



## Anderson Elementary School

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Dear Anderson Families,

Steam night was a hit! There were over 14 hands on activities from drones to lava lamps and over 150 families in attendance! Thank you to the Department of Defense for our grant and all of our volunteers. A special thank you to Ms. Dunn, DRT and Mr. Behrens for organizing this event. Anderson's Got Talent! Thank you students for your outstanding performances and to Mr. Puder, for directing the Talent Show. What about that Cha Cha Slide!

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) for Grades 3-5 & Sunshine State Standards testing in Science (Grade 5) will take place during the month of May. Testing begins promptly at 8:00 am, each day of testing. Please make sure your student is present and on time each day of testing. Please refer to the testing calendar email sent to families on April 14 and April 16.

We have had a busy academic school year. We look forward to seeing STAR (K-2), iReady (K-5) and FAST (Gr. 3-5) results. As we monitor data, we are seeing lots of "Green" (green is great....green means growth)! We will be giving each student a green item to wear to remind them to continue to do their best as we end the school year. We will celebrate our students' academic success on May 24 with a schoolwide event for K-5.

Florida Statue 1010.215, Educational Funding Accountability, requires school financial reports as part of the annual school report. This law specifies the contents of the report and requires comparative data for our school, district and the state.

A few important dates are as follows: May 8-12 is Staff Appreciation Week, May 15-19 is Fifth Grade Week and May 26 is the last day of school with dismissal at 11:25. Please plan accordingly.

As we plan for next year, please make sure your student information is correct and update if necessary by calling the school, Marisa Thomann, Data Processor.

As the school year comes to a close, please continue reading over the summer and visit the public library. Thank you for supporting our school and for being an integral part of your child's education. We make a great team!

The tentative first day of school next year will be Thursday, August 10, 2023. Information for 2023-2024 school year will be sent home over the summer.

Have a great summer!

Lydia G. Sierra, Principal



## Upcoming Events\*.....

April 5-Steam Night

April 7-No school

April 12-Report Cards post online

April 14-Awards Assembly

April 19-Military Child Day

April 24-Progress Alerts

April 28-Student of the Month,

Freestyle and sno cones

May 8-12 Staff Appreciation Week

May 15-19 Fifth Grade Week

May 19-Freestyle and sno cones

May 24-Student of the Month and

Student Success Event

May 25-Awards Assembly

May 26-Last day of school 11:25

Dismissal

August 10-First day of school

\*tentative and subject to change\*

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## Kindergarten

What a year in KINDERGARTEN! Less than 25 days left! It's been an amazing year. We hope your child has had a great year of learning and fun experiences. We are wrapping up with a lot of testing in April. We know every student will do their best & try. We will let you know how your child did on STAR, iReady Reading & Math Tests sometime in May. Continue to keep reading to your child each night & help your child learn more sight words. Play board games. It's a good way to work on strategies & conversational skills. And it's fun! Popular games-UNO, Sorry, Checkers, Life, Trouble & Boggle. Please have your child get on MyOn, too. It is a great FREE reading resource & can be used over the summer. We wish your child a wonderful summer & a wonderful journey of learning ahead.

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



## First Grade

In Math, we are comparing and ordering numbers, using more than greater than less than equal to then we will be moving on to money and determining the worth of the coin. For Science, we just learned about the plant parts and how they help the plant to survive. Next, we will be learning how animals, plants and humans need the basic necessities of air, water, food, and space. In Reading, we are identifying an author's opinion about the topic, describing the events in a story, including cause and effect. We will also be using picture clues, context clues and background knowledge to determine the meaning of unknown words. We are working on expository writing using topics to provide facts and a sense of closure. In Social Studies, we are learning how location, weather and physical environment affect the way people live in our community.

Mrs. Corr, Ms. DiGiangi and Mrs. Lancaster

## Staff Spotlight

I'm Kendra McIntyre and this is my first year here at Anderson Elementary but my 20<sup>th</sup> year teaching in Hillsborough County! I have both a Bachelor's and a Master's from The University of South Florida. I love sharing literature experiences with students and engaging students in meaningful conversations about what they read and learn. My goal every year is to help students become strong independent learners.

## Second Grade

Wow! We can't believe the end of the year is here. So much has happened this year. STEAM Night was amazing. Those drones! They flew all over the place. Lava lamps, pan flutes, even ball launchers. We've been learning about rocks and soil in Science. In Math, we are working on time. Please consider having an analog clock in the house to help us read clocks. We are so thankful for our families and their support over this year. Remember, read, read, read all summer!

