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# The Windmill Point(s)

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## A month of Giving Thanks

Happy Fall Y'all (Wildcat Families)

Dear Families,

### Mark Your Calendar

## November

- 2,3,6,— 5th grade Field Trip to the lagoon
- 7 — First Day of Tutoring
- 15 — Kona Ice  
SAC/ PTO
- 15, 16, 17— 2nd grade Field Trip  
Fire Safety
- 20—24 Thanksgiving Break
- 28 — Wildcat of the Month  
M&M Sweeties  
Monday 3:00—4:00
- Choir— Monday Grade 3  
Tuesday Grade 4/5  
3:00—3:45
- Band—Thursday 3:00—3:45

Thank you, all the parents who helped on our Book Fair and Spooktacular during the month of October. It was fun seeing the students having fun and being kids.

Also, in October our students participated in Anti-Bullying awareness as well as Unity Day. October was full of falling leaves exciting things. At WMPE, we believe that education is a partnership between the school, the students, and their families. October's event was evidence of this.

We also believe in providing a nurturing and enriching environment for students to thrive academically and personally. November is a month of thanks, and we thank you in advance for always living out our CORE VALUE of being present. By participating in any of these opportunities, you not only play a role in shaping your child's educational journey but also contribute to the growth and success of our entire school community.

As we get into the swing of the holiday seasons, we do not want to forget the importance of Attendance. Students who come to school everyday have greater opportunity of being successful in all academic areas. This month, we will be tracking data on each of our classrooms' attendance. The class that has the highest percent attending per day, will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party at the end of the month. Attendance Matters !!

Thank you!

**ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT HAPPENED AT WMPE THIS Month... it was very exciting**

Lastly, check our school/district webpage at [Windmill Point Elementary \(stlucie.k12.fl.us\)](http://Windmill Point Elementary (stlucie.k12.fl.us)) We look forward to working with your child, and with you in the coming year. My door is always open to you. Please feel free to call or email ([brie.lamb@stlucieschools.org](mailto:brie.lamb@stlucieschools.org)) or stop by to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child.

- Principal B. Lamb



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**Windmill Point Elementary School**

## Grade Level News

- School hours are 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- Front Office hours are 8:00 a.m.— 3:45 p.m.
- A free Breakfast is served daily from 8:00 a.m. — 8:30a.m.
- Lunch cost \$2.25
- Students are able to arrive on campus in the morning at 8:00 a.m.
- Tardy Bell rings at 8:25 a.m.
- To maximize the instructional time inside of the classroom, please limit releasing your children early from school unless it is an emergency.
- Early dismissal will not be honored after 2:30 p.m.
- For ensured safety, please remain in your vehicle when coming through the parent pick up line.
- If your child is absent from school, please make sure that a note is brought in upon their return to school
- Birthday Treats will need to be brought to the front office and it will only be allowed to be consumed during the class lunch period.
- We are excited to be using Class Dojo as a communication tool here at WMPE. If you child's teacher is using Dojo, please make sure that you are checking daily for classroom updates and information.

## Hello VPK ESE Parents

The world is filled with amazing colors and shapes of all sizes. Over the next several weeks, our Pre-K ESE children will be noticing and labeling the colors, shapes, and sizes of things around them. They will learn to sort and categorize objects by these attributes. Don't be surprised when your child points to an object and describes it by its color, shape, and size: *"That button is a small, red circle!"*



### First Grade

First grade is making spooktacular progress! As we finished off the first quarter, we wrapped up our ELA Unit 2, which was all about fiction stories. We learned about story elements, such as characters, settings, and how all stories have a problem and a solution. Our next unit is all about nonfiction and how to spot those important details. In writing we were introduced to contractions and parts of a sentence, such as the subject and predicate, and we will continue learning about past tense and irregular verbs as well as how they work together when writing a narrative! Math has been a journey learning different strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. We're practicing with our number lines and double ten frames to count on and count back with numbers 0-20 and we're rocking these new skills! Social studies sent us exploring a variety of countries to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month and now we're moving on to our science unit all about heredity. We also want to give an extra special shout out to all the wonderful parents who are making an extra effort to get your students here on time every day. We love seeing their smiling faces ready each day to learn and grow!

