



Astronaut News

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Duval Early Learning Academy

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From the Desk of the Principal, Christiana Robbins

Greetings Duval Families,

Happy New Year!! I hope you all enjoyed your Holiday break!

I can't believe that we are embarking on the second half of the school year. During this second half (which officially begins on February 1st), our teachers will be working hard to ensure that all students are working at or above grade level. We have a few new academic Kindergarten requirements that will be implemented, which include the following:

- Spelling Tests
 - 5 words
 - 1 Sentence (which will be dictated to the students)
 - Students will be marked on capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
- Oral Reading Fluency Tests
 - Grade-Level Reading Passages
 - 1-minute timings on passages

Spelling tests and Oral Reading Fluency tests will be administered to students every 2 weeks beginning Friday, February 12th. Please be sure to review spelling words with your child so that s/he is successful on each test.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or via email at robbincl@gm.sbac.edu. I look forward to a continued great school year!

~ Ms. Robbins

Important Dates

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January 18th

No School; MLK Day

January 29th

No School; Teacher Workday

February 5th

Virtual Awards Ceremony

February 9th

Report Cards Available in Skyward

February 15th

No School; Presidents' Day

Reminders

Breakfast

7:10 – 7:40 daily

School Hours

M, T, Th, F: 7:40 AM – 1:37 PM

W: 7:40 AM – 12:22 PM

Late Arrivals

Students who are tardy to school (arriving after 7:40 AM) must be signed in at the front office. School staff will walk your child to class.

Sign-In & Check Out

Checking students out prior to dismissal time is highly discouraged. We ask that you check students out no later than 1:10 on M, T, Th & F and no later than 12 noon on Wednesday.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Happy New Year! We are so excited to start off a new year with new goals. To start the year off, we will be focused on **Tolerance/Acceptance** as our character trait of the month. We want to teach our students the importance of accepting others, especially when differences are present. Students can do this in a variety of ways, whether it is inviting different people to play, or sitting next to someone who normally sits alone at lunch. When we embrace others' differences, it allows us to see the world in a new perspective that is unlike our own. Accepting difference is what helps to build a strong community within the school and helps everyone to feel like they belong here. Be sure to talk to your students at home about how they can accept people who are not like them and how to embrace differences. Let us use our similarities and our differences to make our school, community, and this world a better place. "Strength lies in differences, not similarities"- Stephen Covey

Save the Date

Friday, February 5th
Virtual Awards Ceremony

Character Awards
Honor Roll
Perfect Attendance



Invitations will be sent home with students who will receive awards

Assistant Principal Corner Robin Bourg

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a very relaxing break. It is hard to believe that the first semester is almost over. As we begin the second half of the school year, we will continue to add writing throughout our school day. This month, we will also be taking our Quarter 2 district AIMS assessment, our second DIBELS test, and our monthly ISIP assessment. As always, the assessment data can be discussed with your child's teacher during your parent-teacher conference.

-Robin Bourg

Title 1 Information

Happy New Year! I hope that all our Duval Families had a nice break! We really missed you all!!

As we begin the New Year, I wanted to share some great **reading goals** with you. Most of your kiddos are actually reading words, phrases, and even sentences now, so it is vital that reading goals are set and updated regularly. Praise your children for their efforts and let them see that you are involved in their success!!

The new calendar year offers the opportunity to think about the past and set goals for the future. This should include family reading goals! Take time with your child to:

- **Review favorite books or stories** from the past year. If the books are nearby, look through them together. Have your child pick his 3 favorites. Ask, "What was the best part of this story? Why?" or "What is your favorite picture in this book?"
- **Discuss future reading plans.** How much time are family members spending on reading for pleasure? Are there ways you and your child can improve your reading habits? Together, write any ideas or goals you may have. Post them in a place where you can see them often.
- **Plan to read new things.** In addition to books, suggest your child read magazines, newspapers, cookbooks, catalogs--anything and everything that he can get his hands on!

I can't wait to see the successes that the New Year will bring!!

-Debbie Nichols