



# Open House

## Norton Elementary

### 1st Grade

2023 - 2024

Welcome! Please sign in on the sign in sheet and  
find an available seat with papers.



# Attendance and Tardies

- No adult supervision is provided for students before 7:15.
- First bell is at 7:40. Second bell is at 7:45. Your student is considered tardy when they arrive after 7:45.
- If your student is absent, please email [nortonattendance@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:nortonattendance@gm.sbac.edu) OR send a letter in their folder.





# Transportation

- Please notify the front office of any changes in the way your child gets home with an email to [nortonattendance@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:nortonattendance@gm.sbac.edu)
- Car Riders: Keep your child's name sign hanging on the mirror of your car. Also, pull up as far as possible during drop off/pick up.

# Daily Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday		Wednesday	
7:45 - 8:30	Science	7:45 - 9:45	ELA
8:30 - 9:00	ELA	9:45 - 10:15	Specials
9:00 - 9:20	Recess	10:15 - 10:30	Social Studies
9:20 - 10:05	Specials	10:30 - 11:00	Teacher PE
10:05 - 11:35	ELA	11:00 - 11:30	Lunch
11:35 - 12:05	Lunch	11:30 - 12:35	Math
12:05 - 12:35	Teacher PE		
12:35 - 1:35	Math		
1:35 - 1:50	Social Studies		



# Specials Schedule

Specials are on a 5-day rotation which changes every quarter. The specials classes are art, computer lab, media, music, and PE.

Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes on PE days and brings their library books on media days!



# A Message from the Specials Team

Our Art, Media, and Music programs are made possible by the continued generous community support of the One Mill.

Thank you, Alachua County, for giving our students these opportunities!





# ArT



## with Mrs. Reno



*Welcome to ART at Norton Elementary!* I am so excited for another year of fun and creativity with our awesome artists! By teaching Florida's Visual Art Standards, our young artist will develop skills that will last a lifetime. They can look forward to:

- *Creating* drawings, paintings, sculptures and mixed media art.
- *Exploring* a wide variety of art, artists and cultures from around the world.
- *Developing* skills while learning about the elements and principles of design.
- *Exercising* critical thinking skills by problem solving and making personal decisions about their art.
- *Collaborating* with other artists in their classroom.

Our artists will have the opportunity to earn up to 5 points per art class. The accumulation of points will be averaged for each interim and 9 week grading cycle. They will earn points by:

1. Listening and following directions.
  2. Participating in class discussions and activities.
  3. Putting forth their best creative effort.
  4. Using materials appropriately and showing good craftsmanship.
  5. Completing work in a timely manner.
- 5 pts. = E/A, 4 pts. = S+/B, 3 pts. = S/C, 2 pts. = N/D 1 pt. = U/F

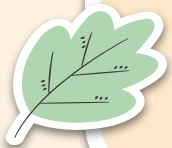
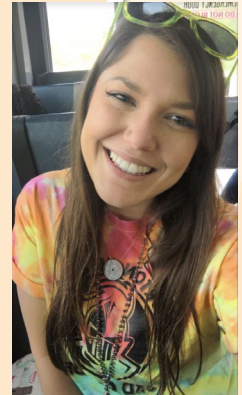
*Please be sure to visit our online art gallery at [Artsonia](#) to see your child's art! More information about Artsonia and additional art studio information / resources can be found on our [Art Studio Website](#)*



# Computer Lab with Mrs. Herfurth

Welcome to the newest addition to Specials!

I am looking forward to working with all your students while they discover the wonders of a computer! We will be working on many District implemented programs, like Istation, Achieve3000, IXL, and Typing.Com. I will also be working closely with classroom teachers to help guide students on research projects, creating powerpoints and learning the correct ways to use a keyboard!





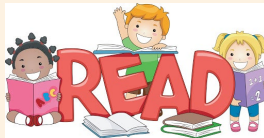


# Media with Ms. Hudson and Mrs. Compton



- Checking out library books is a great way for children to learn responsibility. Our Norton Library has more than 20,000 books to borrow.
- Kindergarten students can check out one book every visit. Students in grades 1 -5 may check two books at a time. Please encourage proper care of books in your home and look for opportunities to read together, like a bedtime story.
- In Media class, we enjoy lessons on library skills, Internet Safety, Reading skills, computer research, Writing, Social Studies, Science, current events, geography, informational text, and many other topics. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [HUDSONS@GM.SBAC.EDU](mailto:HUDSONS@GM.SBAC.EDU)

Readers are leaders,  
Ms. Hudson and Mrs. Compton





# Music with Mr. Duke!



I am very excited for another year of music class here at Norton! Music is such an important part of a child's education because it allows them to be expressive and creative, while also practicing their reading and math skills. Norton music students will have the opportunity to:

- Listen to and perform music from a wide variety of cultures and composers.
- Develop skills to help them learn to read music.
- Practice their listening skills by learning to recognize the different parts of a song.
- Dance and play instruments while having fun in music class!

Each music class, students have the opportunity earn 4 points. At the end of the nine weeks, the grade is determined by the percentage of possible points they earned. Students will earn full points each class by having a good attitude, participating in the day's activities, listening to and following instructions, being respectful to the other students and the instruments in the classroom.

I look forward to another wonderful year in music here at Norton!



# Physical Education with Coach Jones

Welcome to PE! Coach Jones is VERY excited about this year and all we have planned! Our goal here at Norton is to provide each student with the skills and knowledge to be successful in any adventure they choose. Students will become familiar with a variety of individual movements and our focus is they gain confidence in a team environment. Our hope is students develop a passion for the benefits of sports and exercise. And, of course, to **HAVE FUN!**

New for 2023 - 24 School Year - Marathon Kids Program - [www.marathonkids.org](http://www.marathonkids.org) (replaces Morning Mile)

- Expected start date is mid September
- be on the lookout for more information

Hydration is very important so students can perform at their best in PE and in their classrooms. We ask that students please bring a water bottle to PE class.

