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Winter Break Newsletter!!



Lee County School District

December 17th, 2020

Important Dates

- December 21st-January 1: Winter Break
- January 4th: Hurricane Makeup Day
- January 18th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 29th: Early Dismissal Day/End Quarter 2
- February 15th: President's Day
- March 15th-19th: Spring Break



Royal Palm Mission

To work in partnerships with students, family and the community to ensure that each student acquires the knowledge, skills and core values necessary to achieve personal success and enrich the community.



Mr. Moretti | Principal

At Royal Palm, we have spent many hours creating, planning, and practicing for an emergency that may take place while your children are at school. Our number one priority is the safety of our students and staff. Each month we take valuable time to practice and prepare for code red, fire and tornado drills.

In the event of an emergency at school that requires you to pick up your children, you will receive a phone call from parent link informing you about the emergency and giving you appropriate directions. This is why it is so important to update your emergency information with the school. If you have moved or changed your contact number please contact the school with that information. Thank for helping us ensure your children's safety at school.

Robert Moretti - Principal Royal Palm School



Mrs. Wilson Assistant Principal

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year! Our students are making great progress both behaviorally and academically. I hope that you can spend time enjoying your children and doing some fun activities together over the winter break. I look forward to coming back refreshed and ready for a great year in 2021! Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!

Latoria Wilson - Assistant Principal Royal Palm School



Classroom News

Elementary

Ms. Fisher and Ms. Woodard
1st grade

Dear Royal Palm Families, Can you believe it is December already?! Our students have made some really good progress so far this year. I am very proud of not only their academic progress, but also of their behavior progress in the classroom. I certainly have a great group of students this year. As we head into our winter break, please continue to read to your child. I am sending home some activities to work on over the break. I hope you take the time to work together on them. Have a safe and wonderful break!! Sincerely, Ms. Fisher

Ms. Brensinger & Ms. P. Hawkins
1st & 2nd grades

Season's Greetings! As we approach the holiday season we are learning about holidays that are celebrated around the world. This is an exciting time of the year for students as they are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. We are working hard on our social skills and also learning the difference between tattling and telling. Please remember to check your child's folder daily. The folder contains your child's daily point sheet and often has information regarding school events. We hope you enjoy time with your family and friends over break and we will see you in 2021!



Use literature 	Strategies for Teaching Social Skills <small>www.thepathway2success.com</small>	
Practice social problem-solving 	Use social skill writing prompts 	Create social scripts binders
Model and practice together 	Integrate art activities 	Play games and sports

Ms. Matheson and Ms. Hawkins
2nd grade

Happy Holidays! We are quickly approaching the 3 week winter break from school! To help your child retain all the progress we have made with their reading abilities, it is imperative to have your children continue practice reading over the holidays! They have been working very hard in class learning to read and I am sure they would LOVE to show off their new reading abilities to the ones they love 😊. The best way to help them improve their reading would be for an adult to read with them every day for at least 10 minutes. That could be you reading to them, or listening to them read to you (this can even be done while you're in the car). If you are able, try your best to expose your children to both fiction (make believe) and non-fiction (real) books; however, any reading is better than no reading. So, please try to squeeze it in anywhere you may have time. In addition, if you have internet access at home, your child is able to access most learning applications from home through the student launch-pad (they should know their login information). Once on the "launch-pad" home page they can access numerous learning activities and educational websites! Your support is GREATLY appreciated by Ms. Hawkins, as well as myself and the students.....that way we can keep our forward momentum going with our academic progress!

