May 2019

1st	9:30 a.m. District Battle of the Books FCTC
	Kid of Character Breakfast
2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 9th & 10th	FSA TESTING
3rd	Last Day to qualify for SSYRA celebration
6th	6 p.m. Drama Performance – Rawlings Stage
8th	8:45 PTO General Meeting PVPV Café
	Last Day to qualify for Principal of the Day
10th	DEADLINE TO ORDER YEARBOOKS
13th	10:30 a.m. 5th grade trip to Landrum
14th	Kindergarten Screenings
	3rd Grade – MOSH
	SSYRA and Principal of the Day Celebration
15th	2 – 4 p.m. 5th Grade Talent Show Rehearsal
16th	4 p.m. 5th Grade Talent Show
21st	5th Grade trip to Wild Adventures
22nd	12:45 p.m. 5th Grade Ice Cream Social
	Rawlings Café
23rd	11 a.m. 5th Grade Awards Ceremony – PVHS
24th	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS – Early Release

HAPPY SUMMER!

Principal's Message

Hi Everybody,

This is our last parent newsletter for the school year, and what a year it's been! No hurricane or eclipse! Our students got to visit Mars with MOSH, see a rocket launch at Cape Canaveral, have an alligator live in their classroom, celebrate PVPV's 60th Anniversary, start a recycling program in our Rotary Early Act club, compete in the STEM Fair, and hold an Artome Art Show. They got splashed with color while running the Turtle Trot, joined the Kindness Crew, and raised enough money while doing acts of kindness for the purchase and training of a K9 for Warriors dog. Some students gladly extended their school days for Ramp Up Camp to brush up on their reading, writing and math skills. Overall, our students increased their reading lexile scores by an average of 77 points using Achieve 3000. They mastered more than 1.2 million math facts on Reflex Math. They joined in Spelling Bees and Tropicana Speech Contests, read SSYRA books, earned Principal of the Day, and helped school children at Lynn Haven Elementary who lost everything in Hurricane Michael.

None of this would be possible without our outstanding teachers and staff, as well as your support as parents, PTO members and community partners. It's an honor and a pleasure to work with you all as partners in building this quality education community for our children. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Your Principal, Ms. Van Housen

Principals of the Day Flor Vallejo, Mina Bohsali, Catherine Mitchell, Ayan Patel, and Jolie Miller!

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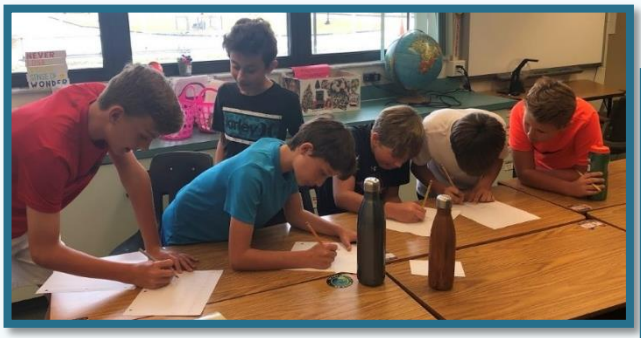
Rawlings (904) 547-8570 PVPV (904) 547-3820

Fishman Pediatric Dentistry presentation to 2nd Grade on good dental skills



Ms. Lamonica's class participating in an enrichment activity based on the book *Because of Mr. Terupt.*

Ms. Keene's first grade class

4th Grade Scrabble Club

Ms. Lyons, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cox's classes all learned about endangered animals and worked together on a safari scavenger hunt!

Ms. Link's 4th Grade class at Beaches Museum

Ms. Huston's 1st Grade class participating in a STEM activity

Ms. Osburn's first grade class – Living Museum

Ms. Bowes first grade class
APRIL FOOLS DAY!!

Ms. Cabo's first grade class – Living Museum

Buddy Reading

Ms. Sloan's second grade class visited the Alligator Farm.

Guest Speaker at Donuts with Dads - Brett Simon, President of K9s For Warriors with his service dog Lincoln, his son Chase, and 5th grade teacher Ms. Bettler, sponsor of Kindness for K9s Learning Project

This momma turtle laid her eggs on campus in April. Next year, we will have some new little baby sea turtles on our campus!

Coach Harden and her Character Cup team bring home 2nd place!

A Summer Learning Pledge and Reading Log is being distributed in classrooms! Our hope is that the Pledge, along with the Reading Log, will be on every student's fridge for the summer! Have fun learning this summer!

Summer Learning Pledge for *All* Sea Turtles

I _____ promise to read and practice math facts this summer so that next year, I am the best student I can be!

I pledge to read 10 books (at least one per week). When I bring my Reading Log with my parent signature the first day of school, Monday, August 12th, I will be invited to a Reading Celebration to kick off the 2019-20 school year!

