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News from The Castle



IMPORTANT NEWS

We have just entered our last 9 weeks of the school year. We are in the final stretch before summer break. It is important to arrive on time to ensure students are prepared and ready for testing. Please keep your eye out for upcoming information regarding FAST testing and other end of year information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Long Wednesday
(Hurricane Makeup Day):**

April 5th

SAC Meeting:

April 11th 5:00pm

FAST Parent Night

5:30pm

PTA Message Grams:

3/24-4/3

National Library Week

04/23-04/29





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VPK REGISTRATION

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

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2023-24 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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Upcoming Curriculum



Kinder

In Kindergarten in Reading students will learn about story elements: describe characters, setting, and events and identifying descriptive words. In Math students should continue to review their understanding of numbers to 20 and knowing numbers to 100. In addition, students will work on identifying two-dimensional figures regardless of their size or orientation. Figures are limited to circles, triangles, rectangles, squares, sphere, cubes, cones and cylinders. In Science we are learning about Forces and Changes in Motion-Explore different ways objects move-pushes/pulls. And in Social Studies students will recognize that people work to earn money to buy things they need or want and identify the difference between basic wants and needs.

1st

In April First Grade will be working on:
 Math: We will learn geometry. We will learn about two and three dimensional figures and their defining attributes. After that we will learn about fractional parts and how to divide shapes into equal parts.
 Science: Big Idea 17: Interdependence- Many classrooms will be growing plants and hatching butterflies.
 Reading: Informational-Identify the topic and relevant details of a text, use text features to help understand the text, Explain similarities and differences between information provided in visuals and words in an informational text, identify and explain descriptive words and phrases, retell a text and compare and contrast two texts on the same topic.
 Phonics: three letter blends

2nd

To begin the month of April – second-grade will continue our focus in reading on plot structure, theme, identifying a character’s perspective, rhyme schemes in poems, figurative language, and the comparing and contrasting of two texts. In math, we will continue our focus on geometric figures, which includes identifying the attributes of certain shapes, symmetry, and perimeter. In science, we are wrapping up a unit on observing and describing major stages in the life cycles of plants and animals and will begin a unit focusing on comparing and contrasting the basic needs that all living things, including humans, have for survival. In social studies, we continue to work on a unit focused on economics. We will be learning to recognize that people make choices because of limited resources, that people supply goods and services based on consumer demands, and that the United States trades with other nations to exchange goods and services.



3rd

Third grade is continuing to review our reading standards in preparation for the upcoming end of year FAST assessment. We will be focusing on both informational text as well as prose and poetry. We also are continuing to break apart words to gain meaning and using context clues to define unknown words.

In math, we will continue on our measurement unit (length, liquid volume, temperature, and mass). We will then move in to our data unit where we will use charts and graphs to answer word problems. In science we are learning about interdependence—how plants and animals respond to seasons and how plants produce their own food.



4th

During the month of April, our 4th grade students complete their last two math units. Currently, we are learning about Area and Perimeter through real-world and mathematical problems. Later in the month, we will learn about Measurement.

Students will be able to use tools to measure objects, convert measurements, solve problems about distance and time, and solve real-world problems involving money. Also, to help our students prepare for the end of the year assessments and the next school year, our students are reviewing all the benchmarks they have learned throughout the school year. In ELA, students are finishing up their Prose and Poetry Mixed Review. Throughout the month of April, we will have a Mixed Review of all the benchmarks we have learned in our Reading Informational Unit. In Social Studies, we are continuing to learn about Florida's economy. We have another busy month in fourth grade, and we are excited for our students to show off everything they know during reviews!



5th

This month in ELA we will be wrapping up Informational Mix Review. April 10th we will begin our Literature Mix Review. Please continue to practice at home and review any notes and homework assignments. Lastly, we will be passing out the Pioneer Project for Social Studies. Please continue to check Class- Dojo for updates. April showers are sure to bring lots of Science Spiral Reviews of all the standards we covered this year in 5th Grade. We are eager and excited to prepare for our end of the year Science State Assessment. Students, teachers and administrators have all worked together to zero in on the areas each child needs to focus to better prepare them for this exam. Or as I like to call it “A Celebration of Knowledge!” Each day we will be completing a Mission in science where they review skills and will answer questions. We will focus on test taking strategies and pacing. As with all state testing they tend to be longer than an average test. So, lets help them prepare each day with a good night rest and positive words of affirmation.

And here it is.... Our last unit in Math. In April we will be Analyzing Geometrical Figures. They will have to classify triangles or quadrilaterals into different categories based on shared defining attributes. Also, explain why a triangle or quadrilateral would or would not belong to a category.

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CASTLE CREEK CALENDAR



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5 Hurricane Makeup Day Dismissal 3:00pm	6	7
10	11 SAC Meeting 5:00pm FAST Parent Night 5:30pm	12 Early Dismissal 2:30pm	13	14
17	18	19 Early Dismissal 2:30pm	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
National Library Week				