



Open House

Norton Elementary

1st Grade

2024-2025

Welcome! Please sign in on the sign in sheet at the teacher table! Then take a pen and find your child's desk.



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 OR send a letter in their folder.



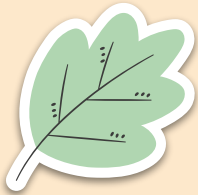


Transportation

- Please notify the front office of any changes in the way your child gets home with an email to nortonattendance@gm.sbac.edu
- 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.

Norton Knight Expectations

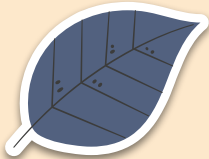
Following our PBIS model, we have school-wide expectations. Classroom specific rules are posted in each class.



Be
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. Pop-up events are also occurring this year.
- **School Store:** A store that visits all grade levels, allowing students to purchase fun items with their Norton bucks.



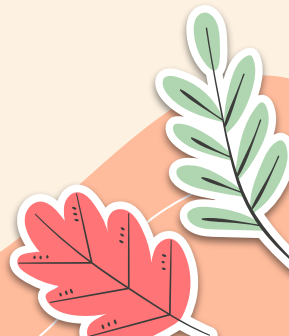
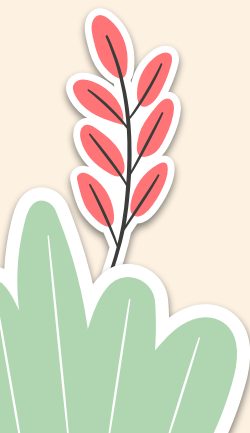
1st Grade Daily Schedule

7:45-8:35	Science
8:35-9:20	Specials
9:20-10:50	ELA
10:50-11:10	Indoor Recess
11:10-11:40	Lunch
11:40-12:10	Teacher PE/Outside Recess
12:10-12:40	ELA
12:40-12:50	Social Studies
12:50-1:52	Math



Early Release Schedule

7:45-8:35	Science
8:35-10:50	ELA
10:50-11:15	Recess
11:15-11:45	Lunch
11:45-12:35	Math



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 artists 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

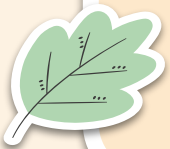
Please be sure to visit our online art gallery at [Artsonia](#) to see your child's art! More information about Artsonia and additional art studio information / resources can be found on our [Art Studio Website](#).



Computer Lab with Mrs. Hill

Welcome to the Computer Lab!

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!



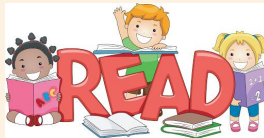


Media with Ms. Hudson and Mrs. Compton



- 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 HUDSONLS@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 NORTON ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION! Coach Jones is VERY excited about this year and all we have planned! Our goal 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!

Morning Run Program - Marathon Kids Program - www.marathonkids.org - 7:15am - 7:35am M-F

-Expected start date is after Labor Day - 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 (5pts) - Skills, Effort, Preparation, Sportsmanship, Cooperation

Coach Jones – jonescj@gm.sbac.edu

Early Release Wednesdays

- This year here at Norton we have the opportunity to try something new and exciting on the once a month early release Wednesdays. On those days, the specials team will be seeing two groups each day for an extended time so that the students will have extra time to do various activities. Each homeroom class will have three opportunities throughout the year to take part in these fun activities.
- The new activities will include fun options such as:
 - P.E. field games such as football toss, foot golf, and bocce ball
 - Mosaics and rock painting
 - Dancing and music games
 - Science and magic fun!



Grading Scale

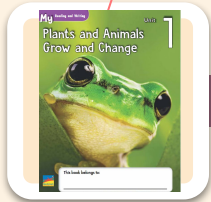
Subject	Category	Weight
English/Language Arts (ELA)	<u>Common Assessments</u>	<u>45%</u>
	<u>Quizzes</u>	<u>30%</u>
	<u>Classwork</u>	<u>25%</u>
Mathematics	<u>Common Assessments</u>	<u>45%</u>
	<u>Quizzes</u>	<u>30%</u>
	<u>Classwork</u>	<u>25%</u>
Science	<u>Unit Assessments</u>	<u>40%</u>
	<u>Labs (Inquiry)</u>	<u>30%</u>
	<u>Classwork/Journals</u>	<u>30%</u>
Social Studies	<u>Assessments</u>	<u>40%</u>
	<u>Classwork</u>	<u>60%</u>

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

Curriculums

Benchmark Advance Florida

ELA



Phonics

UFLI Foundations

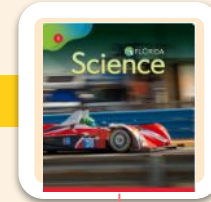
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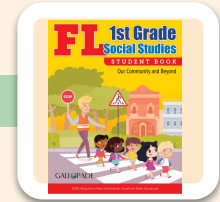
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Social Studies



Science

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Florida Science





Assessments

- ELA
 - Reading tests: Every 3 weeks.
 - UFLI (phonics): Progress Monitoring assessments are every 5 days. Graded quizzes are every 3 weeks.
- Math
 - End of chapter: Every 2-3 weeks.
- Social Studies
 - 2 assessments are given each quarter (a quarter = 9 weeks).
- Science
 - 2-3 assessments are given every quarter.
- In the beginning of 1st grade, all tests are read out loud to the students. However, starting in the second semester, the students will be responsible for reading their ELA tests on their own.
- Starting in the second semester, all tests will be given on the computer, except social studies.




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. Even though this is not a grade, it is VERY important, as UFLI grows reading skills, and we use the data in a variety of different ways.
 - 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.
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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!



Home Support

Norton has eliminated homework from our curriculum starting this academic year. However, each grade level will send home OPTIONAL resources that you may use to provide your student with additional practice. This should **NOT** be sent back to their teacher. The 1st grade team's plan is as follows:




Math:

- At the start of each new math chapter, we will send home the homework pages that correspond to that chapter.



ELA:


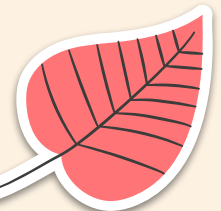

- At the start of each new Benchmark unit, we will send home the 2 practice assessments, along with grammar worksheets.
 - Benchmark is on a 3 week schedule.
 - Each practice assessment corresponds to what we're learning in the classroom, along with the grammar worksheets. All of this will help prepare the students for their Benchmark assessments.
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Blue Home/Parent Communication Folders

- This is your child's blue daily folder.
- The folders are provided by Title I Funds.
- It MUST come to school every day.
 - Encourages independence and responsibility.
- Used to send important papers home, such as:
 - Weekly newsletters
 - Upcoming events
 - UFLI practice sheet
 - Keeps you updated on the standards, skills, and concepts being taught.
 - Graded classwork.
 - Fluency sentences/passages
 - Forms from school
- You may send notes to school in this folder.



Ways to Stay Involved

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- Use the planner and home communication folder as tools to stay informed and involved with our classroom.
 - Attend Parent & Family Engagement events such as Curriculum Night & Publix Math Night.
 - Check your child's grades regularly on Skyward.
 - Utilize home and technology resources provided by your teacher for extra skill practice.
 - Attend Parent/Teacher conferences.
 - Join PTA
 - Attend events such as BINGO Night and Trunk-or-Treat
 - Check out the parent resource area in the Media Center
 - Please contact Ms. Ballentine if you are interested in checking out any parent resources at ballentinetl@gm.sbac.edu
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