You will also see my math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) zoom up over the summer!

I have a student account on Reflex Math, and I will practice at least one hour per week.

User name _____ Password _____

My new teacher next year will be able to pull a report and see how hard I worked on math facts, and I will be invited to a math celebration in the new school year, too!

This will be the best summer of learning ever!

Summer READING

Reflex Math fact fluency Problem Solved!™

There is still time to order a yearbook! We have extended the deadline to May 10th. Order online at http://www.leonards.com//yearbooks

Code: C437531

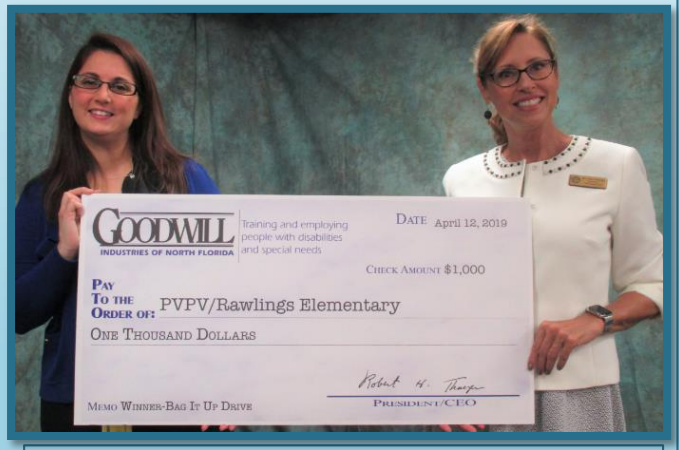
Price Now $20.00

New families are now able to register their students for the 2019-2020 school year ONLINE. Below is the link to the registration site. All you need to set up your account is a valid email address. You will be prompted through the entire online registration process. Once you have submitted your application, SIT TIGHT! Our registrar, Pam Nelson, will contact you about the next steps!

https://secure.infosnap.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=16677&culture=en

Friday May 3rd is the last day to complete ALL 15 SSYRA and SSYRA JR books!

Last day to qualify for Principal of the Day is extended to Wednesday, May 8th.



Ms. Radford, Ms. Lamonica and the PVPV/Rawlings 2018-2019 Student Council is pleased to announce that PVPV/Rawlings met the goal of collecting from over 60% of our students for the annual Goodwill "Bag It Up" Clothing Drive, earning a new computer system as well as $1,000 for each school!

The School Advisory Council Mission: SAC was created to enhance students' learning through the cooperative efforts of parents, staff members, and others in the community. School Advisory Council Responsibilities:

- Review the school budget and make recommendations to the principal;
- Approve the vision, mission, and goals of the school for inclusion in the School Improvement Plan;
- Approve all professional learning activities for which teachers request payment
- With the collaboration of the school staff, make recommendations on how to spend School Recognition money.

All SAC meetings are open to the public. Meetings will be held in the Rawlings Building in the Media Center on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3:15-4:00. Please email Jennifer Nunes at Jennifer.Nunes@stjohns.k12.fl.us by May 8th if you are interested!

Every year the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation has an art show, displaying outstanding pieces of art from the Ponte Vedra Schools. The ArtWorks 2019 show will be held at the Sawgrass Marriott on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 12:00 – 2:00. Congratulations to this years' participants:

Kindergarten
Eva Melin
Tenley Busch
Juliet Johnson
Noah Olomu
Tallulah Kuzmick
Thomas Green
Elena Garcia
Charlotte Luby
Landon Rusnak
Lola Roache

First Grade
Marko Dimitrovski
Esteban Carvajal-Gomez
Brady Redmond
Iker Losada
Emmett Hicks
Ali Armstrong
Bella Wall
Kinsley Harrington
Arina Bocharova
Mason Schroeder

Second Grade
Patrick Seney
Ella Dohring
Charlotte Chowske
Emily Salamon
Emily McLaughlin
Emma Sheele
Samantha Drake
Carter Beshany
Gabriella Olitsky
Andrew Pak

Third Grade
Cayden Strickland
Anna Graves
Vincent Basile
Sophia Chen
Anabelle Sonntag
Leni Munoz
Sophie Kimber
Georgia Semmler
Kate Hurford
Laine Shapiro
Jordyn Berger

Fourth Grade
Bruce Garcia
Eleanor Gibbs
Layann Issa
Sabina Shriver
Camryn Redmond
Ksenia Vorobjov
Alayna Martus
Arianna Rahmathulla
Olivia Shinners
Bella Sharpe
Austin Barber

Fifth Grade
Seth Riutort
Kaeli May
Grace Griffin
Taylor Scribner
Alli Luytjes
Jonas Vangura
Marcus Warren
Laken Wesseling
Chloe Lendzion
Alana Barbarito

Early Act Club had an awesome first year as environmental leaders in our school! They had two initiatives that they implemented at the PVPV campus and Rawlings campus:
1) School-wide recycling bins in every classroom and 2) Caring for Cats and Canines, that raised awareness for animals at the Humane Society. We are so proud of these world changers!

Battle of the Books team -- Jack Epstein, Jackson Bohsali, Zoe Epstein, Anna Graves and Zane Swierz
District competition is May 1st

FIELD DAY

Greetings PVPV/Rawlings Families,

It is hard to believe the 2018-2019 school year is coming to an end! As I reflect on this school year, I am filled with gratitude for the PTO board members who worked tirelessly to make this year possible! I also am very thankful to our community partners, every committee chair, volunteer, and family who has supported the PTO this year! Because of your incredible support, our PTO has been able to provide an amazing amount of financial support for the school!

It has been one of the busiest but most successful years for our PTO! I am thrilled to report, we have purchased the following:

- Site license for 2019-2020 school year (I Ready Instruction, I Ready Toolbox, IXL, Achieve 3000, Raz Kids)
- Grade level and Resource Curriculum
- Renovation of the PVPV library
- 130 new laptops and 10 classroom projectors
- New playground equipment for the Rawlings front playground
- Teacher support for classroom supplies
- Scholastic News for all grades, Story Works for 4th and 5th grade
- Sunshine states books for Media Centers and classrooms
- Writing Ramp Up camp for 4th and 5th grades
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Writing workbooks for 5th grade
- Rawlings Student planners for every 3-5th grader
- Computer accessories for the computer labs
- Upgraded equipment for Rawlings media center
- Snack Closet

Wow! All the above was made possible because of **your** generous support!

From our first-ever Back to School Shell-ebration, to Donuts with Dads, to the most successful Turtle Trot ever, to Spring Carnival, to staff appreciation, to Book Fairs and more, our entire year at PVPV/Rawlings “ROCKED”! Hope you have a turtle awesome summer!

With Gratitude,

Leslie Bohsali
PTO President

FSA Proctors needed

Our parents and volunteers are such an important part of our success! Please consider checking your May schedule, visiting the link below and signing up for a time to proctor an exam. All shifts will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will last between 2 - 3 hours. Parents/caregivers can't proctor in their students' classroom. We appreciate the amazing support of all our parents and volunteers. If you have any questions about being an FSA proctor, please contact Mrs. Jason at 547-8579 or Laurie.Jason@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4CAAAE2DA5FE3-fsaproctor

ACE NEWS

Hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by. As we start to wind down here are a few reminders.

- All accounts must be paid in full no later than April 15th. This includes any late fee charges. You will not be able to register your child for next year if you have any outstanding balances. If you have not paid your balance by the end of the school year, your child will not be invited back to Extended Day. Please see the Coordinator of you have any questions or special circumstances.
- Registration for next school year will be out the first week of May. We have had some changes in our fees so make sure you read all information carefully.
- Be sure to check the School Website for Enrichment Camps for next year. We will hopefully have them listed and updated by the beginning of June.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Have a happy and safe summer and hope to see everyone back in August!

A Note from both Clinics

If your child has medication in the clinic you will soon be getting a letter from your nurse with next year's paperwork and the medication pick up instructions.
Please remember to pick up your child's medication from the clinic on the last day of school. We will be in our clinics on Tuesday, May 28th until 11:00 am. After this time all medication will be disposed of according to school district policy. If you have any questions please contact your child's nurse.

Cindy Masley, RN, RES 547-8573
Kim Webb, RN, PVPV 547-3834

CONGRATULATIONS to our March Kids of Character Trustworthiness

The Six Pillars of Character℠

CITIZENSHIP RESPONSIBILITY FAIRNESS CARING TRUSTWORTHINESS RESPECT

Kindergarten
Mae Littwin
Sophia Rosimini
Lily Sanfilippo
Nathan Olomu
Branson Papcock
Dominic Stramm
Ava Voisin
Jack McKnight

First Grade
Morley Carey
Esteban Carvajal-Gomez
Joseph Musgrave
Matt Michael
Austin Wodehouse
Audrey Whitaker
Marko Dimitrovski
Vivian Bell
Amaia Ruiz

Second Grade
Nora Humphrey
Andrew Delgado
Paige Pilinko
Jude Umansky
Corryn Miller
Parker Bevill
Jayla Baker
Camden Dickerson