Sincerely,
Ms. Matheson 2nd Grade Special Education Teacher
&
Ms. Hawkins 2nd Grade Para-Educator



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Classroom News

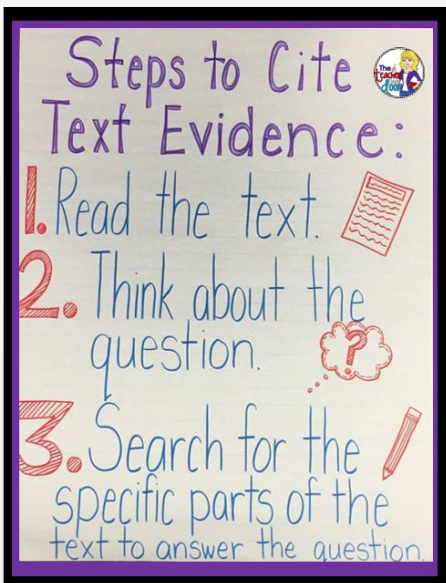
Elementary

Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Schley
4th Grade

Our students have been working continuously hard as we strive to make the proper changes to assure they are in a safe environment, while learning to become successful.

In room 138, we are learning:

In Reading, the students are learning how to identify how the author uses evidence to support a particular point in the text.



In Math, students are learning how to compose and decompose a fraction by adding, subtracting with visual representations, reasoning, and equations.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{2 \times 4}{3 \times 4} + \frac{3 \times 3}{4 \times 3} \\ = \frac{8}{12} + \frac{9}{12} \end{array}$$

In Science, they are learning how to describe the changes in the observable shape of the moon over the course of about a month.



In Social Studies, they are learning how to identify the cause and effects of the Seminole Wars. Finally in Social Skills, students are demonstrating concerns for the well-being of their peers and others. Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Schley, we both are very delighted to see the growth your child has accomplished in their educational goals.

Mrs. Eddy, Ms. Davis, Ms. Riley, & Ms. Thornton
Elementary Life Skills: 3rd, 5th, & 6th grades

We are very happy to welcome a new student to our classroom this school year! We are super excited to have Ms. Riley join our classroom as a One-on-One Helping Teacher for our newest student. Hooray! Our students are adjusting to the new classroom dynamics and are helping our new student learn our classroom schedule and rules. We are continuing to work hard on wearing our masks properly and washing our hands continuously throughout the day. We continue doing a good job of keeping track of our materials and toys, since we cannot share items at this time.

We continue to complete activities daily to increase our name identification. We also continue to journal daily to practice the day of the week, the day and month of the year, the current weather, and identifying feelings, likes, needs, wants, and wishes. We are continuing to practice spelling words daily to increase our word recognition. We are also continuing to learn new vocabulary words weekly to increase our comprehension. Our daily read alouds are paired with crafts to demonstrate the meaning of the story. We have been working on single digit addition and single digit subtraction using a number line, which we will continue to practice to increase comprehension of the concepts. Please make sure you read with your child daily and ask them about their day. They are very proud of their crafts and are eager to share them with you. Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to working with you and your child in the new year! We wish you and your family a very happy holiday season!

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MAKING WORDS

Name _____

Build _____ Write _____ Illustrate _____

MAKING WORDS: The Mitten
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Build m i t t e n

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Classroom News

Elementary

Mr. Brown and Ms. Lader 4th grade

Happy Holidays! I hope you and your family have a great time together over the winter break. During these times, I hope you stay safe and we look forward to seeing your student back after the break. Some activities that your child can do during the break to continue learning, is to read a book at their individual level either to you or another adult for at least 10 minutes a day. If you have a computer or a phone, your student can log into <https://launchpad.classlink.com/home> and go into instructional apps and click on Compass Learning. Each student should do Compass Math and Compass Reading for at least 10 minutes a day. Another way to access it, is through compass.leeschools.net. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season!



Ms. Wadley-Jackson and Ms. Anderson 3rd Grade

Hello Parents. When we return from winter break we will be learning about long vowel digraphs, compare and contrast, imperative and Exclamatory Sentences, Fact and Opinion, etc. In Math we will be working on: Understand Multiplication, Multiplication Facts and Strategies, relating addition and multiplication, model with arrays, commutative property of multiplication, multiply with 1 and 0, 2 and 4, 5 and 10, etc. It is a great idea to read to your child each night for at least 10 minutes. This will help your child become a better reader. We appreciate anything you can do to help support your child with reading. I wish you all a wonderful break and I will see everyone back in 2021!

