

# Ready for Kindergarten!

**Please be sure to SIGN IN.**  
**Take a green folder.**



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Brooker Elementary School

Principal: Julie Kelly  
Assistant Principal: Amber Norris



# Hillsborough County School Fast Facts!

- ▶ **Seventh** largest school district in the nation
- ✦ Elementary K-5 .....142
- ✦ Middle 6-8.....43
- ✦ High 9-12.....27
- ✦ K-8.....3
- ✦ **Total PreK - 12 students....208,477**



# Brooker Elementary School



## ► Our Vision:

Bringing Opportunities to Learn Together  
Successfully

## ► Our Mission:

Together Everyone Achieves More



# POINTS OF PRIDE

- ▶ Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year: Miranda Harwood
- ▶ A+ School
- ▶ 5 Star Award
- ▶ Golden School Award
- ▶ Red Carpet School Award
- ▶ Attendance Award
- ▶ SERVE Grant Recipient



# Your child's success depends on...

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



### GOOD ATTENDANCE!

- ▶ Children who are present on the first day of kindergarten miss an average of 9 days of kindergarten. Children who are absent on the first day of kindergarten miss an average of 18 days of kindergarten.
- ▶ Children who are absent for 18 or more school days in kindergarten have the lowest academic performance in 1st grade.

## The Key to Success... Show Up! All Day, Every Day and ON TIME!

# Your child's success depends on...

- ✎ Behavior that promotes learning
- ✎ Participation in the classroom family
- ✎ Active listening throughout the day
- ✎ Responsibility (getting work done)
- ✎ Independence
- ✎ Effort
- ✎ Self-sufficiency in the restroom



# What is Expected from You!



- ☞ Encourage positive behavior
- ☞ Create independence: say goodbyes at the door
- ☞ Review agendas/daily work together
- ☞ Read with or to your child every night
- ☞ Ask about the Online Volunteer Application process if interested in volunteering at school
- ☞ Make sure the teacher knows how your child will be going home (bus, car, walking, private provider van) and notify the office and teacher of any changes in writing.
- ☞ Make sure the office always has your current phone numbers, address, emergency contact, and email address
- ☞ Ensure your child arrives at school on time
  - ☞ School begins at **7:40am**
  - ☞ Monday Early Release Dismissal 12:55pm
  - ☞ Tuesday - Friday Dismissal 1:55pm
- ☞ **Notify us immediately if you have any concerns**





# Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten



- ✎ Is my child going to be ready? What does he or she need to know?
- ✎ What are the Florida Standards?
- ✎ What does that look like in Kindergarten?
- ✎ What will my child be doing all day?
- ✎ What can I do to get my child ready?



# Start of the Year Assessments

- ✦ **Star:** Star Early Literacy is a state-wide assessment given to all children entering a public school kindergarten in the state of Florida. It will be given during the first 30 days of school.
- ✦ **i-Ready:** i-Ready is an online computer program that students will utilize throughout the year. Students will participate in lessons as well as diagnostic measures.



# Reading

- 👉 Read Alouds
- 👉 Shared big books
- 👉 Interactive read alouds
- 👉 Guided small groups
- 👉 Independent Practice





# Writing

- 👉 Modeled
- 👉 Shared
- 👉 Guided
- 👉 Independent



# Math

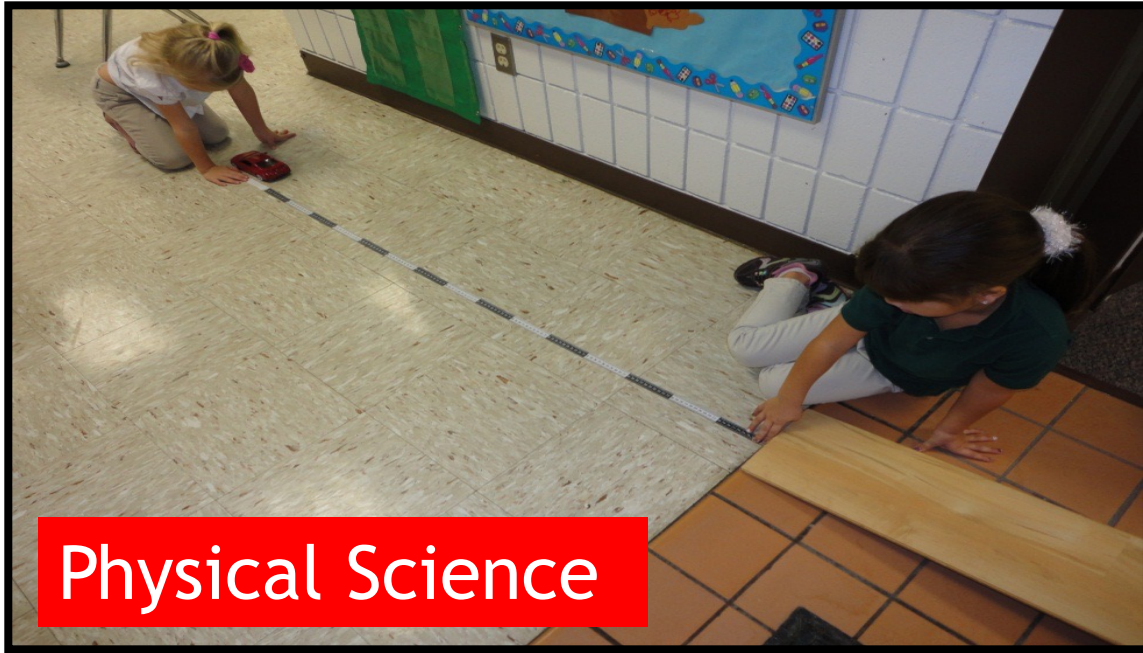


Hands-on activities  
to  
deepen  
understanding



# Science

- 👉 Observing using the five senses
- 👉 Hands-on activities for deeper understanding



