

JANUARY 2023



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PARENT NEWSLETTER



TAKE A PEEK!

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WELCOME

Hurricane Make Up Days (No-Early Dismissal Days):

- November 9, 2022
- December 7, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- February 1, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 22, 2023
- May 10, 2023



REMINDERS

DO NOT FORGET

- January 16 (No School)
- **Dismissal:** Please be sure to follow the correct dismissal procedures. Car riders must have a car tag and remain in the car at all times. Walkers must walk home (you cannot pick up a student using a car if they are a walker). It is not safe to have your child walk into a car when they are supposed to be a walker.
- Please remember that arrival begins at 8:10. Students left at the school prior to this time are unsupervised as the school opens at 8am. Failure to follow this procedure will result in the school having to report this to the authorities.

**Our top
priority is to
ensure that
every child on
campus is
safe.
Please help us
make this
happen!**

THANK YOU

Table Talk

Tell your child if you could be any superhero, who would it be?



**DO
MORE
OF
WHAT
MAKES
YOU
HAPPY.**

QUOTE
OF THE

Month

PARENT

TIPS

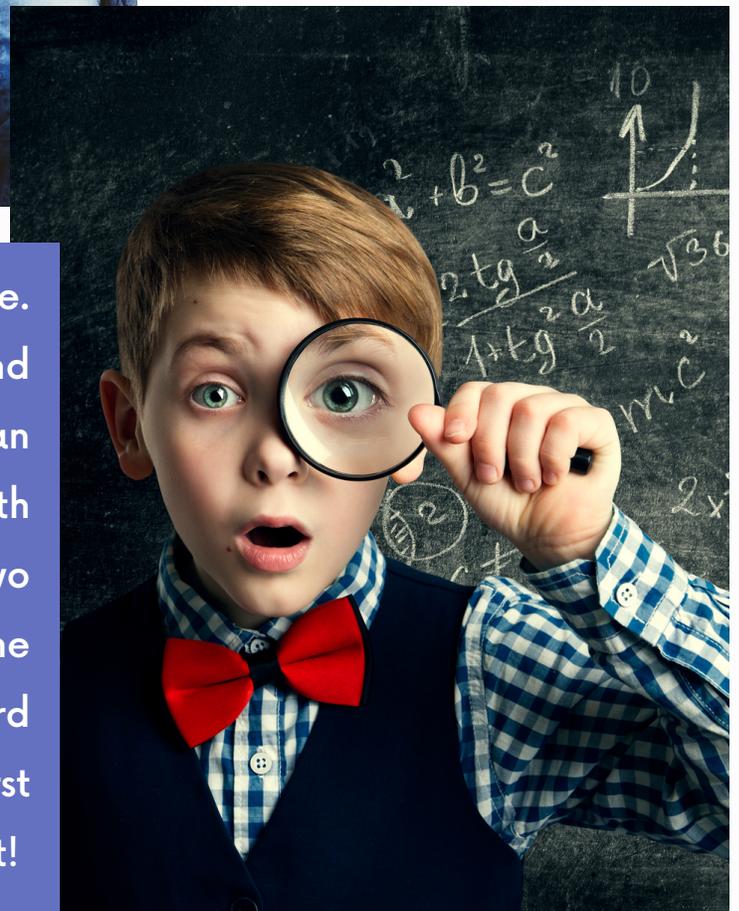


Reading fluency is so important! Try having your child read out loud nightly for 20-30 minutes. They can read anything! A book, magazine or a recipe!

READING

If you have a deck of cards at home. Remove all of the kings, queens and jokers (use Ace as 1). You can play an addition or multiplication game with these cards. Split the deck into two and each player holds half of the cards. At the same time drop a card and add them or multiply them. First one to answer gets a point!

