

# Welcome to 3rd Grade!

Open House 2024

Please sign in at the back table!



# Norton Leadership Team

**Principal** - Elena Mayo

**Assistant Principal** - Annie Harris

**Instructional Coach/Title 1** - Tristin Ballentine

**Behavior Resource Teacher (BRT)** -Bevon James

**Guidance Counselors** - Krista Boren

# Your 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team

Mrs. McNamee  
Accelerated Math /  
Science



Ms. Johnson  
ELA / SS

Ms. Faenza  
ELA/Math/Science/SS

Ms. Bartnick  
Math / Science



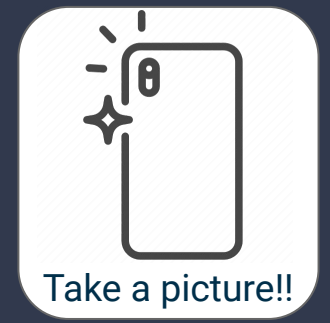
Ms. Jennings  
ELA / SS



# The ESE Teacher

Ms. Hastings

[hastingsma@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:hastingsma@gm.sbac.edu)



- Services and supports look different for all students depending on individual student needs and team-based decisions
  - I will be in the 3rd grade quad and going between classrooms if you have any questions
  - You can email me with any questions or concerns as well
- **Norton Exceptional Student Education Contacts**
  - Speech:
    - Ms. Follenius - [folleniusde@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:folleniusde@gm.sbac.edu)
    - Miss Harris - [conharriseb@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:conharriseb@gm.sbac.edu)
  - Occupational Therapy:
    - Ms. Butler - [buterlt@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:buterlt@gm.sbac.edu)
  - Physical Therapy:
    - Dr. Criss - [crissrm@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:crissrm@gm.sbac.edu)

# Daily Schedule

Faenza, Jennings, Johnson

7:45-8:05	Recess
8:05-10:05	ELA/ Social Studies
10:05-10:35	Lunch
10:35-11:05	Teacher PE
11:05-12:00	Science
12:00-1:00	Math
1:00-1:47	Specials
1:47 pm	Dismissal

## Third Wednesday Schedule

7:45-8:05	Recess
8:05-10:05	ELA/ Social Studies
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# Specials Schedule

	<b>Bartnick</b>	<b>Faenza</b>	<b>Jennings</b>	<b>Johnson</b>	<b>McNamee</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Art	Music	PE	Media	Computer Lab
<b>Tuesday</b>	Music	PE	Media	Computer Lab	Art
<b>Wednesday</b>	PE	Media	Computer Lab	Art	Music
<b>Thursday</b>	Media	Computer Lab	Art	Music	PE
<b>Friday</b>	Computer Lab	Art	Music	PE	Media

## Norton Knight Expectations

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Cooperative



# PBIS at Norton

- Norton Bucks
- WOW Boards
- Norton Knight of the Week
- Class Incentives



# Title 1 Resources

- The planner your child will use this year was specifically designed to encourage the development of essential 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in elementary students. These were purchased with Title I funds.
- **Expectations for the student:**
  - Copy upcoming skills and assessments as part of morning procedures.
  - Set goals and work toward them.
  - Take home each night and back to school each day
- **Expectations for parents:**
  - Check planner each night (reminders, notes from teacher, testing schedules).
  - May use to communicate with teacher

# Grading Scale

## Grading Scale 3-5

Letter Grade	Percent Achievement	Grade Points	Progress Level
A	90 - 100	4.0	Outstanding
B+	87 - 89	3.0	
B	80 - 86	3.0	Above Average
C+	77 - 79	2.0	
C	70 - 76	2.0	Average
D+	67 - 69	1.0	
D	60 - 66	1.0	Lowest Acceptable
F	0 - 59	1.0	

# Grading Criteria

## Norton Elementary 1st - 5th Grading Criteria 2024-2025

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

### Conduct Grades

Letter	Description
S	Satisfactory
N	Needs Improvement
U	Unsatisfactory

# 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 better able to understand the message conveyed rather than focus on reading each individual word.
- Cold fluency readings will be given at the start and end of each quarter.
- Cold and hot fluency readings will be given every month, with cold reading starting the month rotation and hot readings ending them.
- The fluency passage can be found in the back of your child's gold folder.