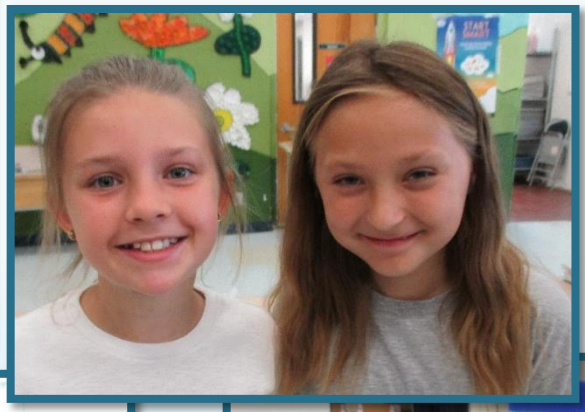
Third Grade
Colin Lacroix
Anabelle Sonntag
Boris Athon
Maddie Coniglio
David Miller
Emma Beganovic
Quinn Faircloth
Peter Cook
Mikey Shramm-Santos
Lila Gregory

Fourth Grade
Brooke Yesensky
Amy Hanyecz
Bryce Caskey
Kera Weimer
Claire Peak
Sofia Abboud
Skylar Parks
Jack Sproull

Fifth Grade
Enza Dacanay
Nick Nuualiitia
Evan Elswick
Lilliana Mercado
Addison Bush
John Finnemore
Kylie Peterson
Greysen Smith
Brooke Van Swearingen

Ace
Joe Nick Andrew
Olivia Shinners

Kids of Character!



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!
The following students have read all 15 Sunshine State Young Readers Award books! Their 8x10 photo is posted on the Media Center Wall of Fame and they will be invited to a special end-of-year celebration.

Sophia Abboud
Wyatt Aung
Mysha Azhar
Remi Baker
Jackson Bohsali
Connie Bowden
Nate Brletich
Joshua Calvo
Salka Corring
Kaiya Dodson
Elizabeth Darnell
Kaiya Dodson
Anya Dorairaj
Mr. Edeker
Zoe Epstein
Jack Epstein
Quinn Faircloth
Mrs. Garcia
Isabella Gatewood
Anna Graves
Raquel Hill
Kate Hurford
Harper Iannella
Nancy James
Chloe Landeweer
Storm Lickliter
Steele Lickliter
Jayden Lim
Sam Marty
Chase Olitsky
Nicholas Olomu
Charlotte Osol
Emiliana Patra
Finley Pilinko
Brynn Preston
Julia Preston
Arianna Rahmathulla
Rilyn Rogers
Lincoln Rozen
Ethan Rozen
Anacapri Schell
Mrs. Smith
Trey Smith
Rafay Bajwa
Abby Squires
Carter Stoltz
Catherine Stoltz
Max Chapnick
Zane Swierz
Jessica Tatavets
Ms. Tucci
Paige Vernon
Finley Vadeboncoeur
Emmy Wainer
Ms. Van Housen
Evan Weinroth
Avery Winters
Robert Gilvarry
Jasper Graham
Joshua Huang
Caden Kartzmark
Allison Mahoney
Matthew Pak
Kate Pelot
Laine Shapiro
Liviya Werner
Lila Gregory
Ryan Gilvarry

and these students have read all 15 Junior books:

Michael Armstrong
Kinsley Barrett
Carter Beshany
Mina Bohsali
Esme Boyer
Colin Bovee
Madison Brletich
Juliette Burrell
Gabriella Davis
Benjamin Dyal
Samantha Drake
Zoey Fishman
Max Gomez
Andrew Grub
Arinan Guru
Ben Kartzmark
Delaney Knecht
Savannah Kuzmick
Lucy Landeweer
Maclin McCabe
Jolie Miller
Reid Miranda
Catherine Mitchell
Liam Moore
Beckett Morse
Riley Nibi
Gabriella Olitsky
Cooper Osol
Andrew Pak
Presley Palusak
Ayan Patel
Dhruv Patel
Campbell Shepherd
Sophia Shinners
Nelson Silverio
Evan Sproull
Siena Sullivam
Jude Umansky
Flor Vallejo Brunette
Riley Weinstein
Tobyn Woods
Zane Woods

The Ark Plan
The Doublecross: (And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy)
Dragons and Marshmallows
The Great Treehouse War
Home Sweet Motel
I Love You, Michael Collins
Lemons
Lights, Camera, Cook!
Overboard!
Podkin One-Ear
Spirit Week Showdown
The Sweetest Sound
A True Home
Ugly Cat & Pablo
Wish

I Am Not a Chair
Prince Ribbit
Jabari Jumps
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors
You Don't Want a Unicorn!
Be Quiet!
Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, the Very First Chicken
Nerdy Birdy Tweets
After the Fall
Escargot
Noodleheads See the Future
CatStronauts: Mission Moon
The Last Firehawk: The Ember Stone
Hilde cracks the Case: Hero Dog!
Fergus and Zeke

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books
2019-2020 List for Grades 3-5

The Ambrose Deception **by Emily Ecton**
Three students are chosen seemingly at random to participate in a scavenger hunt with a ten thousand dollar prize. Is Melissa a forger? Or an entrepreneur? Is Bondi a con man? Or a hard worker? And is Wilf a thief? Or filled with adventure? These three children race around Chicago trying to solve their clues first. But there is much more than meets the eye. This scavenger hunt, and all of the people associated with it, are more than meets the eye.