### The First Family



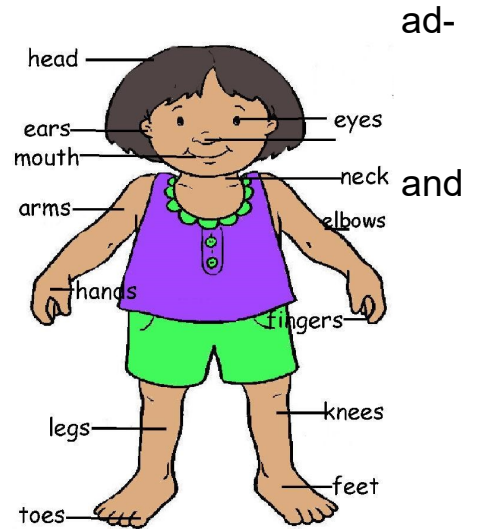
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Second grade is learning all about the human body and its systems. We are also working hard on two-digit addition and subtraction strategies. In reading, we are learning about characters' perspectives as well as government workers.

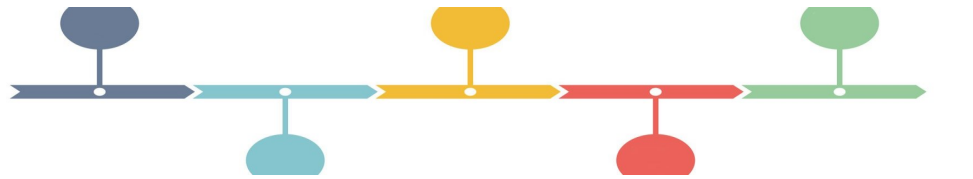
Moving into November, we will continue two-digit addition and subtraction strategies. We will also be studying primary and secondary sources in Social Studies.

Please encourage your child to read every night work on those I-Ready minutes. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Thank you,  
Second Grade Team



### THIRD GRADE



We can't believe that third grade has completed quarter one! Time is flying by and before you know it the holidays will be here! In reading, we are ending a 3-week unit on government with an essential question of: Why do people participate in government? Our readings were non-fiction and focused on skills involving cause and effect, text features (captions, timelines, maps), and vocabulary. Continue to have your students read to you daily to help build fluency and comprehension. In math we are focusing on shapes, area, and perimeter. We are learning about the attributes of shapes, including the different types of lines and angles that shapes have. The next topic we will be focusing on is using place value to understand numbers to 10,000! We continue to practice multiplication and division daily so please continue practicing fact fluency at home.

# It's All News

## Fourth Grade Focus

Greetings! We really enjoyed the week of “Spooktacular” activities, especially the book character parade. We had some amazing costumes this year!

In Reading, we are learning about what a “Central Idea” is and how to focus on “Relevant Details.” For Writing class, we are working on creating our second essay and daily grammar lessons. In Math, we are working on long division. It is a challenge, but we are catching on quickly! In Science we are studying about Ecosystems and how animals and plants depend on each other in the cycle of life.

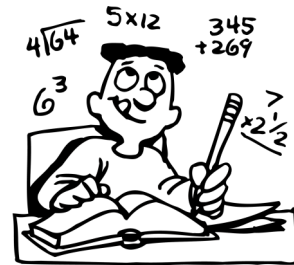
We are also planning our field trip to St. Augustine in February. We can't wait to experience the history of Florida by visiting this amazing city.

Some of us also met up with our First Grade Reading buddies this month. It was so fun to make a new friend and spend some time reading together!

**Thank you for your continued support!**



## **5th Grade News you can Use !!**



We are very busy in 5<sup>th</sup> grade! In Reading, students are focusing on text structures within informational texts and will also be working on various story elements and figurative language within historical fiction texts. Students should continue reading every night to build and strengthen fluency and also complete weekly I-Ready minutes. In Writing, students are continuing to work on text-based expository writing. In Math, students are working on division; therefore, multiplication fact practice should continue and occur every night. In Science, students are learning about earth and space. PENDA lessons for Science should be completed weekly. In Social Studies, the focus is on Veteran's Day, and students will be writing letters to soldiers in the military. Please continue to stay up to date with Remind/Class Dojo and Tuesday folders. The Indian River Lagoon Boat field trip is happening very soon. We are looking forward to this exciting experience! Thank you for your continued support!

Our November Character Trait is **Positive Attitude**. We encourage to have conversations with their children about what it means to be responsible at home and at school.

**Attendance Matters at Windmill Point**

If students are not in school, they are not learning. Attendance Matters !!  
Daily attendance will be tracked from November 1—November 17, the classroom per grade level with the best percentage average wins a Pizza Party !!!