Physical Science



Life Science



Earth Science

# Social Studies

Calendars, Weather, Holidays, and American Heroes

Rules and Laws, Good Citizens

Jobs and Money, Wants and  
Needs, Families

Maps and Globes, Symbols of America



# Mrs. Johnson - Data Processing Clerk

## Registration Requirements

You **MUST** have all of the following for your registration to be complete:

- ✎ Child must be 5 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- ✎ Original Birth Certificate
- ✎ Social Security Card
- ✎ Current Physical (within 1 year of first day of school) with Shot Record
- ✎ 2 Proofs of Address
- ✎ See reference sheet in your folder for acceptable forms





# Mrs. Ryan - LPN

- ✎ Entry Vaccinations and Physicals
- ✎ Medications
- ✎ Nutrition
- ✎ Sleep
- ✎ Hearing and Vision Screening



# Mrs. Dalton - ESE Specialist

## ✎ Childfind (before child is registered)

- ✎ Screen & Evaluate (3-5 years old) 813-837-7788
  - ✎ Difficulty understanding child's speech
  - ✎ Child has difficulty engaging in conversational speech
  - ✎ Child is currently receiving Speech and/or Language Services (private)

## ✎ Speech Screenings

## ✎ MTSS Process



# Ms. Calderon - Lunchroom Manager/Food Services

- ↪ Student numbers
- ↪ Universal Breakfast
  - ↪ Free for all students
  - ↪ **Served between 7:10 -7:40 a.m.**
- ↪ Free and Reduced Lunch
  - ↪ Forms available upon registration/online registration available
- ↪ Current lunch price is \$2.25 (2020-2021 prices are subject to change)
- ↪ Payment options: Online Payment is available



# Mrs.Bennett ELL - English Language Learner Program

- ✦ SER form - Home Language Survey section
- ✦ Screeners
- ✦ Small Group Instruction for children who speak other languages



**Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Palmer - Guidance Counselors**

**Mrs. Colleton - Social Worker**

- ✎ School-wide discipline plan
- ✎ Guidance services
- ✎ Social work services
- ✎ Psychological services



# Brooker Elementary PTA

Melissa Schilling - PTA President 2020-2021



## Why join the PTA?



- ⤵ Despite our unique year, we are still a fully functioning PTA
- ⤵ Accepting Nominations for 2021 school year
- ⤵ We use a website called Memberhub to sell our PTA memberships and Spirit Items
- ⤵ Contact us any time at [brookerpta@gmail.com](mailto:brookerpta@gmail.com) with questions or finding out more about how you can help
- ⤵ Stay up to date with events and news by following our **Facebook** page at **Brooker Elementary School PTA**
- ⤵ Our next General PTA meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (Zoom)

## Benefits of being an active member on the board...

- Input into the activities, events, and programs at the school
- Relationships and access to resources at the school including teachers, administration, and other parents
- You are able to play an active role in your student's elementary education and experience.

## What does the PTA accomplish throughout the year?

- Financial support for music, art, PE programs and grants for teachers to fund special projects
- Fundraising for special school needs
- Coordinating special events like teacher appreciation, conference dinners, skate night, 5th grade celebration, spring festival
- Selling spirit wear, yearbook, spirit sticks



# Summer VPK Program

- ✦ FREE Summer program to ensure kindergarten readiness (dates and times to be determined)
- ✦ Approximately 20 sites throughout the district
- ✦ Registration requirements: proof of birth, proof of residence and a shot record
- ✦ Registration at open summer VPK sites begins May, 2021
- ✦ Child must be eligible to start kindergarten August, 2021 (5 by September 1, 2021)
- ✦ Child may not have attended a school-year VPK

**VPK Hotline: 813-272-4840**



# Free myON account!

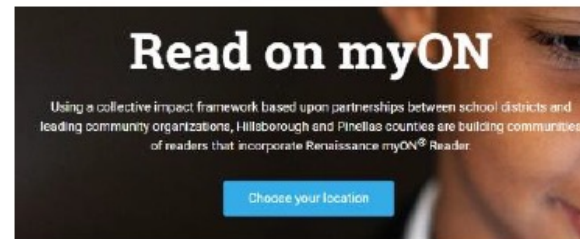
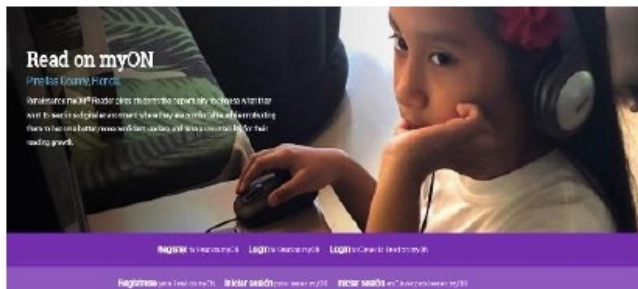
## What is myON Reader?

myON Reader provides anytime, anywhere access to an expanding online collection of enhanced digital books.

How do I register my child to gain access to thousands of digital of books on myON Reader?

Students and young children from birth to 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are not enrolled in a Hillsborough County Public School, but who live in Hillsborough County, Florida can register for a **FREE** account by visiting our [Read on myON](#) website and follow the steps below.

1. Go to [www.readonmyon.com](http://www.readonmyon.com)
2. Click on Choose Your Location → [Hillsborough County](#)
3. Click [Register](#) to follow the prompts. myON Reader will generate a username and password.





## Vroom - FREE app!

Vroom is an app that helps busy parents make the most of the time they have. Turn fun, everyday moments into brain building moments for your child.

<http://www.joinvroom.org/>



**We look forward to  
seeing you in August!**

