



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,

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving Holiday!

Interim/progress reports for the second nine weeks will be available in Skyward on Tuesday, December 15th. Teachers are in the process of scheduling conferences with parents for the next two weeks. If you do not hear from your child's teacher, please contact the school to set up a conference.

We have three weeks of school in December before the Winter break begins. During this time, we will be working hard to ensure each student masters the content they are supposed to learn during this second nine weeks period. When students return from the Winter break, they will be taking several assessments: Istation (for Reading and Math), District AIMS tests (for Reading and Math), and Dibels. All of these assessments provide us with vital information so that we can further help your child. I will be meeting with each teacher to discuss each student's scores on all of the above-mentioned assessments. During these discussions, we will be ensuring that the specific instruction that each child needs will be implemented. Further, I will be contacting parents of students who are not making adequate progress to examine ways to help your child meet grade level expectations.

Finally, I would like to stress the importance of our students learning sight words. Kindergarten students should know at least 100 sight words by the end of the school year. We will certainly be doing more in the classrooms to help students improve in this area. We also need your help. Please be sure to have your child review and practice reading the sight words on the sight word list that is in their homework folder. There is a new list this nine weeks. Your child knowing these words will help them be successful readers.

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

Happy Holidays!!
I wish everyone a safe winter break!



Students return on Monday, January 4th

Important Dates

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December 8th

SAC Meeting via Zoom

December 15th

Interim/Progress Reports available in Skyward

December 21st –

January 1st

No School, Winter Holidays

January 4th

Classes Resume

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

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving break and were able to talk about what you were thankful for as a family. As a school, we aim to teach our students basic character traits that will help them succeed in the future. Last month, we focused on Cooperation as our skill of the month. In the month of December, we will be focused on **Kindness**. We will highlight kind words, kind actions, and being kind, even when it is hard. Teaching students to be kind helps them to learn empathy, which is the ability to care about the feelings of others. Kindness can seem like an easy skill to master, but often times can be a hard concept for young children to understand. It is important to know that children are looking at the adults in their lives to find examples of what they should do. Please be sure to talk to your family about the importance of kindness and remember to live out those examples for them to see. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -Aesop

Please see the information below regarding assistance:

Central Florida Community Action
website <https://www.cfcaa.org/>

Raising and Improving Self Sufficiency Expectations (R.I.S.E.) Program

- > Assess needs
- > Determine strengths
- > Education or job training

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- > Assist with energy cost
- > Disaster relief
- > Low-income households

-Randi Hutchinson, School Social Worker

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

December 8, 2020 @ 3:30 PM via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sbac-edu.zoom.us/j/85682792766?pwd=RURTOHpsYXB3V3FSVWdDKlJZT2NVTQ09>

Assistant Principal Corner Robin Bourg

It is hard to believe that it is already December. Your children have been hard at work, and are learning so much. We have completed three months of both formal and informal assessments and our scores are improving each week. When we return from the Winter Holiday Break, we will complete our second AIMS assessment. This is a district test that will show us where our students are at academically. You can get this information from your child's teacher during your teacher conference. Please remember that one of the best things you can do to help your child is to read to them each day. I hope everyone has a great Holiday and stays safe.

-Robin Bourg

Title 1 Information

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Meeting on November 20th! Please feel free to contact me or stop by the Parent Resource Room should you need more assistance or to check out more materials. You can email me at nicholsdl@gm.sbac.edu.

As we find ourselves headed into the hectic holidays, we could easily become distracted from our school responsibilities. It's nice to have a break, but we also do not want our children to fall behind during this time off. Please continue to read with your children and don't forget to have discussions about what you are reading!

Enjoy the break and see you next year!

-Debbie Nichols

Save the Date

Monday, January 4th
Students return to school