

Welcome to our classroom!





**NORTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

Norton's Specials Team

P.E. – Coach Jones

Art – Mrs. Reno

Music – Mr. Duke

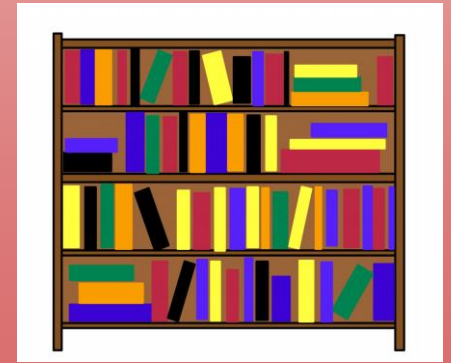
Media – Ms. Hudson

Computer – Mrs. Hill




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 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!**



Norton Elementary Physical Education

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!



Behavior Management

- Positive Behavior Support
- Norton Knight of the week

Classroom Rules:

- 1) Be Respectful - Listen when an adult or classmate is speaking.
- 2) Be Cooperative - Work and play nicely with others.
- 3) Be Responsible - Take care of personal and classroom property.
- 4) Be Safe - Walk everywhere. Keep your body and objects to yourself.

Rewards:

Norton bucks -Class Dojo, WOW Board, note home, praise, stickers, etc.

Consequences:

time out in class, parent contact

Norton Elementary
Kindergarten Grading Criteria 2024-2025

Subject	Category	Weight
English/Language Arts (ELA)	Common Assessments	45%
	Quizzes	30%
	Classwork	25%
Mathematics	Common Assessments	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

Grading Scale K-2

Letter Grade	Percent Achievement	Progress Level
E	90 - 100	Excellent
S+	80 - 89	
S	70 - 79	Satisfactory
N	60 - 69	Needs Improvement
U	0 - 59	Unsatisfactory



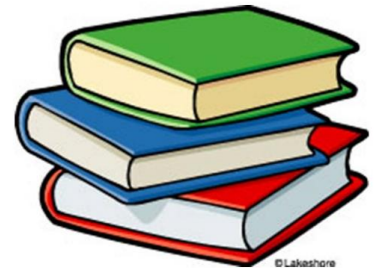
Home/Parent Communication Folders

- Folders are provided by Title I Funds
- Folders should come to school every day
 - Encourages independence and responsibility
- Key to Communication
- Newsletters
 - Sent home monthly
 - Upcoming events/deadlines are highlighted
 - Keep you updated on standards, skills, and concepts being taught
- Home practice
 - NOT required, but will help your child grow even more

Reading Curriculum

Benchmark Advanced and UFLI Foundations

- Recognize and write all upper and lower case letters.
- Know all letter sounds
- Know “irregular” or sight words
- Develop independent readers
- Other skills: Rhyming, syllables, parts of speech, setting, character, sequencing, vocabulary development



Example of UFLI home practice



Home Practice

New Concept and Sample Words

a m s t review

at

sat

mat

New Irregular Words

and*
♥♥♥

Word Work Chain

1. at → sat → mat

Sample Word Work Chain Script

at → sat → mat

1. Make the word **at**. [spelling]
2. Add an **s** at the beginning. What word is this? [reading]
3. Change **sat** to **mat**. [spelling]

Sentence

I sat.

Reading With Your Child

- Please read for at least 15 minutes DAILY!
- Discuss with your child what you have read.
- Allow your child to “read” to you.
- Visit the library and check out books.
- Be a model - let your child see you reading.
- Try Scholastic!
- Have fun reading together! 😊







Writing

- Encourage your child to write.

- Provide a variety of writing materials for your student.

1.	 <p>(I like trees.)</p>	Pictures
2.	 <p>(I like trees.)</p>	Approximation
3.	<p>Bndhvw</p> <p>(I like trees.)</p>	Random letters
4.	<p>I to h</p> <p>(I like to color.)</p>	Random and initial sounds
5.	<p>I h a p c</p> <p>(I have a pretty cat.)</p>	Initial consonants
6.	<p>I pa en mi ft yrt.</p> <p>(I play in my front yard.)</p>	Initial and final sounds
7.	<p>I got a skat Bend fer Krismes.</p> <p>(I got a skateboard for Christmas.)</p>	Vowel sounds appear
8.	<p>My favurit food is appls and makrone.</p> <p>(My favorite food is apples and macaroni.)</p>	All syllables represented
9.	<p>Wen I was on vacshon it was fun to play weth Nicole. She is my baby sister. She is one year old. She is a verrry nice sister becs it chers you up weth a baby sister around.</p>	Multiple related sentences and many words with correct spelling

Math Curriculum

- Recognize, compare and write numbers to 20
- Count to 100
- Add within 10
- Subtract within 10
- Shapes 2D & 3D
- Measure and Compare objects



Math

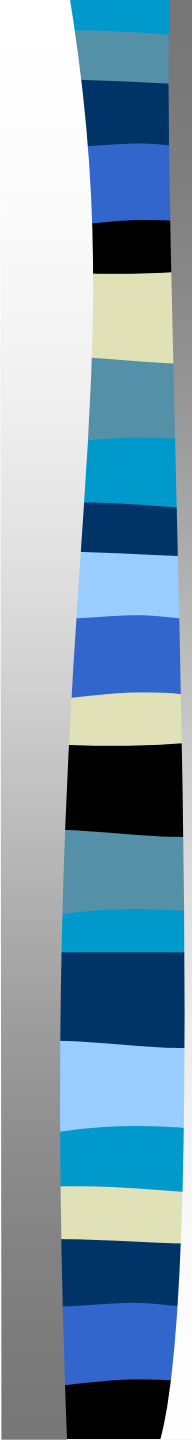
- Make math come alive at home
- Use snacks to count, sort, add, subtract, pattern
- Use math vocabulary such as, big, small, greater than, less than, etc.
- Discuss real world applications for math with your child
- Have fun with it! 😊





Ways to Stay Involved

- Fill out Parent Volunteer Form
- 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



myPortal
with
Digital Academies Live

User Name


Password

Sign In


Family Support Resources

Password Help • Password Reset

Department of Children and Families Abuse
Hotline 1-800-962-2873



Online Resources



- 1. Student Tools
- 2. Textbooks
- 3. Media Center
- 4. Supplemental ...
- 5. Assessment
- 6. Virtual School
- Digital Academy



Reminders

- Breakfast
- Attendance
- Purple Folders
- Transportation changes
- Change of Clothes
- Water Bottles

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THANK YOU!

