

OCTOBER 2022



# KANGAKIX

PARENT NEWSLETTER



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## WELCOME

Thank you all for coming to our amazing Hispanic Heritage Night celebration. We loved seeing all of you there and cannot wait until our next event. Please be on the lookout for our Dance A Thon fundraiser. We will also have our Multicultural Night event on November 17th!



## REMINDERS

### DO NOT FORGET

- October 28th (We will have 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 what you wanted to be when you were a child.



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EACH DAY  
WITH A  
GRATEFUL  
HEART >>

QUOTE  
OF THE

Month

# PARENT

## TIPS

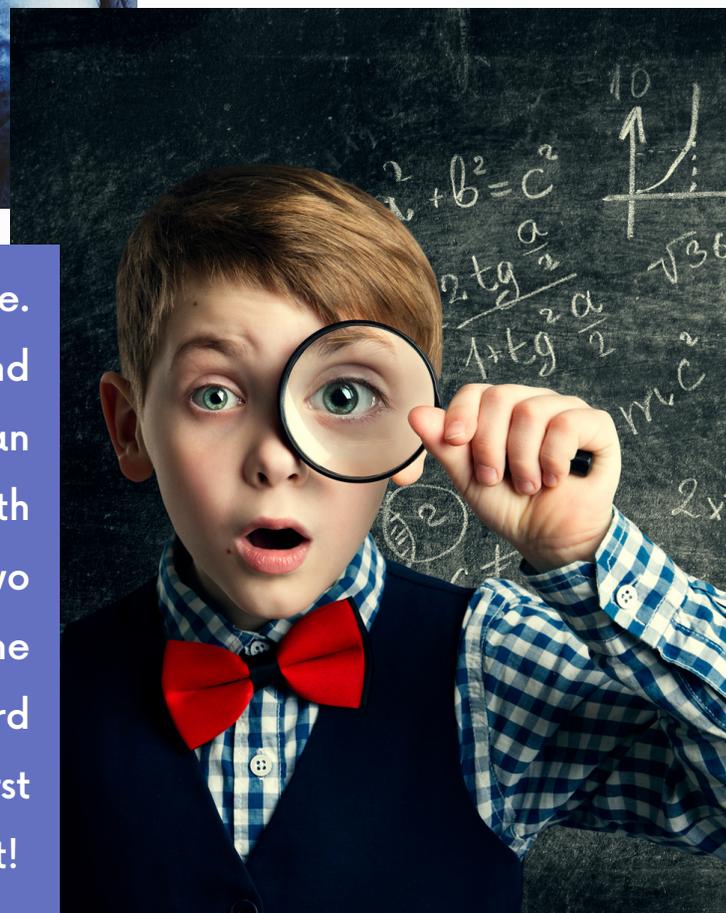


Reading fluency is so important! Try having your child read out loud nightly for 20-30 minutes. They can read anything! A book, magazine or a recipe!

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



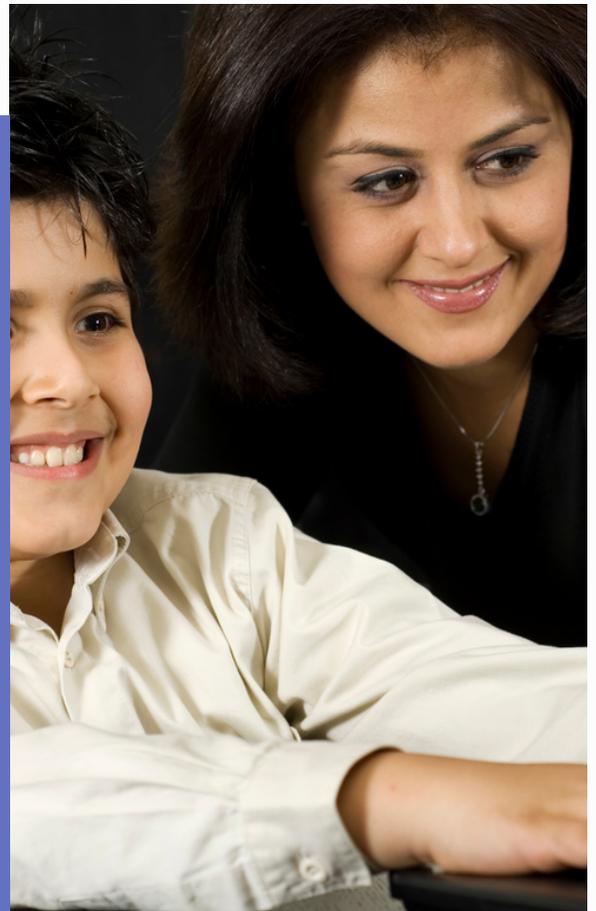
If you are experiencing difficulties with signing into skyward, please visit:

