**The Stallion Way**

As a Sessums Leader I…

Respect myself, others and my school.

Take responsibility for my words and actions.

I have the right to learn and feel safe.

Today I will take initiative to unlock my potential and show pride in all I do!

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**Sessums News:** This week we are launching a new iReady tracking/competition for all homerooms. We are tracking completed iReady lessons in reading and math with a pass rate of 67% or better. iReady research indicates students make the best learning gains completing 45 minutes a week on iReady in both math and reading! Along with the 45 weekly minutes per subject, students need to be passing 2-3 lessons a week in math and 2-4 in reading (depending on the time it takes to complete each lesson). Students should be working in lessons on ‘their learning path’ as well as ‘teacher assigned’ lessons. Lessons on a student’s ‘learning path’ are identified to help the student with skills that they individually need. ‘Teacher assigned’ lessons are purposefully assigned by the teacher to reinforce a grade level standard that has been taught or will be taught soon.

- On Monday, February 8th our PTA Spirit Night will be held at Texas Roadhouse! To-go options are available. Please mention that you are supporting the Sessums PTA! Thank you!
- Monday, February 8th – Elementary report cards will be ready to view on-line. Parents will receive a message from the district when they are ready. Specific instructions on how to access your student’s report card can be found at reportcards.sdhc.k12.fl.us
- There is no school for students on Friday, February 12 as well as Monday, February 15.

**Testing:**

Thursday, February 4 – Fourth grade takes the mid-year math assessment
Friday, February 5 – Third grade takes the mid-year math assessment

**On Site News:**

**Valentines:** Out of an abundance of caution, valentines will not be exchanged this year at school.

**Sickness:** Out of an abundance of caution, if your child displays any signs of not feeling well, (even minor ones) please continue to keep them home. Please call the school and we will work with you. Let’s work together to keep each other healthy.

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**Weekly Jokes**

**Valentine’s Day Sunday, February 14th!**

**Question:** What did the elephants tell each other on Valentine’s Day?

**Answer:** I love you a ton!

**Question:** What do you call two birds that are in love?

**Answer:** Tweet-hearts!

**Question:** What did the squirrel give for Valentine’s Day?

**Answer:** Forget me nuts (instead of flowers).

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**Important Dates:**

**Wear Red & Black or Bucs Attire** ……… Friday, 2/5
Show your community spirit and cheer on the Bucs for the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 7th.

**Second Quarter Report Cards** ……… Monday, 2/8
Report Cards will be available to view online.

**PTA Restaurant Night** ……… Monday, 2/8
@Texas Roadhouse— they have ‘to-go’ options available. Let them know you are supporting Sessums!

**No School** ……… Friday, 2/12

**President’s Day** ……… Monday, 2/15
No School for Students.

**Mid term progress alerts will be sent this week.**

**Ready for Kindergarten** ……… Tuesday, 2/23
At 6pm and again Wednesday, 2/24 at 9am; both sessions will be offered virtually this year. More information to come.

**Conference Night** ……… Thursday, 2/25
Contact your child’s teacher for a Zoom appointment.

**Scouting Day & Sessums Spirit Shirt** ……… Friday, 2/26
The last Friday of the month, girl & boy scouts may wear their scouting uniforms. Also, any student is welcome to wear their Sessums Stallion t-shirt to show your school spirit. Our school color are green & yellow if you don’t own any spirit wear yet.

**Terrific Kid** ……… Friday, 2/26
Celebrated with the homeroom teacher in class or via Zoom!

**Spring Break** ……… Week of 3/15—3/19

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**Grading Periods:**

Quarter 3: January 19 — March 26, 2021
Quarter 4: March 29—June 4, 2021

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**Upcoming Midyear Assessments:**

Second Grade Math— Monday & Tuesday, 2/8 and 2/9
Third Grade Reading— Wednesday & Thursday, 2/11 and 2/12
Fifth Grade Reading— Tuesday & Wednesday, 2/16 and 2/17
Fourth Grade Reading— Thursday & Friday, 2/18 and 2/19
Second Grade Reading— To be determined by the teacher during the week of February 22nd.
Fifth Grade Writing— Tuesday, 2/23
Fourth Grade Writing— Wednesday, 2/24