# SIPPS

- This year, we will be using the SIPPS (Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words) program for reading instruction. Your child will be in SIPPS Challenge Level, which teaches students how to read and spell “long” polysyllabic words (words with many syllables) such as *explorer*, *independent*, and *powerfully*.
- Practice is an important part of becoming a good reader. You can make a big difference in your child’s progress by reading at home.
- The SIPPS skill will be posted on the newsletter each month as well as sample words. Additional practice will come home as part of the home practice.
- **SIPPS quizzes will be given approximately every 3 weeks. Check the Newsletter for dates.**

# Math

- Math skills taught are based off of state standards using GO Math curriculum.
- Math practice pages will go home each week for extra practice, but do not need to be turned back in.
- Test will be at the end of the chapter or combined chapters. See the monthly newsletter for specific test dates.

# Assessments

- SIPPS quizzes will be given approximately every 3rd week.
- ELA Unit assessments will be given about every 3rd week.
- Writing grades are a component of each ELA Unit assessment and will be taken from those tests.
- Math, Science, and Social Studies tests are based on state standards learned.
- FAST testing for reading and math will happen periodically throughout the year.

All ELA, Math, Science, and FAST test are computer based tests this year.

# Third Grade is a BIG Deal!

## Here's what you need to know...

- **Third Grade is a mandatory retention year.**  
What does that mean? Under state law, any 3rd-grade student who does not score above a Level 1 on F.A.S.T. ELA reading must be retained. However, they may meet criteria to be promoted for good cause.
- We are excited to be working as a team to support your student through strategies to help meet promotion requirements.
- Norton Teachers, Administrators, and staff are here to support your students every step of the way.



# Home Practice

**SEPTEMBER**

## 3RD GRADE HOME PRACTICE

Norton Elementary School's new policy is that homework will no longer be returned for a grade. However, we will be sending practice assignments to do at home. These assignments will give students additional practice at home for things they are working on in school, but they will not be turned back in, and no grade will be assigned to them.

Sept 3-6	Sept 9-12	Sept 16-20	Sept 23-27
<b>ELA</b> Comprehension ↳ Week 19 Day 2 ↳ Week 19 Day 4 ↳ Week 19 Day 5  Fluency ↳ Practice Fluency passage ↳ Read Every Night  SIFRS ↳ SIFRS Roll and Read	<b>ELA</b> Comprehension ↳ Week 9 Day 1 ↳ Week 9 Day 2 ↳ Week 9 Day 3  Fluency ↳ Practice Fluency passage ↳ Read Every Night  SIFRS ↳ SIFRS Roll and Read	<b>ELA</b> Comprehension ↳ Week 15 Day 1 ↳ Week 15 Day 2 ↳ Week 15 Day 3  Fluency ↳ Practice Fluency passage ↳ Read Every Night  SIFRS ↳ SIFRS Roll and Read	<b>ELA</b> Comprehension ↳ Week 5 Day 1 ↳ Week 5 Day 2 ↳ Week 5 Day 3  Fluency ↳ Practice Fluency passage ↳ Read Every Night  SIFRS ↳ SIFRS Roll and Read
<b>Math</b> ↳ Ch 2 practice  Advanced Math ↳ Ch 3/4 practice	<b>Math</b> ↳ Ch 3 practice  Advanced Math ↳ Ch 6/7 practice	<b>Math</b> ↳ Ch 3/4 practice  Advanced Math ↳ Ch 6/7 practice	<b>Math</b> ↳ Ch 4/5 practice  Advanced Math ↳ Ch 6/9 practice