MATH



PARENT

NOTICE



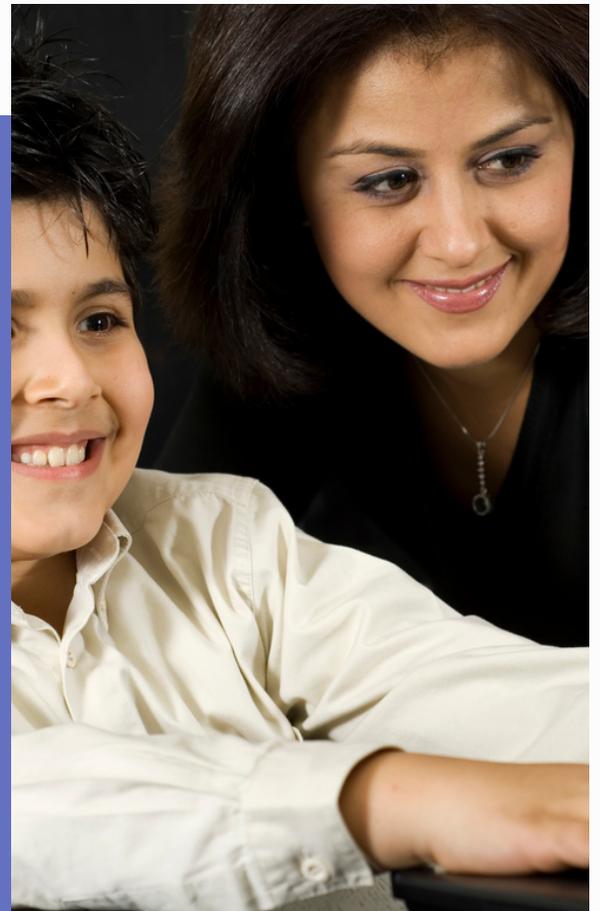
If you are experiencing difficulties with signing into skyward, please visit:

- ocps.net
- Skyward information
- complete help form

THANK YOU

Parents! We need your help to monitor your student internet use. We want to make sure that students are using the internet for educational purposes and not for anything inappropriate. Social Media is great for connecting students with friends and enhances creativity, however please observe what your child is watching and speak to them when inappropriate content is seen. Here is an article that is helpful for parents to monitor their child's internet use. Help them stay safe!

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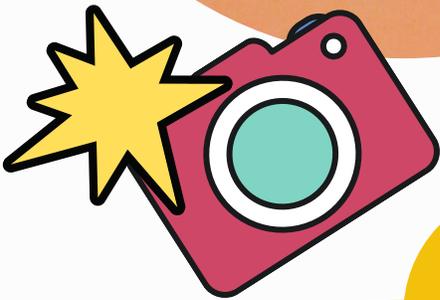


TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

SHEMAIAH HENDERSON - 1ST GRADE

- I love travelling! One of my favorite recent trips was to South Africa!
- I enjoy singing and dancing.
- My favorite seasons are spring and fall.

**MS.
HENDERSON**



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

JOSE AGOSTO- 4TH GRADE

- I have a superpower of falling asleep anywhere.
- I am passionate about teaching Math.
- On my spare time, I tell jokes.

MR. AGOSTO





PRE-K BLURB

Happy New Year! This month we will be focusing on:

Literacy- The letters G-Z, story comprehension, onset and rime, story elements, rhyming, alliteration