Mr. Bechler, Ms. Fetting, and Ms. Hayes 4th grade

Perhaps the most important skill we teach at Royal Palm is reading. Reading is the foundation for all the other subjects as they all require reading. Even math requires the ability to read instructions. One way to teach reading is to have your child read to you at night. If your child cannot read, you can read to your child while having your child follow your reading with his finger. Also, all of my students are in the Read 44 or Read 180 Reading Program and they can access it through Launchpad.leeschools.net at home at any time. This program teaches your child to read through listening to your child speak and knowing if they got the words correct. So if your child complains they are bored (which they always seem to do) or you need to give them something constructive to do, have them sign in and work for at least 30 minutes.



Mrs. Barnes and Ms. Tindal 3rd Grade

This year we have encountered some very difficult times. Our class currently consist of (4) students in the face to face (F2F) component, and (3) students in the Lee Home Connect Component (LHC). Delivery of instruction has been tedious, but worthwhile! As a goal-oriented group, we are striving to improve academics as well as behaviors. We are excited about the winter break and most of us anticipate this Friday, the beginning of the Holiday season.

In the midst of everything, we continue to wear our masks daily, practice appropriate hand sanitizing and socially distance ourselves to keep each other safe and healthy.

We are proud of the students' achievements, as we have learned much. For Quarter (2), Language has focused on Points of View, Elements of Poetry and Drama, and of course Main Idea and Details are always at the forefront. In Math we have learned that area is always squared and perimeter measures the outer parts of a figure. Science is learning about Energy and Motion, and Social Studies involves culture and how our environment, diversity, and location affect how we live. Our character word of the month is kindness and we've learned that Acts of Kindness can benefit All!!!!!!

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Reading tip!

Remember to set aside a time nightly (15 – 20 minutes) to work on reading skills by having your child read to you, or you reading to your child!!



Topic
Saint
Bernard

- Large dog
- Drools a lot
- Eats a lot
- Sheds a lot

Comparison & Contrast

- Does not bark a lot
- Is friendly
- Is intelligent

Topic
Cockapoo



- Small dog
- Not a big drooler
- Small eater
- Not a lot of shedding



Classroom News

Elementary

Ms. Perl and Ms. Cruzado 4th grade

Our students have been quite excited and busy this holiday season! The class has been working diligently in all of their academic subjects. The students are learning strategies for using more descriptive language in their paragraph and essay writing. We have also worked on sentence structure, grammar, sequencing and comprehension techniques in our ELA program. Also, I am pleased to say the students enjoy working daily on System 44 which is a language-based computer program.

In math, the class has been working hard on grasping fraction concepts before our holiday break. We are still reviewing multiplication and division facts daily. The class enjoys science which we have studied various types of rocks, the solar system and we are currently working on characteristics of animal behavior. Please continue reading with your child for at least 15 minutes daily. Have a wonderful and safe holiday vacation and we are looking forward to working on many new exciting projects in our class!



Mrs. Richardson and Ms. Miller 5th grade

We are so excited about the holidays and we're looking forward to Christmas break. We have successfully made it through the first quarter of school. Our hybrid classroom has been a little challenging, but we are managing well. This quarter, we've learned the structure of stories and plays, and we've written and illustrated our own Christmas stories. We have learned that there are different types of energy: mechanical, electrical, nuclear, sound, and heat, and different types of forces: gravity, friction, and magnetic. We explored the world in the 1700s and learned about the Columbian exchange when slaves were traded.



Mr. Eady and Ms. Farmer 4th and 5th grades

Happy Holidays! It's hard to believe it's winter break and the nearing the end of the second quarter. Our students have been working hard in both their academics and their behavior, despite being in difficult times. Academically, the students have been working hard on multiplying and dividing decimals. Behavior in the classroom and on home connect is going well. Currently, there are three students who are on level seven! After the holiday season, we hope that our students will be eager to get back to school and back to work!

Mr. Murph and Ms. Harris 5th grade

Greetings, Ms. Harris and I wish you had a wonderful winter break. We hope you are able to relax, recharge and are ready to start the new year off to a good start.

"A new journey to be started, a new promise to be fulfilled." Continue to do your best to make sure you learn, grow, and have a place where you feel you belong. Have an awesome 2021 year! From room 309.





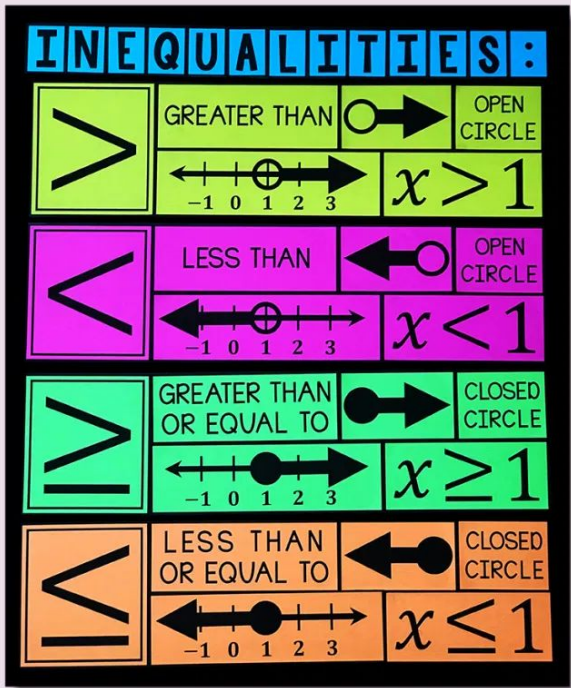
Classroom News

Secondary

Mrs. Morales-Kiesinger and Ms. Canderlaro
6th-8th Math

Dear Students, Parents, and Families, Wow, what a great start to the second quarter! Ms. C. and I have really enjoyed working with our math students and getting to know them! In 6th grade we are learning all about Solving and Graphing Inequalities, in 7th grade we are learning the Percent Proportion, and in 8th grade we are learning about Slope-Intercept. All homework can be found stapled to your child's point sheet. Students are responsible for frequently checking their math Google Classroom to see what announcements and classwork assignments have been posted. The students all know how to access their Google Classroom. If your child does not complete their homework and/or classwork assignments, their grades will significantly drop. Please encourage and remind your child of this process. I am thankful to have the privilege of working with and getting to know your child. If you have any questions or concerns, the best way to reach me is by email, suzannemm@leeschools.net. I wish you all a wonderful winter break.

Sincerely, Mrs. Morales-Kiesinger & Ms. C.



Ms. Kunze and Mr. Buckley
6th-8th Social Studies

Happy Holidays! The students have adjusted to this new year and are on track learning and being safe. Students have been learning about the Revolutionary War, the Constitution and the structure of our government. They know there are 3 Branches of Government and how the power is divided and shared between each branch. We had an election and they learned about our electoral system, how to debate and the Electoral College. We will continue learning about our country's beginnings and how the past affects the present and future. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2021.