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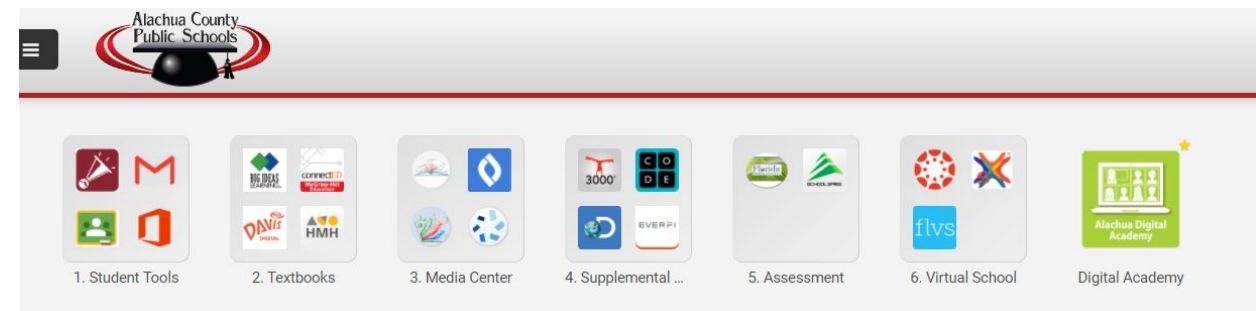
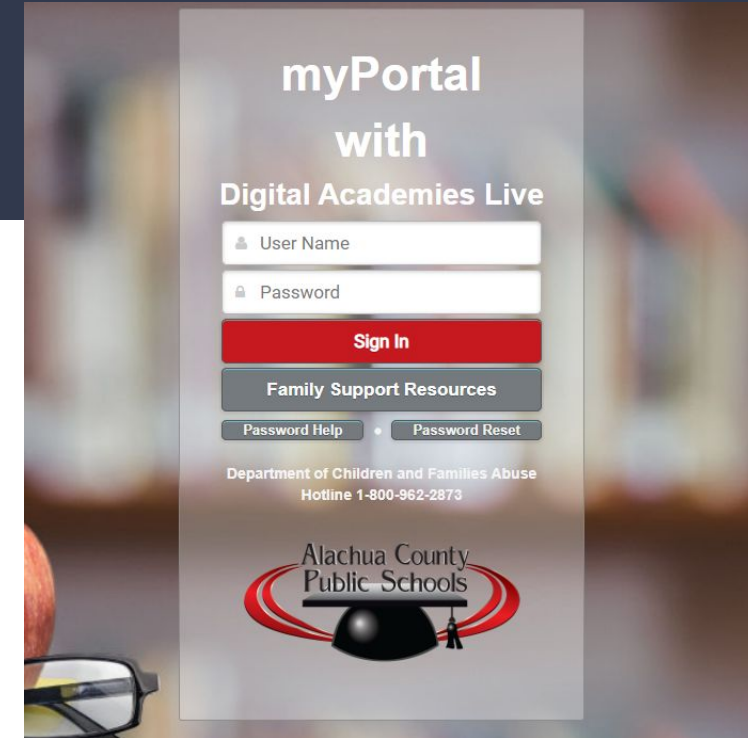
## What to look for ...

**ELA** - Home Practice packets will be sent home monthly. This may include; comprehension passages, fluency passages, and phonics practice. Additional resources will be available online. If you have specific needs or requests for additional home practice for your child, please reach out to their ELA teacher.

**Math** - Math Home Practice will be sent home each week and will be additional pages from the math curriculum that your child was working on that week.

# Using MyPortal

- All of your child's digital resources can be found in [MyPortal](#).
- Google Chrome and Firefox operate the best when using the resources found in MyPortal.
- Benchmark is the Reading textbook we are using in class. You can utilize this app to find information to further your child's education in class.
- iStation is now located in MyPortal and does not have to be downloaded on to the computer. Students are now able to utilize it using the browser.
- HMHed is the app to click on to access Math textbook information. Once selecting the app, choose the *Discover* tab to find chapter information.
- [Parent online resource guide](#)



# How can you help?

- Utilize the home practice materials as extra ways to help your child be successful.
- Help your child master basic math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Encourage your child to practice typing and keyboarding skills if they have access to a computer at home.
- Make it a positive! “Show what you know!”
- Attend parent/teacher conferences.

# Parent Involvement

- 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](mailto:ballentinetl@gm.sbac.edu)

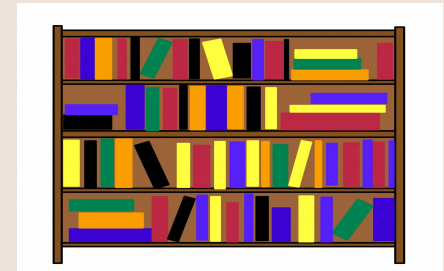
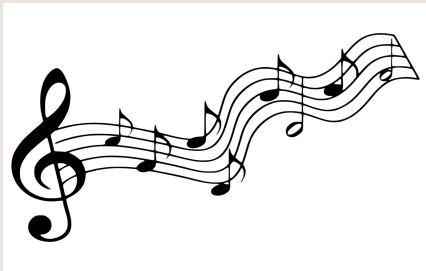
# Norton Volunteers

## Volunteering:

- All volunteers need to fill out and receive approval by completing an **online form**. You can find that form here:  
<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTU3OmVuLVVT>
- For the safety of our school campus, ALL individuals must show proper ID upon arrival.
- Visitors need to check in through the front office upon arrival.
- Parents may come to eat with their child; however, they need to sit at the outside picnic tables. They are not permitted to invite other friends with them.

# Specials Classes at C.W. Norton Elementary

2024-2025 School Year



Our Media, Art, 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. 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, Typing.com, and IXL. I will also be working closely with classroom teachers to help guide students on activities like 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](mailto: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!

# Norton Elementary 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](http://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



# 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!

Questions?

# Thank you for joining!

