Little Pirate Press

Where Students Are...

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<u>Taming the Tardies:</u> We are still working on our schoolwide goal of decreasing tardies. All students who arrive to school on time will have their name put in a drawing for an exciting family basket. Congratulations to our winter basket winner, the Audette family, for winning the winter treat basket!

Guidance Corner: The holiday season can be a stressful and busy time of year. Taking time to enjoy this time with your child is important. The following are some ideas of activities to do with your child that are very inexpensive. 1) Decorate with what is meaningful to you. When you think about the real meaning behind Christmas decorations, they are used to add a festive touch according to your tastes and based on what the holiday means for you. 2) Pick children's favorite ornaments or toys to add to the tree or hang in their rooms. 3) Make simple handmade tree trimmings. Choose a string of lights. Plan family activities ahead. Include board games or classic group activities during and/or after the Christmas meal, to have something to look forward to and shift the focus from the food or the gifts. Watching a holiday movie together is also a great activity. Cook together as a family. A happy meal is made of happy sharing. To encourage more interaction and fun in your family, try to involve everyone with the food preparations. Even toddlers can help wash vegetables. Having everyone work as a team will ensure a fun time; just remember to ignore the mess and be more open to things not being done your way. Happy Holidays!

Special Area Teachers' Corner

Mr. Genslinger: Music – Happy New Year! We have a lot of exciting things planned for music classes for the second half of the school year! We will be playing xylophones, learning about jazz and the musicians that defined the genre, and of course, playing recorder! (Recorder information will be in February's Newsletter). Please check out www.elhmusic.org for great musical activities to do at home!

Ms. Hodges: Media— The next Book~aneer Bash is Friday, January 18th! Parents, we loved having your support at the last party. If you can volunteer for the next Book~aneer Bash, please contact Mrs. Hodges via email at hodgeskr@nassau.k12.fl.us or register to volunteer at the following site: signup.com/go/ADrOgio. Our next book fair is also just around the corner! Come shop the book fair anytime during school hours with your child and also during FAMILY NIGHT, Tuesday, January 29th 5–7 PM. The success of the ELH book fair depends on parents to help run the fair. We always have an amazing time helping students choose books to purchase. Please come join us in the fun by signing up at: www.scholastic.com/bf/emmalovehardeeelemschool

Remember, our school offers **A.R. Home Connect** to monitor your child's AR progress at home. You can request to receive an email *every* time your child takes an AR test! You can signup at https://hosted270renlearn.com/707339/HomeConnect/ Signing in is easy...just use your child's student ID and DOB to login.

Mr. Mazzella: P.E.— Our annual American Heart Association fundraiser is set to kickoff January 31st. Your child will attend a pep rally and be given there own fundraiser envelope to start collecting their donations. They will have until February 22nd to turn them in. Please remind your child they can earn cool prizes and have a chance to help people suffering with heart disease! If your child raises \$100, they will earn the opportunity to slime Coach Mazzella! Thank you all for your assistance.—Coach Mazzella

Mr. Smith: Science Lab- Happy New Year everyone! In January, we will investigate the power of circuits. We will also look at factors effecting friction, forces and motion. Remember Newton's First Law of motion? An object at rest tends to stay at rest and an object in motion stays in motion. We are going to get moving in January! Also, congratulations to our December Science Lab Class of the Month winners:

5th grade- Ms. Albert 4th grade- Ms. Brewis 3rd grade- Ms. Scott.

Students of the Month

Third Grade:

Leila Ste. Marie

Cooper Strawn

Fourth Grade:

Andrea Ortega-Alas Franklin Kearney

Fifth Grade:

Jacob Kovalcik Russ Morgan

Become student of the month by following Pirate Expectations and earning Pirate Praise! Two names are drawn monthly from each grade level for the ice-cream sundae party and student of the month recognition.



Staff Member
of the Month:
Ms. Rarick

Ms. Lilly's Clinic News

Step into A Healthy New Year.

GO for healthy choices.

ONE WAY to stay healthy is to wash your hands.

YIELD to good cough and sneeze habits. Cough & sneeze? Elbow, please!

STOP the spread of germs.

DO NOT ENTER if you have flu like symptoms.

Eat right. EXERCISE. Get enough sleep.

Thanks, Ms. Lilly