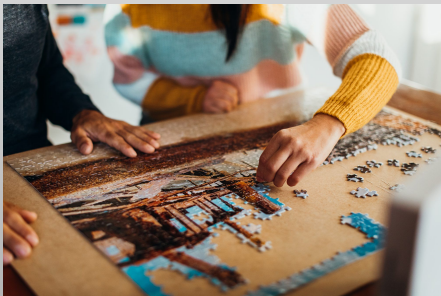
Mr. Weigand and Ms. Robinson
6th-8th Language Arts

The second quarter is off to a great start in Middle School Language Arts. We have continued our weekly book study of the book This Is Good, examining character traits such as overcoming “rough seas” and making the distinction between being right and successful. Our Nearpod Lessons have focused on the origins of the early Thanksgiving Holidays and how personification can be used to enhance writing. Students also continue to work on sentence writing as well as multi paragraph essays. At the beginning of the quarter students reflected on their “why factor.” Prior to Thanksgiving we participated in the 10,000 for The Troops Christmas Card program in which they wrote out heartfelt messages to the military troops overseas. In the next couple of weeks they will be completing their district assessments and also reviewing grammar usage. Miss Robinson and I wish everyone a very happy holiday season. We are very proud of the effort students have put forth and look forward to more great things to come as the year progresses.

Ms. Brown and Ms. McMillian
6th-8th Science

Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

Happy Winter Break! There are some very important things you can do to help your child succeed in science. These things include: recognizing scientific vocabulary in everyday events, solving puzzles, seeing what's in your local stores for extra practice books in Math and ELA skills, cooking together, and using educational websites like Khan Academy. I am thankful to have the privilege of working with and getting to know your child.





Classroom News

Secondary

Ms. Baez and Ms. Briscoe
6th-8th Reading

Dear Students, Parents, and Families, I have really enjoyed working with my middle school students and getting to know them! So far this semester they have worked on vocabulary words, author's purpose, fluency and other reading skills. Our daily work is developed in the system of a program called Language Live. Language Live allows the students to work at their own pace. Language Live also improves their reading level. My reading students are consistently improving their reading skills everyday. I hope they keep up this great work in 2021!



Dr. Moore, Ms. Thornton & Miss. Jerger
9th-12th Life Skills

Fall 2020, along with the rest of this year, has been a challenge. Royal Palm has been open for both in-school and online learning. One activity that our "face to face" students enjoy is called Reader's Theater. Several times each week we read a short story divided into "parts". Most of our students truly like the opportunity to put "expression" in their reading. An important thing to do at home over vacation is to find out what your students like to read. Perhaps, plays or science fiction? Others enjoy learning about weather or current events. These are opportunities to practice reading and entertain themselves in a constructive manner.

We are anticipating the holiday experiences of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza. We hope everyone has a nice vacation with family, caregivers, and friends.



Ms. Jackson
6th-8th Career

Greeting Royal Palm families. Part of our critical thinking career class will be focused on understanding the logical structures of the different types of arguments—for instance, arguments that involve statistical generalizations or ones where we reason to the best explanation-- that we frequently employ in the course of everyday life. We will cover common missteps that people often make in everyday reasoning, including missteps that people make in making judgments based on probability, so that you will be able to better recognize these when you see them and to avoid making them yourselves. We will look at some principles of probability and how these might be used in making good judgments in situations of uncertainty where risks need to be calculated as best as possible. Like I said, this is just part of what we will be learning. I will keep you updated throughout this school year as we move into new critical thinking career aspects.



Mr. Jensen, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Delva, Ms. Roberts & Ms. Hernández

Our Life Skills Class is very happy to communicate we are working on several daily needs. We are learning how to capitalize words in holidays and how to use the pronouns. We are increasing our daily and weekly spelling sight words practiced in class. Currently, we are performing two digit addition without regrouping, and identifying money and coin values. We are very enthusiastic observing our students' outcomes! Happy holidays!

Ms. Senat, Ms. Jackson, & Mr. Vandeveld
9th-12th Life Skills

To parents and guardians

Wow! What a memorable year! As we near the close of this semester, let us remember the good. Students became adjusted to online schooling. There was great cooperation between parents and teachers, and we made it. We look forward to 2021. During the winter break, talk about this past year with the your student(s) and holiday traditions. Talking to your student(s) will increase their vocabulary and understanding.

From life skills 314,
Happy Holidays !

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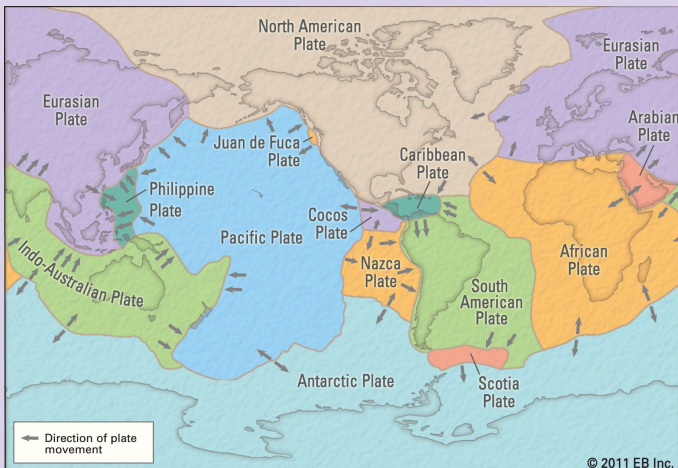
Classroom News

Secondary

Mr. Krachenfels and Ms. Jackson
8th-12th Science

Mr. Kovacs
8-12 Math

The High School Science Department at Royal Palm has the goal of providing each student with an understanding of basic scientific knowledge, concepts, and applications. Given the makeup of today's world, the science department feels that an extensive academic preparation in the practical applications of science is absolutely necessary for students to understand current technological advances. In order to do this our students have been studying the Earth's spheres, plate tectonics, rock cycle, human & animal populations, chemical reactions, and physical/chemical properties. Our department would also like to congratulate our students for successfully mastering these concepts. Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Mrs. Rosier and Mr. Wise
7th-12th Credit Retrieval

Working Hard and Keeping it Merry and Bright Greetings, here in Credit Retrieval we are checking our list and checking it twice. We are making sure we are achieving our credit recovery goals. The majority of our students are working at or above the expectation rate of progress within the course. We are also meeting our social emotional goals. For the 1st quarter, our unit of focus was the trait of: kindness. We are currently focusing on the social emotional trait of respect. We are definitely working hard and keeping it merry and bright. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

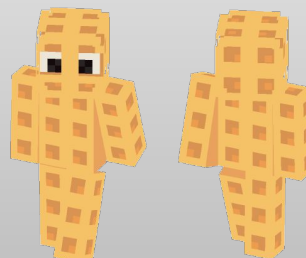
Lisa Rosier



It is hard to believe the first semester is almost history. We have covered many topics, including solving basic algebraic equations both mathematically and graphically, throw in a little geometry and of course Fraction Friday. I want to wish all of you a great holiday, a happy new year and I will see you back here in 2021!

Ms. Strykiewicz and Ms. Blue
8-12 English

This year, students had the opportunity to complete some creative writing assignments. There were some extremely creative stories that students submitted. One story had a man who turned into a human waffle and another had a character who could change shapes. There were aliens invading earth, a boy who got sucked into a computer, and an invisible boy. I was impressed with all of their different ideas and how well they completed the assignments. Most of the students went beyond the minimum requirements of the assignment. I can't wait to see what they come up with on their next project.



Ms. Alexandre and Ms. Sneed
8th-12th Social Studies

Welcome to winter! Hello parents, it is a great pleasure to write this note to remind you how happy I am to be your child's teacher and a part of this learning community. Our students have learned a lot since the beginning of the year. It has been an amazing ride so far. My students have learned a lot about social issues regarding our community and our country as a whole. Also, my students have learned a great deal about world history, what makes the world the way it is today, and how cultures evolve over the lifespan. A topic my students were greatly interested in is when they learned about their own culture and the diversity their cultures have experienced over the years. My students know all about how to appreciate our differences and treasure our country and our democracy. During the winter break, I would like to encourage you to keep your child reading as they are having fun. There are plenty of books in our public library and more specifically, they can learn about place and location in geography. I hope you have a great winter break and wonderful time with family and friends during the holidays. Happy holidays, Ms. Saint-Cyr Alexandre



Classroom News

Secondary

Ms. Hill and Mr. Green
8th-12th Critical Thinking & Careers

In this class we have been focusing on making resumes, learning about what references are when asked on job applications. We have been learning about interviewing and the correct way to address future employers.