All grading will be based on participation, effort and sportsmanship; not performance or ability.

# Grading Scale

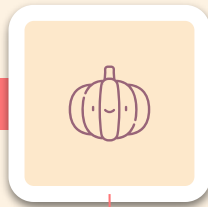
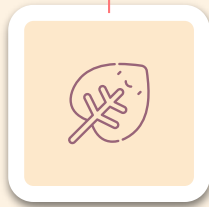
Subject	Category	Weight
English/Language Arts (ELA)	Unit Assessment	30%
	Writing Unit Assessment	15%
	Quizzes	25%
	Classwork	20%
	Homework	10%
Mathematics	Chapter Assessment	45%
	Quizzes	20%
	Classwork/ Journals	25%
	Homework	10%
Science	Unit Assessments	40%
	Labs (Inquiry)	30%
	Classwork/ Journals	30%
Social Studies	Assessments	40%
	Classwork	60%

E (Excellent)	90%-100%
S+ (Satisfactory Plus)	80%-89%
S (Satisfactory)	70%-79%
N (Needs Improvement)	60%-69%
U (Unsatisfactory)	0%-59%

# Our Curriculums

Benchmark Advance

ELA

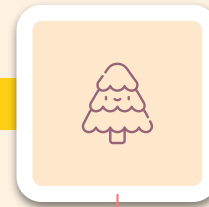
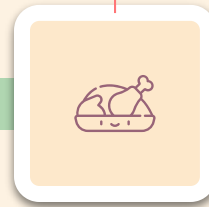


Phonics

UFLI Foundations

HMH ED GoMath

Math



Science

HMH ED Florida Science



# Assessments

## ELA

Reading: Every 3 weeks

UFLI (Phonics): Every 5 days (not always a Friday.)

## Social Studies

2 assessments are given each quarter (A quarter = 9 weeks).




## Math

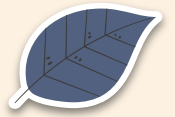
End of chapter: Every 2-3 weeks

## Science

2-3 assessments are given each quarter.



# UFLI



- UFLI is a phonics program that we use to help teach letters and sounds. It helps students practice encoding and decoding words when reading.
- We review 2 phonics skills per week, though UFLI has embedded practice of the former skills throughout the entire curriculum. Please refer to the weekly newsletter to help students practice at home.
- Students are tested on the sounds, irregular words, and sentences.
- [Click here to access UFLI Foundations ACPS Family Resources](#)
- [Click here for a tutorial video on how to use Elkonin boxes for phonics work at home.](#)
- [Click here for a printable word-work mat](#)
- You can use magnetic letters or dry erase markers.



# Fluency

- Fluency is the ability to read a passage with accuracy, speed, and expression.
- Fluency plays a significant role in reading comprehension as readers are able to better understand the message conveyed rather than focus on reading each individual word.
- At the beginning of 1st grade, the fluency texts are sentences; later in the year, we will use reading passages.
- Please practice the fluency texts at home for additional practice. These are counted as a quiz grade!



# Homework Policy

A homework packet will be sent home the first day of each week, and it is due on Friday. Homework should be done on a nightly basis.

## Homework Packet:

The reading component of the packet includes:

- One phonics page corresponding to one of our two weekly UFLI skills.
- A grammar page corresponding to our weekly Benchmark grammar skill.
- A comprehension passage.
- A reading log. For the first semester, at least 2 books are required to be read every week. Starting the second semester (mid-January), at least 3 books will be required.

The mathematics component of the packet includes:

- One two-sided practice page from the Go Math curriculum.

## Grading:

- Homework will be graded based upon completion. Since there are 4 reading pages, each reading page will make up 25% of the grade, for a total of 100%.
- Incomplete homework will receive a lower grade. When turned in late, homework will lose 10% every day. After a week, homework will get zero credit.

# Blue Take Home Folders

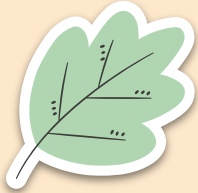


- This is your child's blue daily folder!
- It **MUST** come to school every day.
- Used to send important papers home, such as:
  - Graded classwork
  - Weekly homework packet
  - Weekly newsletters
    - UFLI home practice sheet
  - Fluency sentences/passages
  - Forms from school
- Send notes to school in this folder!

*\* Folders are provided by Title I.*

# Norton Expectations

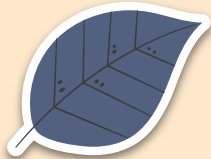
Following our PBIS model, we have school-wide expectations. Classroom specific rules are posted in each class.



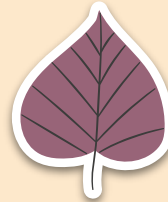
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Respectful



Be  
Responsible



Be  
Cooperative



Be  
Safe



# Positive Behavior Supports

- **Norton Bucks** - Norton Bucks are awarded for following Norton expectations.
- **PBIS Events** - School sponsored events paid for with Norton Bucks! Past events have included dance parties, bounce houses, and throwing water balloons at the leadership team.
- **School Store** - A store that visits all grade levels, allowing students to purchase fun items with their Norton bucks.





# Title 1: Home School Connection

- Parent Resource Area - Parents are able to check out materials to work with their children at home.
- Some materials available include:
  - Parent homework dictionaries
  - Grade level parent guides for your child's success
  - Early Learning backpacks
  - Family Engagement Packs for reading and math.
- Please email Ms. Ballentine, [ballentinel@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:ballentinel@gm.sbac.edu), for check out information.



\* Also, please join PTA!