- [ocps.net](http://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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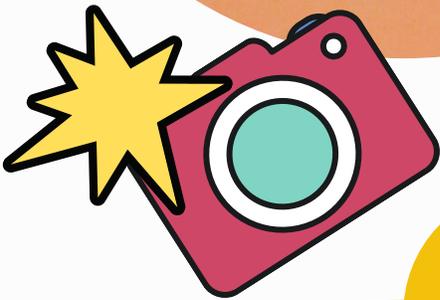


## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MS. KILKENNY - PRE-K

- I broke my front teeth from laughing too hard.
- My first year of teaching I taught my KG's to skateboard.

**MS. KILKENNY**



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MS. ARROYO - 3RD GRADE

- I love Star Wars and Harry Potter
- My siblings and I love playing board games, it's literally a competition sport in our family
- I love trying new things, even more so if it's food 😊

**MS. ARROYO**



# KINDERGARTEN BLURB

We're fall-ing into the 2nd quarter! Can you believe we finished the first 9 weeks? We have learned so these letters so far in the alphabet; M, A, S, T, P, I, N. Sight words we have learned are: a, can, I, like, see, the, to, we, and. We are focusing on informational text where students are explaining what is the topic and the details of the book. In Math students have learned to compare numbers 0-5 and soon will begin adding 0-5. In Science we are learning about how scientists make observations. A friendly reminder...the Kindergarten field trip to Crayola Experience is Thursday Nov 3, 2022. We have sent home permission slips, we are asking you to make the \$14.00 payment for the field trip using school pay. The last day to make the payment is Monday October 17, 2022.



# 1ST GRADE BLURB

In Reading we have discussed the differences between fiction and informational text. When reading a fictional text students should be able to discuss the characters, setting, and sequence the events. They should notice how characters are feeling and be able to explain the moral. When reading an informational text students should be able to use text features such as a title, table of contents, bold print, heading, caption, glossary, and index to get a better understanding of the text. Students are also learning to identify the topic of a text and discuss relevant details, as well as compare and contrast the similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. In Math we are learning about different strategies to add and subtract within 20. Some strategies include counting on a number line, using a ten frame, using a doubles fact, and doubles plus one. This month we will also introduce how to add three numbers together, how to determine if an equation is equal, and how to solve for an unknown number in any position of an equation. In Science we have been learning about the motion of objects, such as a straight line, zigzag, round-and-round, back-and-forth, and whether objects move fast or slow. Please continue to read each night and practice addition/subtraction facts.





# 2ND GRADE BLURB

It is October already! Second grade boys and girls are reading nonfiction and fiction passages. They determine the central idea by identifying the topic and the point of the text. We retell the text when we locate relevant (key) details. Writing legibly, using correct capitalization and punctuation, and more accurate spelling is still our goal. Reading Interventions is now 4 times a week for 30 minutes at a time, either on Imagine Student Learning, I-Ready Reading, or in SIPPS classes.

In Math the boys and girls continue decomposing 2-digit numbers using base ten blocks and drawings (ex. 24 is 2 tens and 4 ones) to help them add and subtract. Also students find the unknown number in an equation, and determine if an equation is true or false. During Math interventions, we use our laptops to work on a computer program with many visual tools, called Symphony Math. It is the new program at our school being used to help our students gain a solid foundation for higher levels in Math. Reflex Math and I-Ready math are available to practice, too.

For Science we learned chemical and physical changes of matter, and not all materials respond or react the same way when they are changed. Examples: cooking eggs, melted butter, frozen water turns to ice and then ice melts back to water, dissolved sugar in a drink, the rust of metal, and decomposition. Our upcoming Big Idea in Science is Forces and Motion. We learn force is a push/ pull, magnets attract/repel, friction is backward pulling and it slows an object, and gravity is a force.





# 3RD GRADE BLURB

Let's go camping! We have started the second quarter, and what is better than soaking in the sights and sounds of third graders learning all about multiplication and reading informational texts about protecting our national parks!

In reading, we have been learning so much about the national parks around the US. We started the new quarter with a camping thematic unit. We have been reading nonfiction texts, working with text feature and why they are important to nonfiction texts. Students have been learning about text structure of different texts. