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CYPRESS ELEMENTARY

"One Team One Dream, Bringing Our "A" Game!"

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Principal's Message

Hello Cypress Families,

As we go into our last week of the 2023-2024 school year, it's hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. This year we worked together to support each other, and we accomplished so much. We're very proud of our students. They've soared beyond our expectations.

I hope you have a relaxing and wonderful summer. Our summer 4-day work week begins the week of June 17th. During the summer, the building will be open Mondays-Thursdays, from 8am-3pm. We're closed on Fridays. We will look forward to your return on August 12th! Stay tuned for plans for a Meet and Greet prior to the first day of school.

A huge thank you for all your support this year. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful parent community, your support makes a HUGE difference.

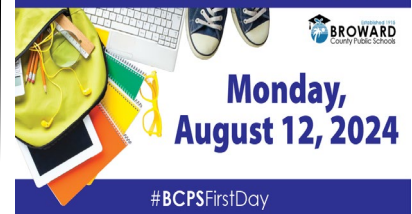
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Luckiest Principal,
Vanessa Schnur

June 2024

- June 3rd-10th no backpacks
- June 4th Color Run Children
- June 5th -5th grade Fun Day
- June 6th -5th Gr. Bowling Trip
- June 6th 3rd & 4th Grade Awards
- June 7th-5th Grade Awards and Sneaker Ball Testing
- June 10th -Last Day of school & Early Release
- June 11th Teacher Planning Day

First Day of School. Mark Your Calendar!



#BCPSFirstDay

Stay Connected - Parent Link
These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Cypress Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact Ms. Fargas at 754-322- 6050. Be sure your contact information is up to date!

Mission Statement

Cypress Elementary staff is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of ALL students in a safe learning environment.

Focus Information

The Focus Parent Portal account gives families convenient and secure access to their student's school information, including school grades, attendance, interim reports, report cards, and more, anytime and anywhere. Register for the Focus Parent Portal at browardschools.com/focus.

Next Steps: All parents/guardians of new and/or current students will need to register for the Focus Parent Portal.

**Office Information**

Summer Hours
4 Day Work Week
Monday-Thursday
June 17th-July 29th
8:00 am-3:00pm

**Summer Usage**

Students can continue learning and engaging with i-Ready at home over summer break until July 29th.

TIPS FOR PARENTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Just because the school year is over, it doesn't mean the learning stops! The activities below will help your children continue to build their English skills over the summer break.

Speaking and Listening Skills

The more time and exposure ELL learners have in a language-rich learning environment in English or their native language, the greater their language development and retention. Below are some ideas to continue learning over the summer:

- Take part in summer reading programs at your local public library, or single weekend events at city parks.
- Visit zoos, museums, restaurants, and other public places.
- Consider apps that learners can download onto personal devices. Duolingo is one language app which is completely free.
- Introduce learners to age-appropriate podcasts.

Reading Skills

- It is important for learners to always be reading. Learners can read in their first language or in English, just keep them reading!
- Create a word search/scavenger hunt learners can use over the summer. Make it a game to match the word to items in their own environments. Learners could use iPods or phones to take pictures and share their findings with friends.

Writing Skills: Create a journal. Have your learner decorate their journal and write in it during the summer. They can write anything they want, one example, a letter to their friends, telling them all the fun things they did over the summer.

But most of all HAVE FUN!!!

Dear Second Grade Parents and Guardians,

It has been a pleasure working with your students this school year. They have grown tremendously in their reading and math skills over the year, and we are so proud of our kids! Remember, learning doesn't stop over summer, here's some ways to keep your students engaged in their reading and math skills!

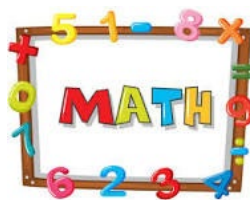
Have them read books they choose, take a trip to your local library! Practice sight words and word building. Have them keep a journal to write about all the fun things they're doing this summer. Practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts! Get them to tell you the time and count your change! Take a trip to your local museums and parks. There are so many engaging ways to prevent the "summer slide" and to get your students prepared for next school year.

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at Cypress Elementary in August!

Warm Wishes,
Your Second Grade Teachers



All eligible bus riders must be registered by June 28, 2024, to reserve a bus seat for the first day of school on Monday, August 12.



Avoid the Summer Slide

5 Simple Tips to Help Your Kids Retain Math Skills During the Summer

Summer is a time for relaxation and fun, of course. But there's no reason why keeping kids' math skills sharp can't be both relaxing and fun!

It's a fact that over summer break, students lose approximately two months of the math computational skills they learned during the previous academic year. Before returning to school in the fall, children should review and be comfortable with math concepts from the grade they just completed. This is why practicing math skills at home is important.

Counting:

Count from any number, to any number, by any number. Count forward and backward. This will strengthen children's addition skills and make learning the times table a breeze!

Fractions:

Introduce the "half" concepts to Kindergarteners and 1st graders.

For older children, ask questions like:

- Half of what number is 4?
- How much is $2\frac{1}{2}$ plus $2\frac{1}{2}$?
- How much is a half plus a quarter?

Children should be able to see a whole as being a collection of parts.

Problem Solving:

Ask children to solve a broad range of life problems.

Ask questions like:

- I'm 39 years old and you are 5. How old will I be when you are 10?
- How can you share 6 candy bars evenly with 3 children?
- If 3 pieces of candy cost 50 cents, how much do 6 pieces cost?

Money:

First, children should know the names and values of coins, followed by learning the basic equivalents (i.e., 20 nickels = 10 dimes = 4 quarters = 2 half-dollars = 1 dollar). Counting coins in piggy banks and making change at stores are some ways to develop these skills. Money is the best model of our base 10 number system.

Visual Elements:

Pictures are useful in presenting and reinforcing many concepts. Even a simple picture of blank circles can be used to teach children about fractions.

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Hello CYE Families! It's hard to believe that the school year is over! Throughout the year, we have enjoyed teaching our students strategies to support their mental and emotional health. They have engaged in activities focused on self-awareness, relationship skills, resiliency, responsible decision making, and self-management. As we look towards summer, here are some suggestions to continue the learning while at home.

- Create a summer bucket list of activities to complete together.
- Set aside time each day to connect with each other.
- Explore nature and spend some quality time outside.
- Volunteer in the community.
- Keep a journal about daily activities.
- Encourage your child to try something new.
- Read together.

Regardless of how you plan to spend the summer, we hope you have a safe and relaxing time doing what makes you happy.