Writing- Writing to convey meaning, writing last name

Math- Seriation, comparing sets, reading and writing numbers, 2D shapes

Science/Social Studies- Problem solving, constructing

- Ms. Robinson





KINDERGARTEN BLURB

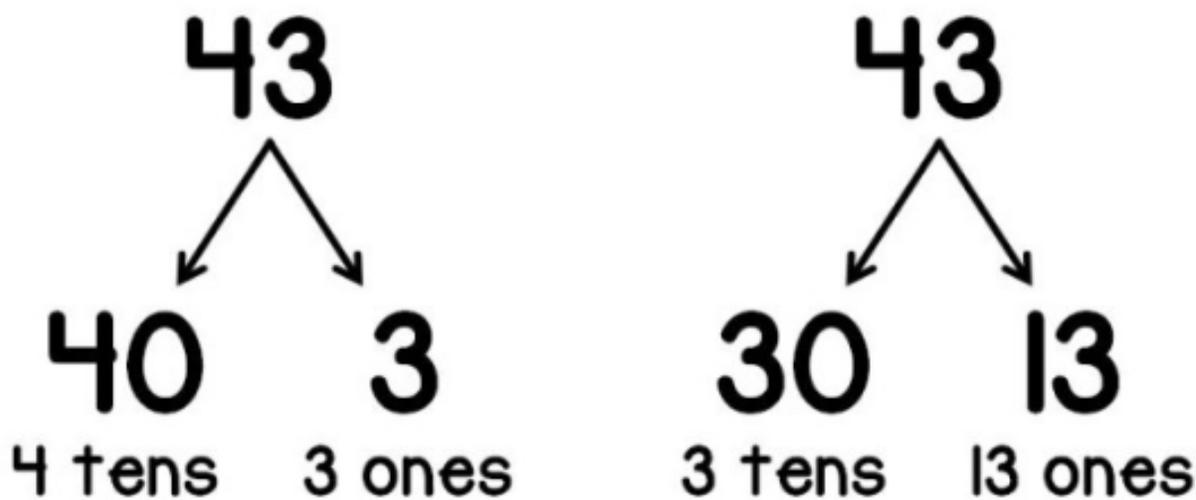
Happy New Year! We hope your child and family had a wonderful and relaxing winter break. For reading we are almost done learning all the letters of the alphabet. Please make sure you are practicing letter names and sounds at home. For math we have learned how to count to 0-10 and now we will be focusing on addition and subtraction with numbers 0-10. In science we are learning about the different ways matter's form can be changed. On Feb 1, 2023 it will be the 100th day of school! We will send home a flyer giving ideas on how your child can dress up for this special day. We normally dress up as elderly so it appears we are 100 years old. Thank you for continuing to support your child's education!



1ST GRADE BLURB

Happy New Year! In ELA we will focus on informational text this month. Students will be asked to use text features, identify the topic of a text, and explain the similarities and differences between information found in pictures and information found in the text. Students will be asked to find descriptive words in the text and tell the author's opinion about the topic. Lastly, students will compare and contrast two texts on the same topic.

In Math students are learning place value. Students will be asked to plot numbers in order on a number line by comparing them. We are learning how to read numbers in standard form as well as expanded and word form. We are also learning how to model a number in a variety of ways. You can help support your child by showing them how to break apart a ten into ones to show the same value in a different way. This knowledge will help us transition to adding two digit numbers together, when sometimes a ten may need to be formed. Thank you for your continued support!



2nd Grade



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ELA

Unit 3.1 Prose and Poetry
Story Elements
Characters' Perspectives
Summarize Text
Compare and Contrast

Unit 3.2 Informational Text
Text Features
Identify Central Ideas and Relevant
Details
Author's Purpose

Writing

Write expository
texts about a topic,
using a source,
providing an
introduction, facts,
transitions, and a
conclusion.

Science

Earth Structures

Math

Read and write numbers from
0 to 1,000 using standard form,
expanded form and word form.

Compose and decompose
three-digit numbers ones. Use
objects, drawings and
expressions or equations to
show understanding.

Plot, order and compare
whole numbers up to 1,000.

Events

Reading Night 1/19

Literacy Week
1/23- 1/27



3RD GRADE BLURB

Welcome back! Happy New Year, families! The 3rd grade team is excited to continue our journey of learning this new year.

In ELA, we will be starting the new year reading literature. Students will review benchmarks that have been previously taught while digging deep into comprehension of poems and fictional stories. Students will practice discussing and determining how the theme, characters and plot develops throughout the text. Students will also be able to identify different types of poems and understand meanings of different figurative language.

Students will also start working on a Black History writing assignment. Students will be able to learn about a famous African American and write a short Informational essay using and citing sources. Students will work on their Black History writing assignment during their center time. After they have completed their final draft, student work will be displayed in the hallway! Encourage your child to share what they have learned with you.

In writing, students are continuing to learn how to write in cursive. Students will also be writing a narrative this month. They will read a story about a character who learns a lesson. Students will then have an opportunity to write a narrative story about the characters learning another lesson. Students will have the opportunity to be creative and think outside the box when writing their essay.

The students will learn how to apply the distributive property to multiply one-digit and two-digit numbers in math. Also, they will learn how to use properties of multiplication to find a product of one-digit whole numbers. They will work by Multiplying a one-digit whole number by a multiple of 10, up to 90, or a multiple of 100, up to 900, with procedural reliability. It will be a fun month for our 3rd grades.





4TH GRADE BLURB

Happy and healthy New Year to all!

In Reading students will continue to dig deeper into the ELA B.E.S.T. standards that promote critical thinking and provide meaningful thought-provoking rich content.