Annie's Life in Lists **by Kristin Mahoney**
Fifth grader, Annie thinks it's all her fault when her parents decide to move their family from Brooklyn, NY to Clover Gap, population 8,432 and so does her brother! Annie blames her amazing memory on the move and hides her ability from her new friends. Then Annie discovers a secret hidden among papers in the attic. What really brought her family to Clover Gap and will they ever be able to call it home?

Ben Franklin's in my Bathroom! **by Candace Fleming**
When Ben Franklin accidentally gets transported to the 21st century, he can't get enough of all the modern inventions like indoor plumbing. Will Nolan and Olive be able to figure out how to return him to his own time before anyone finds out? A great combination of history and humor that everyone will enjoy.

The Bicycle Spy **by Yona Zeldis McDonough**
Marcel dreams of competing in the Tour De France, even though the race has been canceled for the last two years due to the German occupation of France. While riding his bicycle to make deliveries for his parents bakery, he discovers a secret that will change his world. Will Marcel use his bicycle racing skills, and be brave enough to help his family with the resistance movement and save his friend and her family from serious danger?

Bob **by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead**
It's been five years since Livy last opened the door to the bedroom closet, but Bob, a small green being wearing a chicken suit, has been patiently waiting for her to return and help him figure out his identity and where he belongs. After all, a promise is a promise.

Cosmic Commandos **by Christopher Eliopoulos**
Jeremy and Justin are identical twins, but the only thing they have in common is their looks. One morning Jeremy finds a decoder ring at the bottom of the cereal box; he is not very impressed. Little does he know, the ring actually grants the owner a wish. Jeremy suddenly finds himself inside his favorite video game. He will have to battle all the villains to win. Jeremy has never beat the final level of the game. Justin has really good ideas and tries to help. Jeremy is not used to listening to his brother. Will Jeremy be able to get the help he needs to save his town?

Dragon with a Chocolate Heart **by Stephanie Burgis**
Aventurine is a feisty young dragon who tries to go on adventures/huntings with her family, but they keep telling her she is too young and not ready. She disagrees and is going to prove it! This spunky dragon gets tricked into drinking hot chocolate and then transforms into a human girl. Her desire for chocolate takes her on a whole new adventure into the human world!

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books
2019-2020 List for Grades 3-5, Page 2

***Enginerds* by Jarrett Lerner**
Beware of the Robots…they want your comestibles! Ken and his friends, a group who call themselves the Enginerds, face off against the biggest problem they've ever faced…or created. With some surplus chopsticks, a timely news report, and some ingenuity, the Enginerds face off against the robots in an epic battle to save their town, and possibly, the world.

***Ghost Attack* by David Lubar**
Lex gets to spend some time with his cousin, Sarah at their grandparents' new home, and the adventures begin with a RASH! They realize he is allergic to ghosts and tries to stay away from them. No success, the ghost needs him to help solve a mystery!

***Sled Dog School* by Terry Lynn Johnson**
Matt is great with sled dogs, but terrible at math. Will his extra credit project of setting up a sled dog school be enough to dig him out of trouble or will he get buried even deeper in trouble?

***Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* by Angela Dominguez**
Stella Diaz, a marine animal lover, starts a new school year with her best friend in another class. Stella sometimes gets nervous talking in front of people because she accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong. Will Stella be able to overcome her fears of making new friends and speaking in front of the whole class? Find out in Stella Diaz Has Something to Say!

***Superstar* by Mandy Davis**
Lester, who has autism spectrum disorder (but doesn't know it), was always homeschooled. But now his mom has to get a job so he is starting fifth grade in a public school for the first time in his life, where he is faced with the challenges of making friends, fending off bullies and dealing with his intolerance for loud noises and schedule changes. Then space loving Lester learns about the school science fair and things start looking up!

***Survival Tails: The Titanic* by Katrina Charman**
Mutt, the dog, follows his owner to the RMS Titanic. Once there, he sneaks aboard the ship in search for Alice, his best friend. With the help of a rat, the captain's cat and some adorable kittens, Mutt must find Alice before the unthinkable happens. When the ship hits an iceberg, the animals have to hurry to find their owners before the ship sinks.

***Tumble & Blue* by Cassie Beasley**
Who doesn't want to be lucky? Or a hero? But for every up there is a down, and that is how the fates run in the families of Blue Montgomery and Tumble Wilson, thanks to their greedy ancestors. Today, as the blood moon draws near, their unfortunate descendants are returning to face Munch (the mystical golden alligator) and find new fates. Tumble and Blue could have as good a shot as any of the other ill-fated relatives, if the legend proves true.

