Dear Anderson Families,

It’s a very busy yet exciting time of year for all our students. Our teachers are preparing our students for the next grade level, and students are working hard as we are moving towards the end of the school year. Students in Grades K-2 are finishing up end of the year state and district testing. Students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the FAST Reading on May 1st, and FAST Math on May 8th. 5th Graders will also be taking the State Science Assessment on May 14th. It is very important for students to be present and on time for the day of testing. Thank you for encouraging your child to do their best and working with your child’s teachers.

Mrs. Kim, Assistant Principal

Kindergarten

What a year in Kindergarten! Wow! Time flew this year. It’s been a great year of learning in Kindergarten. We are wrapping up with end of the year testing. We are doing the STAR Reading and Math test in April and the iReady Reading and Math test in May. We know every student will do their best and try. We will let you know how your child did on these tests after they are over. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest. Continue to read each night and help your child learn more new sight words. Please have your child get on MyOn too. It’s a great free reading resource. It’s a free sight through Clever your child can access. It has so many books that your child can have read to them. We wish your child a wonderful Summer and a wonderful journey of learning ahead. Best wishes!

Sincerely,
Ms. James, Ms. Dougherty & Mrs. Parks

First Grade

First Grade Families,

We are so proud of our First Graders for working so hard this year! We still have another month of learning and growing so keep up the good work!

In Reading and Writing, your child has been learning about text features, retelling, vocabulary and writing about the problem and solution in a story.

In Math, your child has been learning Ordering Numbers to 100, measuring length in inches and centimeters and exploring addition and subtraction within 100. Next steps are learning to identify coins and bills and their value.

In Science, your child has been learning how to differentiate Living and Non-living things and what living things need to live. Next steps are learning about parts of a plant and making observations that plants and animals closely resemble their parents.

In Social Studies, your child is learning to recognize that money is a method of exchanging goods and services.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Zaritsky, Mrs. Corr and Ms. DiGiangi

I am Michael Puder and I am in my third year here at Anderson Elementary. I originally hail from Minnesota, but became a "Florida" native in 2003. I love teaching music and seeing students grow as they make connections in every area of life. My beautiful wife, Kandi, and I have five adult children who visit frequently. Education starts in the home and I am so thankful for all that parents do to nurture and instill a love for learning. I have the privilege of working with amazing children and see their gifts and abilities grow and blossom.

Anderson Elementary School
Lydia G. Sierra, Principal
Second Grade

2nd Grade Families:

The school year is fast approaching the end and we can see the summer. We have been learning so much this year. It is so important for your child to be reading all summer long to maintain their current learning. Please visit the public library all summer. This will help your child enter next year the best that they can! Enjoy your summer, get the chance to explore and relax, and recharge those learning batteries for the new school year that will be here before you know it.

Mr. Behrens, Ms. Holtrup, & Ms. Vadala

Third Grade

Hi all you terrific Third Grade families! We can’t believe that this school year is already winding down and we have begun preparing for our upcoming end of the year tests! In Reading, we are reviewing standards learned this year and are in the business of portfolios. In Writing, we are continuing to fine tune our writing skills by planning and writing our expository essays in preparation for 4th grade! In Math, we are still building our fact fluency for our multiplication and division facts 0-12s as well as reviewing all standards learned this year! In Science, we have been learning about the parts of plants, their functions and how scientists classify plants and animals. Next, we will be learning how plants and animals respond to the changing seasons! Have a great summer and visit the library for books to read.

Important dates coming up: May 1st- FAST PM3 ELA Test, May 2nd-3rd- iReady Reading Spring Diagnostic, May 8th- FAST PM3 Math Test, May 9th-10th iReady Math Spring Diagnostic, May 24th- Last Day of School

Ms. Schulz, Mrs. Gray-Flint & Ms. Embry

Fourth Grade

Students have been working so hard in 4th Grade!!!! We have seen some amazing growth in students this year! In Math, students are finishing up with add and subtracting decimals as well as working with measurement and data. We will then be reviewing for our FAST Assessment. In Science, students are working on learning about plants and plant reproduction. Students learned about Earth’s rotation and revolution as well as moon phases. In Reading, students are working on their novel studies as well as completing their final push towards their FAST Assessment. Students are working on their narratives for writing, as well as working on timelines. Please make sure students are working on their Achieve 3000 articles as well as completing their iReady minutes. Students are showing so much growth and we are so proud of them! Students can complete iReady at home if they are absent from school! Keep up the great work! We are almost to the finish line!

Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Iwanicki

Fifth Grade

We want to thank everyone for a very successful school year! 5th Grade is excited for the upcoming events. Students have been working extremely hard all year long and have been making phenomenal growth educationally but also as individuals. The fifth-grade week schedule has been sent out. Please read over the events so that your student can be prepared for those days. End of year testing is upon us. You can see the dates and the subjects listed below. Please make sure your student is prepared and on time for those days. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us. Again, thank you for all your help. Without all parties helping each other we would not have seen the growth that we have.

May 1st: FAST Reading
May 8th: FAST Math
May 14th: SSS Science

Mrs. McIntyre and Mr. Becker
Make sure your child arrives to school on time.

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue...

Make a Poem For
Your Teacher

We Couldn’t Have
PICKED Better
Teachers

Bring Your Teacher a
Single Flower

Our Favorite Thing
About Our Teacher Is...

Tell Your Teacher What
You Like Most About
Her/Him

Teacher, You’re the
BEST!

Make a Homemade Card
For Your Teacher

FRIDAY
Thank You Anderson Teachers!
Bring a Small Token of Appreciation for Your Teacher

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Summer Reading
It is important for kids to continue reading during the summer to prevent summer learning loss.

FREE Summer Reading Challenges, Reading Rewards Programs, and Contests for Kids
These are great at home summer reading program ideas to help your kids read books all summer! (What’s better than free stuff reading?)

Reading Rewards Programs 2024
Free summer reading programs for kids that have prizes for reading:
  • Your Local Library
  • Sonlight Free Summer Reading Challenge
  • Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Challenge
  • Scholastic Summer Challenge
  • Half Price Books Summer Reading
  • Veritas Press
  • Chuck E Cheese Summer Reading
  • Professional Sports Teams Reading Challenges
  • Local Business Reading Rewards

Guidance Events

Upcoming Events for April and May
Students of the Month Assemblies: April 25 and May 22
Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Character Trait of the Month (April): Bravery

Character Trait of the Month (May): Leadership
AGP Gifted By Ms. Hope AGP Teacher

AGP Highlight!

Congratulations to Molly W., Xara M., Aislyn G., Nicholas M., Medelina G., Matthew H., Bryoe T., and Angel B. for their artwork submission for the district’s Earth Day PSA Contest: “Planet vs. Plastics”. Our focus standard during this project was “Thinking Creatively and Critically” (0.K12.4). These students identified as gifted will be able to think creatively and critically to identify and solve real-world problems. We’re proud of their creativity and critical thinking skills used to spotlight the importance of saving our planet!

AGP (Academically Gifted Program) artists and critical thinkers also researched the importance of Earth Day (April 22) and used a variety of resources such as “Plastic: The Trash That Lasts” from Science in the News, “Earth Day”, from MyOn, “Biscuit’s Earth Day Celebration”, by Alyssa Capucilli, “The Top 10 Ways You Can Travel Green”, by Steven Goldsworthy, and “Earth Day” on Vocabulary.com, just to name a few! We loved digging deeper to learn more about Earth Day! We used our...