated so your student has the right middle school form.
- Talk to your student about the electives they have chosen. What are their interests, what are their strengths, what do they want to try. Now is the time for exploration. Copies of the elective forms will go home with your student. If you want to make changes please let Mrs. Shim know as soon as possible.
- Performance on FSA will determine placement in Core Academics and possibly the number of elective choices. Students that demonstrate lack of mastery of reading or math on FSA (Level 1 or Level 2) can be placed in intensive classes to help remediate their reading and/or math skills. This will result in only having 1 or 2 elective choices instead of 3.
- Make sure you know how to access Parent Portal for your student. This is the best way to monitor performance in class, keep track of attendance, and see how your student is doing throughout the semester.
- Encourage your student to try new things. Middle school is full of great opportunities for new sports, clubs, friends, and interests..

How does Accelerated Reader Help?

AR Best Practices recommend students average 85% correct or higher. Additional researchers confirmed the 85% correct recommendation by analyzing the reading practice and achievement of more than 40,000 students (Borman & Dowling, 2004; Paul, 2003). Averages of 90% and higher were associated with even greater gains. Results showed that percent correct on AR Reading Practice Quizzes was more important to student reading achievement than amount of reading or book readability levels.



The Leader in Me™
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Leader in Me: Creating Leaders at Home

Each new school year provides academic growth and personal growth in development. One of the best ways to help your child grown in their academic and personal development is to realize their worth and leadership potential. At Scott Lake Elementary, all of our classes have leadership roles and opportunities for leadership within the classroom and school environment. Providing leadership opportunities for students at school and at home will help them learn responsibility, leadership and the power of contribution.

Some great ways to build leadership at home:

- Talk with your children about what they think they can do to help at home. What things are they interested in at home?
- Ask your child why they are interested in this role and how they think it will help the family.
- Together as a family, discuss how the leadership role will look and the expectation of the role. Then write it out together and sign the paper.
- Give your child a week or so to try it out and then discuss how it is going. Make adjustments if it is too easy or too difficult. Celebrate the successes!!!

WHAT'S NEW?

1st GRADE

First graders are blossoming! In reading, we are describing connections between two individuals, events, or pieces of information in a text. Learning the similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic will also be taught. In math, students will enjoy identifying and combining values of money in cents up to one dollar. Telling and writing time to the hour and half hour will be practiced. Learning to identify living and non/living things will be the topic for science. In Social Studies, students will be learning about inventions in history throughout time. Continue to have your child read for twenty minutes nightly, practice their sight words and become fluent with basic math facts.



2nd Grade Rocks!

Can you believe the third quarter of second grade is coming to an end? We are continuing to prepare for third grade by increasing our AR levels and challenging ourselves. Please go over the weekly reading tests with your child at home. We have moved from opinion writing back to narrative writing. Paragraphs are becoming easier each day. In math we are moving into time and money. This is such a fun and interactive time for math! We love hands on math! Science has been so much fun. We are learning all about rocks! Please remember to continue reading 20 minutes each night and working on Istation at home. We can't wait to continue to grow this month! Our Legoland field trip is right around the corner!

4th GRADE

Did you see your 4th Grader's most recent interim? We are so proud of the progress and success they are making. We're moving into Unit 5 in ELA which will concentrate on Narrative Elements and Text Structures. In Math the students are working on Measurement. Our little scientists are focusing on Earth Science and the Rock Cycle. Please encourage your child to read each night at home

Kindergarten

ELA – Please keep studying those sight words. This time of year, the students seem to start slacking off. These sight words are extremely important as students will be reading their own tests in first grade. We are making connections between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in text (compare/contrast)
Math – We are working on counting and cardinality with numbers 11-20 and beyond. Students should be able to count up from any number.
Science- Student are working on Moon Logs. We will finish up with our Unit on Patterns in the Sky and begin with Objects in the Sky.
Social Studies – Recognize the importance of honoring people through celebrations.

3rd GRADE

In reading, students will distinguish their point of view from that of the character and narrator. Students should continue to read each night preparing for FSA when we return from spring break. Over Spring Break, be sure to read a good book! In Science, third grade students will begin a unit on classifying animals and plants. In the area of math students will create, explain, and analyze data on a scaled picture graph and a scaled bar graph through word problems.

Students will also generate measurements and plot them with appropriate units on line plots.

Students will measure and estimate liquid volumes and masses as well as use any operation to solve one-step word problems

5th Grade

5th graders are working hard and learning a lot! We have been focused in reading on increasing our comprehension by practicing different strategies to help us understand what we read. In addition to that, some recent standards we've been covering are working with multiple main ideas, summarizing, and author's point of view. All these skills enable us to be better readers which helps in all other academic areas.

In math we're working on measurement. More specifically, converting and comparing different sized standard and metric measuring units. Please ask your child to share some of the different units of measure they're learning about in class.

Science is also entering into a great unit. It's all about space and the solar system. Students are researching planets and learning the characteristics of different planets and the elements of our solar system. Exciting stuff! Ask your child to teach you about their planet.

Coaches' Corner



Are you interested in what standards your child is learning? Download the FL College & Career Readiness app to view your Florida Sunshine State Standards in one convenient FREE app! A great reference for parents to easily read and understand the standards. Quickly find and search standards by subject, grade level, and key word.



Scott Lake's Family Science Night is coming! Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 21st from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for a fun-filled night of exploration and learning. Flyers with an RSVP will be coming home soon. Parents, if you would like to participate in this evening either through presenting a science topic or by running one of the many other stations, please contact Jackie Thomas at 648-3520. We look forward to seeing you there!