In Writing, students will prepare for their third school-wide writing assessment on February 14th. They will polish their writing skills with an expository essay. Furthermore, they will be preparing speeches for the upcoming district wide Oration Contest. The following are the topics students can choose from:

- The Super bowl is an event that brings family and friends together. Many people celebrate it for the food, to cheer on their teams or for the much anticipated halftime show. Write about an artist that should perform at the halftime show and why they would best represent the Super bowl.
- National Holidays have been on the rise. We now have National Chocolate Day, National Sibling Day and even National Dog Day! Think about a Holiday that you feel should be added and why it would be important to have this holiday.
- Every fairytale or movie such as Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, Black Panther and Snow White, has a villain. Some believe that villains are misunderstood. Think of a story or movie of your choice and convince your audience about why the villain was misunderstood

In Math, students will identify and generate equivalent fractions. They will also plot, order and compare fractions using symbols ($<$, $>$ or $=$)

In Science, students will observe the patterns of the stars in the sky and describe the changes in the shape of the Moon over the course of month. They will also recognize that Earth revolves around the Sun in a year and rotates on its axis in a 24-hour day.

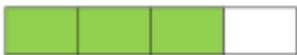


4TH GRADE BLURB

Equivalent Fractions

Equivalent Fractions – Fractions that name the same **amount** or **number** but may look different.

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{9}{12}$$



To create an **equivalent fraction**, multiply or divide the numerator and denominator by a fraction equal to one.

$$\frac{3}{4} = \frac{3 \times 3}{4 \times 3} = \frac{9}{12}$$

or

$$\frac{9}{12} = \frac{9 \div 3}{12 \div 3} = \frac{3}{4}$$

The Butterfly Method

Comparing fractions

1st Draw the ovals and antennae of the BUTTERFLY.

2nd Multiply the numbers in one oval & put the answer over the numerator.

3rd Repeat with the other side.

4th Look at each product and write the correct comparison symbol.

less than greater than equal to

Moon Phase Song

(To the Tune of 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat')

New moon has no light, First quarter is lit on the right.
These are the first two phases we see, of the moon at night!

A full moon is fully lit, this is the third phase.
Third quarter is lit on the left, this takes 28 days!



Rotation and Revolution Song

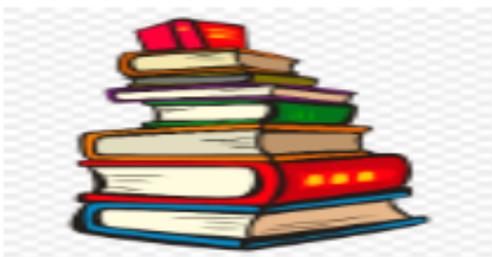
(To the Tune of 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat')

Ro-, ro-, rotation! For 24 hours, we say.
The Earth spins on its axis, This will make a day.

Rev-, rev-, revolution! The earth goes round the sun.
Three hundred sixty-five days in all, Until a year is done.



Many exciting events are happening with our 4th graders! Stay Tuned!



WELCOME
Back



5TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

January 4th, 2023

READING

Unit 3.1

We will be revisiting and drawing deeper by analyzing, describing, explaining and using a variety of topics in literary texts. These include: story elements, theme, characterization, Author's perspectives, context clues, summarization, multiple meaning words, vocabulary, prefixes, suffixes, figurative language, poetic elements, and drama.

Vocabulary with Cognates

- astounded
- concealed
- inquisitive; *cognate: inquisitivo*
- interpret; *cognate: interpretar*
- perplexed; *cognate: perplejo*
- precise; *cognate: preciso*
- reconsider; *cognate: reconsiderar*
- suspicious

WRITING

Unit 3.1 Narrative Writing

We will be focusing on a Realistic Narrative. They will go through the process of brainstorming, planning (beginning, middle, end), drafting, adding transitional words and phrases, editing, revising and publishing. Additionally, students will use and apply grammar rules, conventions and punctuation marks appropriately. Students will continue to practice and expand cursive writing skills.

MATHS

Multiplying & Dividing Fractions Continued

- Interpret and represent division of two whole numbers as a fraction.
- Divide a whole number by a unit fraction.
- Divide a unit fraction by a whole number

Perimeter, Area & Volume

- Find the perimeter of a rectangle with fractional or decimal sides.
- Find the area of a rectangle with fractional or decimal sides.
- Find the volume of a right rectangular prism
- Find the volume of a solid figure that is the combination of two or more rectangular prisms.