Mr. Behrens, Mrs. Randolph and Ms. Vadala

## Third Grade

Hi all you terrific Third Graders and 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 such as: author's claim/author's perspective, character development/character perspective, comparing/contrasting texts and text features/structures! We have been focusing on determining the theme within texts and all aspects of poetry! In Writing, we are continuing to fine tune our writing skills by planning and writing our expository essays in preparation for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade! In Math, we are still building our fact fluency with facts 0-12s (multiplication and division). As well as learning about equivalent fractions, how to compare and order fractions, telling time to the nearest minute, determining elapsed time, working with various forms of measurement and refreshing our data skills! In Science, we have been learning about plant structures and their functions. Next, we are going to be learning how to classify plants and animals and discovering how plants and animals respond to the different seasons!

**Important dates coming up:**

April 26 and 27- iReady Diagnostic 3 Math Test

May 2- FAST PM3 Reading Test

May 3- FAST PM3 Math Test

May 9 and 10- iReady Diagnostic 3 Reading Test

May 11- Achieve 3000 Level Set Test

May 26- Free Style Friday and Last day of School - it's a half day!

Ms. Schulz, Ms. Gray and Ms. Embry

## Fourth Grade

Students have been working so hard in 4th Grade!!!! We have seen some amazing growth from students this year! In math, students are finishing up with perimeter and area as well as angles, lines, and line segments. 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 and 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 and 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!

Mr. Forsythe and Mrs. McIntyre

## Fifth Grade

Students have been working very hard this year & the time to show off their knowledge has come!! Please note that the upcoming end of the year test dates are included by subject area. ELA-We have just finished studying character development & how the plot of the story revolves around the problem in the story. We are now moving/reviewing how to use relevant details to support the central idea. FAST Reading will be on Tues., May 2. Please have your child well rested & ready to show off! Math-Please continue working on multiplication & division with your student. We are finishing up with our unit of Coordinate Planes & are moving into Numerical Patterns, where students will have to identify the rule of a given situation. FAST Math will be on Wed., May 3 Please have your child well rested & ready to show off their math knowledge! Science-We will be pulling small groups throughout the next couple weeks to hopefully address any lingering needs that individual students have. Each group will have a different focus & different students will be assigned to groups based on their needs. Science end of the year test will be two days. Tues., May 9th & Wed., May 10. Please have your child ready for these two day

Fifth Grade Team

FAST Assessments in Reading and Mathematics (Grades 3-5) & Sunshine State Standards testing in Science (Grade 5) will begin the first week of May. Testing begins promptly at 8:00am, each day of testing. It is typically best for a student to test with their class, rather than testing in a makeup group. Please, make sure your student is present and on time each day for testing. If you have questions regarding testing, please let me know.

Tracey F. Winfield, Assistant Principal

### **Avoid Summer Learning Loss**

It is hard to believe that our school year will soon be over. Students have learned many new things this year. As they prepare for summer vacation, I would encourage families to keep learning as a focus throughout the summer months. It takes only 2-3 hours of academic work per week to prevent learning loss that often occurs over the summer. Below are strategies to help combat summer learning loss.

#### **Ways parents can incorporate reading into summer plans:**

Have your student do lots of independent reading. Older students should read four-to-five books chapter books and younger readers should read multiple picture books each week  
Take regular trips to your local library  
Bring a book to the park or the beach  
Read a chapter in the morning, when your child is used to learning and before other plans cause distraction  
Create a reward system for finishing books and/or chapters

#### **Ways parents can keep math skills active and combat summer loss:**

By doing 10 minutes of math per day in the summer, students can [maintain their math retention](#)  
Get Outside! Regular physical activity can lead to increased concentration and thus improved math skills.  
Take math everywhere. Math can be worked into most situations: calculating road trip distance, counting change at the supermarket, playing with math apps.

**Make sure your child arrives to school on time.**



Students look great in their school uniforms!

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Staff Appreciation Week May 8-12

Monday-Please have your child create a poem for their teacher.

Tuesday-Please have your child send in a single flower for their teacher.

Wednesday-Please have your child tell their teacher what they like most about her/him.

Thursday-Please have your child make a homemade card for their teacher.

Friday-Please have your child send in any small token of appreciation.

Guidance EventsUpcoming Events for April and May

Students of the Month Assemblies: April 28 and May 24

Students will be recognized at an assembly in our Reading Courtyard.

Character Trait of the Month (April): Growth Mindset

Character Trait of the Month (May): Leadership

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any needs or concerns you might have. My email is [breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net](mailto:breanna.mckinnie@hcps.net).

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The end of the school year is fast approaching, but it doesn't mean reading has to stop for the summer. Here are some resources to keep your children engaged during the summer months.

**FREE BOOKS!** That's right, free books. Visit [newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com) to sign up. Flyers will be sent home

MyOn will be having their annual Summer Reading Challenge. Visit [www.readonmyon.com](http://www.readonmyon.com) for details.

Did you know Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative is an amazing place for all types of literacy. Your child's student number can be used as a "library card". The pin is 4321 for online access to the resources. Visit [hcplc.org](http://hcplc.org)

**Be on the lookout for flyers and information for booklists and suggestions for summer reading.**

Digital books can be checked out in Axis 360

Go to the virtual library for link

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to access amazing resources