We have also been spending time researching what jobs will look like in the future and how technology will be integrally involved; how some of the new technology will be able to change their own algorithms. So jobs of the future will require training in how to operate, fix and maintain the new technological tools that are our future holds. We are also spending some time teaching the students the reality of the COVID virus.

Happy Holidays to you all, stay safe.

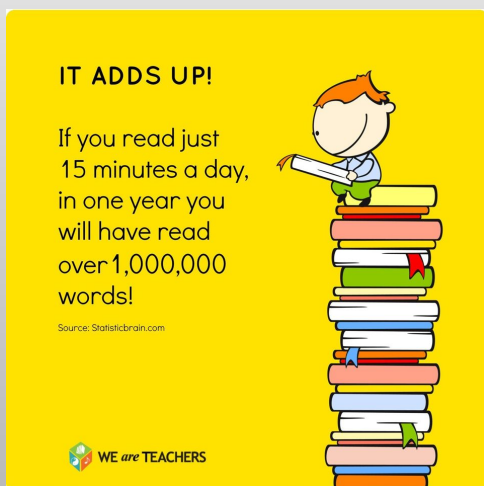
Ms. Hill, ESE teacher



Ms. Gilmore and Mrs. Tivis-Barron
8th-12th Reading

Dear Parents, What a fantastic first semester of the 2020-21 school year! In the spirit of this holiday season, we want to tell you how much we enjoy and appreciate the opportunity we have to work with your children every day. The energy and the excitement for learning that they bring inspires all of us. Thank you also for the support you give your child and our school. We feel so fortunate to work with such a caring and compassionate group of people. Please remember to spend those precious 15- 30 minutes each evening reading to or with your child...and to be sure to check in with him/her to see how their day at school went.

We know how busy and hectic this time before the December holiday break can be. Despite this, we hope all of you are able to find time to enjoy this special season of the year with your family and friends!



Mr. Ramos and Ms. Howell
P.E.

So far this school year has been like no other. In our class, we worked on spatial awareness and Low Impact High Intensity Workout videos (Home Connect/Rainy Day PE). The students have shown an interest in being out of the classroom for a while as well as being able to have fun in the sun. Please make sure to hydrate your students when at home with plenty of water while they're playing. For Home Connect students, please go to the PE Google Classroom and watch the video tutorial regarding how to complete your assignments. Make sure to stay 6 ft apart and practice social distancing when possible. I hope everyone enjoys their winter break.



Ms. Castro
School Social Worker

Hello, Royal Palm family! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! It is crazy to think we are almost halfway through the school year! It has definitely been a challenge, but we are all taking it day by day. I am so proud of our students for handling the stresses of this school year pretty well overall! Parents and Guardians, please make sure to continue to reach out to your student's teacher if your student will be absent from class for whatever reason – this goes for virtual learners, as well! Academics is such an important facet of our students' success and they cannot be successful if they are not present. Please reach out to me if you ever have issues with attendance. You can always call me at (239) 337-3511 or email me at VanessaCa@leeschools.net if you have any questions or issues at all. I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing break!

Please take some time to enjoy with your student doing an activity that is meaningful. The memories and time spent together will definitely make a positive impact!





Additional News

Mr. Mike Bursztyn Title 1 Parent Involvement and Family Engagement

Notification to Parents and Stakeholders of the Annual School Public Accountability Report (SPARS).