SCIENCE

Big Idea 7: Earth Systems & Patterns

- Create a model to explain the parts of the water cycle.
- Recognize that the ocean is an integral part of the water cycle and is connected to all of Earth's water reservoirs via evaporation and precipitation processes.
- Recognize how air temperature, barometric pressure, humidity, wind speed and direction, and precipitation determine the weather in a particular place and time.
- Distinguish among the various forms of precipitation (rain, snow, sleet, hail), making connections to the weather in a particular place and time.
- Describe characteristics (temperature and precipitation) of different climate zones as they relate to latitude, elevation, and proximity to bodies of water.
- Recognize that some of the weather-related differences, such as temperature and humidity, are found among different environments, such as swamps, deserts, and mountains.

Important Dates

- 1/4 Symphony Math Assessment
- 1/10 Science PMA
- 1/11 Math Unit Assessment
- 1/27 Reading Unit 3.1 Assessment
- 1/30 Writing Unit 3.1 Assessment
- 1/31 Science Unit Assessment



SPECIALS BLURB





ART BLURB

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

In PE we will begin our Manipulatives Unit which consists of kicking, catching, throwing, and dribbling. Students will learn how to maintain control while dribbling with hands and feet against a defender. We will also work on throwing balls of various sizes and weights to a stationary partner using a correct overhand and underhand motion. Students will move in different directions to catch various objects thrown by a partner.





MUSIC BLURB

In January, students will be focusing on improving their music literacy skills. They will learn how to read and notate various rhythms as well as sing solfege patterns that are common in the songs we sing in class. Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades will begin learning how to read pitches on the treble clef staff.

Additionally, students will continue exploring ways to create music in the moment through improvisation. They will improvise using speech, music, unpitched percussion, and pentatonic scales. Through class improvisation, they will expand the boundaries of their creativity.

ORCHESTRA

Welcome to another wonderful school year! Orchestra Classes are offered to 4th and 5th grade students who would like to play the violin, viola, cello or bass. We have class every Wednesday during Specials.

Fourth grade students interested have already signed up. I need all the forms I have given you.

Fifth graders need to get forms in if they have been attending classes.

It is too late to sign up for this 22-23 school year but look for registration papers at the end of 3rd or 4th grade.

We are going to learn how to play the VIOLIN in 4th grade and violin, viola, cello or bass in 5th. Let's have fun and make music!



About Mrs. Butler:

I am in my 31st year of teaching Orchestra here in Orange County. I am also a professional violinist for 36 years and play all over the Central Florida Area including Disney. I am thrilled to be here at Millennia Elementary for the second year.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



My name is Angeline Hernandez, your School Counselor at Millennia Elementary! My goal is to support students who are experiencing any difficulties that may interfere with their academic progress.

The School Counseling support that is available includes:

- School-wide Classroom Guidance Lessons
- Individual and Small Group Counseling
- Crisis Response and Support Services
- Referral to outside community resources

Classroom Guidance Lessons

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING WITH MS. HERNANDEZ?

SEPTEMBER

Meet The Counselor Lessons in all grade levels

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Safety Matters Lessons in all grade levels.

We will learn 5 safety rules and how they can keep us safe in unsafe situations!

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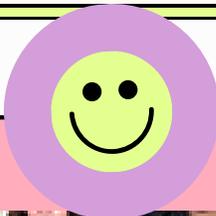
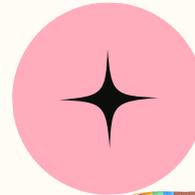
STAY IN THE LOOP!

Instagram:
[instagram.com/milleniaes](https://www.instagram.com/milleniaes)

Twitter: @MillenniaOCPS

Hashtag:
[#KangaKixAgain](https://twitter.com/hashtag/KangaKixAgain)

TAG US!



THANK YOU

MS. PENA - PRINCIPAL
MR. GOMES - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thank you so much for being apart of our family! If there is anything that we can do to make your experience at Millennia better or if there was someone on our team who was extremely helpful. Please do not hesitate to let us know.

THANK YOU