***Wedgie & Gizmo* by Suzanne Selfors**
What do you get when you mix a bouncy, excitable super hero dog with an evil genius guinea pig? Hilarious adventures! Wedgie is a non-stop barking protector dog, who loves everyone-even the furry potato! Gizmo is the evil genius guinea pig out to take over the world, once he defeats his nemesis Gizmo. Will Gizmo make it to Peru and lead the guinea pig take-over?

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SSYRA Jr.

2019-2020 SSYRA Jr.
Annotated Book List

The Princess and The Pit Stop by Tom Angelberger, illustrated by Dan Santat
During a pit stop, the princess discovers she is in last place of her fairy tale race. Not one to give up, her revved up racing skills have her passing characters like the tortoise and the hare and all the wicked witches. Can she come from behind and win?

Melia and Jo by Billy Aronson, illustrated by Jennifer Oxley
Melia's scientific creations just aren't quite right. Then she meets Jo, her new friend with an artistic spirit. First, Melia thinks Jo is too creative to be her inventing partner, but when you add the arts to sciences, something magical happens!

The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach.
With a nod to a certain classic picture book, the magical process of metamorphosis is explored from the point-of-view of a hilariously clueless caterpillar who literally just can't wait to be a butterfly!

Rot: The Cutest in the World by Ben Clanton
For a mutant potato, Rot has so much self-confidence that he enters "The Cutest In The World Contest." Then he meets the other contestants who are all adorable. When Rot decides he should just be himself, his inner beauty shines...but is it enough for the judges?

Inky the Octopus by Erin Guendelsberger, illustrated by David Leonard
Based on a true story, an aquarium octopus dreams of being free to live in the sea. With rhyming text and bright, colorful illustrations, you'll root for Inky to escape to the ocean!

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins
It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all.

Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang, illustrated by Max Lang
After Jim Panzee wakes up on the wrong side of the tree, nothing seems right. His jungle friends suggest he is grumpy and try to help him cheer up, which just makes things worse. In the end, Jim and friends discover it is okay to feel all the feelings you have.

The Bagel King by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Sandy Nichols
Eli could count on Zaida to bring bagels over every Sunday morning. But one Sunday, Zaida didn't come. This meant Eli had no bagels. And neither did Zaida's friends, who had been receiving their own weekly deliveries from Zaida. Will they all go hungry for bagels on Sunday? Or is there something Eli can do?

***The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia Sanchez**
Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. One day, she finds some old boards and decides to build something. She invites her brothers to help, but they just laugh and tell her she doesn't know how to build. When she creates a dazzling fort that they all want to play in, it is Ruby who has the last laugh.

***Neck & Neck* by Elise Parsley**
Leopold the giraffe is a star at the zoo until one day he sees a Leopold balloon and becomes jealous of the attention it steals from him. He thinks of clever ways to get rid of these inflated imposters, but his guilt overwhelms him when a little boy loses his balloon.

Independent Readers

***Good Rosie!* By Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Harry Bliss.**
Rosie is a shy and lonely dog. When George, her owner tries to help her make friends at the dog park, Rosie does not care for the dogs she meets. But when she comes to the rescue of a roughed up pup, she rethinks the possibility of friendship.

***Stealing the Sword* by Wendy, Mass illustrated by Oriol Vidal**
After Chase and Ava find an old suitcase filled with strange objects. After touching one, they find themselves jumping back in time to King Arthur's castle! They meet the king's wizard Merlin and soon discover they have an important job to do: they must save the king!

***The Great Cheese Robbery* by Chris Mould**
Arrrr! Get ready for the pocket pirates, tiny pirates whose cat is stolen by evil mice. In order to get their cat back, they must get some cheese from the freezing Fridge. Can they survive the cold and save their feline friend?

***The New Kid* by A.I. Newton, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar**
It's not easy to be the new kid at school, especially when you re an alien. Luckily, Zeke fits right in, and makes new friends except for Harris. Harris knows a lot about aliens and is going to prove to everyone that Zeke is not who he says he is.

***Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!* By Kara West, illustrated by Leeza Hernandez**
Mia is a normal eight year old girl until she discovers that she is a superhero! But can she learn to balance her regular life and keep her identity a secret, all while learning to be a superhero?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken smackers Carrot dippers peas Assorted Fruit Variety of milk Papa John's ala carte	2 Cheese Burger Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Nuggets W/ garlic toast carrot dippers Crispy Potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	3 hot dog Chicken nuggets w/roll Cheese Sticks & Marinara Carrot dippers Baked Beans corn Assorted Fruit Variety of Milk
6 Chicken quesadilla Chicken nuggets w/roll Sweet potato fries steamed Broccoli Assorted fruit Variety of milk	7 Cheese or Pepperoni Calzone With marinara Chicken Patty Sandwich Mini corn dogs Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Assorted Fruit & Variety of milk	8 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken smackers Corn Broccoli dipper Assorted Fruit Variety of milk Papa John's ala carte	9 Pasta and meatballs With garlic toast Hot dog Cheese sticks Green beans broccoli dipper slice peaches Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	10 cheese burger BBQ chicken with garlic toast Broccoli dipper Crispy potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of Milk
13 Mac and cheese Chicken nuggets w/garlic toast Green beans Assorted fruit Variety of milk	14 Mini Corn Dogs Chicken patty Nacho Bites corn Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	15 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken smackers Carrot dippers peas Assorted Fruit Variety of milk Papa John's ala carte	16 Cheese Burger Cheese ravioli Chicken Nuggets W/ garlic toast carrot dippers Crispy Potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	17 hot dog Cheese Sticks & Marinara Carrot dippers Baked Beans Steamed broccoli Assorted Fruit Variety of Milk
20 Chicken quesadilla Chicken nuggets w/roll Sweet potato fries steamed Broccoli Assorted fruit Variety of milk	21 Cheese or Pepperoni Calzone With marinara Chicken Patty Sandwich Mini corn dogs Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Assorted Fruit & Variety of milk	22 Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken smackers Corn Broccoli dipper Assorted Fruit Variety of milk Papa John's ala carte	23 Pasta and meatballs With garlic toast Hot dogs Cheese sticks Green beans broccoli dipper slice peaches Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	24 Last day of school cheese burger Chicken patty Crispy potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of Milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Pancake Sausage Wraps Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Taco Bananas Choice of Milk Choice of100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly Taco Sauce	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Mini Pancakes Cranberries Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast EggStravaganza with Toast Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Pizza Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly
Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Colby Cheese Omelet and Toast Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Burrito Bananas Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly Taco Sauce	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Scramble Egg Sandwich or Biscuit Cranberries Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Skillet Frittata with Toast Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Sausage Sandwich or Biscuit Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly

Choice of Cereal(s):

RS WG Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios, Golden Grahams, Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms, Reduced Sugar Whole Grain Frosted Corn Flakes, Rice Chex, Reduced Sugar WG Cocoa Puffs, Fruity Cheerios, Apple Cinnamon Cheerios, Cinnamon Chex

Choice of 100% Juice: (4 oz) Apple, Grape, Orange, Sour Apple, Orange Pineapple, Blue Raspberry, Tropical Punch, Apple Cherry

Choice of Milk: Fat Free Regular or Flavored; Low Fat Regular

* Menu cycles every 2 weeks

Starting in October, on Wednesdays only, we will be serving Papa John's pizza. Each slice is $1.85, and every thing that your child gets with Papa John's will be charged as ala carte. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at Jessica.Peto@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call me at 904-547-8576. Thank You!

To apply for free or reduced lunch, visit the St. Johns County website at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/. You may also contact the cafeteria manager, Jessica Peto at 547-8576, for questions related to the application process.

For those receiving free and reduced lunch, we offer a wonderful program of support throughout the weekends called Blessings in a Backpack. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact your building's counselor, **Stacey O'Brien** (Stacey.Obrien@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or **Christy Thacker** (Christy.Thacker@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

Cafeteria news

Before summer break, your student's lunch account need to be paid in full. You can go to paypams.com or send money in with your child. If there are funds left in your students account it rolls over to the next school year. If there are funds left in an account and that student goes to Landrum or any other St. Johns County School next year, those funds will be transferred to that school. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at 904-547-8576 or at Jessica.peto@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

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Book Picks

Read-aloud favorites

■ ***Same, Same but Different*** *(Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw)*
Two boys with an ocean between them become best friends in this story about similarities and differences. Pen pals Elliot and Kailash both like to climb trees—but Elliot's tree in America has a treehouse, while Kailash's tree in India is full of monkeys. What else will they discover as they exchange letters?

■ ***Sofia Martinez: My Family Adventure*** *(Jacqueline Jules)*

There's one adventure after another for seven-year-old Sofia. She goes to hilarious lengths to stand out from her older sisters, make a piñata for her grandmother's birthday, and find an escaped pet mouse. A glossary helps readers learn the Spanish words sprinkled throughout the story. Book one in the Sofia Martinez series.

■ ***Digger, Dozer, Dumper*** *(Hope Vestergaard)*

Trucks have many jobs! Your child can learn about their work as he reads this collection of 16 poems, each featuring a different vehicle. Colorful illustrations show everything from street sweepers to fire trucks, and rhyming verses describe their jobs—cleaning, rescuing, and more.