Due to COVID-19 and its impact on instruction and assessment data quantity and quality during the 2019-2020 school year, as of November 2020 the most recent information posted on the Florida Department of Education website is for 2018-19. The information available is for the Royal Palm 2018-2019 Public Accountability Reports (SPARS), now referred to as Florida Report Cards data. NOTE - Royal Palm does not receive a school grade but does receive what the Florida Department of Education refers to as a School Improvement Rating each year. Royal Palm received a 2018-19 rating of "Maintaining". This was an improvement over the rating for the prior year, partially due to increased student learning gains, and Royal Palm qualified for School Recognition Funds last year as a result. To access Royal Palm's reports and data, please visit our website at roy.leeschools.net and under "Shortcuts" you will find multiple links to School Improvement Ratings and SPAR/School information.



Parent Involvement is Key

It is hard to argue the fact that you as parents, guardians and caregivers play a VERY important role in your child's school success. The more you are involved, the more likely that your child will experience academic, behavioral, and social success in school. During 4th quarter of last year and the first semester of this year, COVID-19 has limited face-to-face involvement, but please do not ignore the invitations you receive for parent workshops, SAC meetings, IEP meetings and other computer-based (Zoom) involvement opportunities. For example, there is a parent workshop coming up on Wednesday January 13th at 9 AM. A flyer was sent home and provided via a School Messenger e-mail. You can provide your ideas and feedback regarding parent and family engagement by calling me at 337-3511. Have a healthy and relaxing holiday break. Thanks.



Mrs. Meltzer Reading Coach/Media Specialist

Happy Holidays! Winter break is a great time for extra reading practice. Two websites previously mentioned are compasslearning.leeschools.net and floridastudents.org. In addition, starfall.com (for elementary students) and funbrain.com (all students). To give your child another opportunity to improve their reading, mute your television and turn on the closed captioning function. This will increase your child's reading fluency and comprehension! Have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing break, see you in 2021!



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Additional News

Mrs. Millins
Behavior Specialist

Happy winter break!!! Royal Palm is bustling with positive behaviors!!! I have seen so many of you working hard at staying on task, being respectful and being responsible. Keep up the good work by practicing these skills at home too. Remember....CHOICES MATTER.

Choices ✓
Do Matter

Mr. Kleinmann
School Counselor

Dear Parents and Students,
I am sincerely impressed with your willingness to continue to attend school and follow along with the new procedures this school year. This is a very important time of year because even though the holidays are upon us, we need to try to achieve good grades as the semester will be ending on January 29. This means that your high school students will be granted their first credits of the school year, and middle school students earn another quarter grade, which gets averaged to become their annual grade. One easy way to stay engaged with school is to access the "FOCUS Parent Portal." This will require the use of your student's PIN# to set up, but give me a ring at the school if you wish to do so. I am happy to provide that information to a parent/guardian. Let's keep up the great work this school year. Have a wonderful Winter Break!



Out-of-Field Teachers

According to Florida Statute 1012.42, we must notify parents of students who are being taught by out-of-field teachers. A teacher is out-of-field until the coverage/endorsement for a class that he or she is teaching is issued by the state of Florida. In addition, the certification and/or endorsement must appear on his or her teacher certificate. Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in a least one area and are qualified to teach, but are required to take additional coursework or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. Please contact the school, 239.337.3511, if you need further clarification. The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing coursework and/or testing. Out of Field and Not Highly Qualified (NHQ) Lorna Baez Hernandez—ESOL (Endorsement), Essie Barnes—ESOL (Endorsement), David Bechler—ESOL (Endorsement), Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement), Gloria Fisher—ESOL (Endorsement), LaToya Gilmore—ESOL (Endorsement), Eric Murph—Elementary Education K-6, ESOL (Endorsement), & ESE K-12, Bethy Senat—ESOL (Endorsement), Karen Strykiewicz—ESOL (Endorsement), and Wendy Wadley—ESOL (Endorsement) Tamara Hill-ESOL (Endorsement), Jennifer Jackson--ESOL (Endorsement), and Sarah Matheson--ESOL Endorsement

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