■ ***Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building*** *(Deborah Hopkinson)*

This true story offers amazing facts about the New York City landmark. For example, steel columns were sunk 55 feet underground to support the 365,000-ton tower, and the builders took lunch breaks on beams dozens of stories high.

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Be a nonfiction explorer

Lemonade, swimming, the zoo…no matter what's on your child's agenda while school is out, he can read to learn more about it! Try these tips for nonfiction reading before or even during summertime activities.

Learn how

Have your youngster think of something new he'd like to try, such as running a lemonade stand or putting on a magic show. Together, read books that might help him succeed. For instance, he could learn how to make change from a picture book about counting money. Or he could read a book of magic tricks to find out how to dazzle his audience.

Discover facts

Take books along wherever you go. Maybe your child will read a book of world records at the pool and tell you who swam the fastest or the farthest ever. Or if you're traveling on an airplane, pack a book for him to read about how planes fly.

Go beyond books

Suggest that your youngster collect and explore other nonfiction materials. He might get a map of the zoo, a takeout menu at the pizza parlor, or a calendar of events at the park. Ask him to read words he recognizes (*tiger, cheese, hike*). He could circle his favorite animals or pizza toppings, or highlight park programs he wants to attend.♥

Revise and edit

How can your youngster make her writing shine? By polishing it! Here's how.

● **Revise.** Encourage your child to read her story aloud. What could she add or rearrange? To decide, she might think, "Did I leave out anything important?" or "Are the events in the right order?" Ask questions to help her add details or clear up confusion. ("Who is Chloe?")

● **Edit.** Now it's time to edit for capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Have your child read her story once to check for each type of error. If you spot a mistake she overlooks (say, a word that should be capitalized), help her figure it out. ("What should the first word in a sentence start with?")♥

Writing "on location"

Inspire your youngster to practice writing vivid descriptions whether she's outdoors or at home. She'll have fun using *adjectives*, or descriptive words, with these ideas.

Nature on the playground. Take pencils and paper outside, and try this activity. Each of you secretly spots something in nature and writes a description that includes at least two adjectives—but doesn't name the object. Your child could write, "I see something *big*, *white*, and *fluffy*," and you might write, "I see something *short*, *yellow*, and *green*." Trade papers, then take a look around, and try to guess what the other person is describing (cloud, dandelion).

Scenes from afar. Your child can write descriptions of faraway places without ever leaving home! Have her cut out pictures of different types of scenery from old magazines. *Examples:* tropical beach, snowy mountain, the surface of Mars. She could glue each photo on a separate page of a notebook and write about it, using adjectives to bring her sentences to life. ("Mars looks *red* and *dusty*. Some parts are *rocky*, and others are *smooth*.")♥

Neighborhood theater

Lights, camera, action! Let your youngster put on a play based on a favorite storybook, and she'll work on reading, writing, and speaking.

First, help your child turn the book into a script by writing the dialogue on a sheet of paper. Then, make a copy for each character. Your youngster and friends and family can choose roles.

Suggest that actors read their lines aloud a few times to rehearse. Encourage them to ham it up, using voices that might sound like their characters. They could also make scenery on poster board and use household items as props.

Now it's show time! Invite neighbors to be the audience, and videotape the performance. Finally, hold a film premiere where the cast can watch the tape.♥

Fun with Words

Active spelling games

Your child can balance and hop his way to better spelling with these games.

Balance like an acrobat

Make a duct tape "tightrope." Your youngster can spell words, taking one step for each letter. If you say *block*, he'd take five careful steps. If he spells it correctly without stepping off, give him another word. If not, his turn ends. Once he reaches the end of the tightrope, he scores one point for each word he got right. Then, he gives you words. After five rounds, the person with the most points wins.

Hop like a bunny

Let your child use chalk to write the alphabet in big letters scattered across a driveway, sidewalk, or blacktop. Then, call out a word (say, *hat*). He spells it as he hops to each letter—if he gets the word right, he earns one point per letter. Now he says a word, and you spell and hop. The first player with 10 points wins.♥

Parent to Parent

A reading campout

My sister recently reminded me about how much we loved making tents and reading in them when we were little. She said she felt grown-up helping me read, and I remembered how I wanted to practice reading so I'd sound just like her.

I decided to try a "reading campout" with my kids, Molly and Liam. We checked out library books and pitched a tent in the backyard. Then, my husband and I sat in lawn chairs with our own books while the kids read. We heard Molly helping Liam sound out words. When it was her turn to read, we listened to her explain the meanings of words to her little brother.

Since that night, our kids have asked for more reading campouts. Now we're planning a real camping trip—and Molly and Liam are already deciding which books they want to take and read to each other!♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's reading, writing, and language skills.

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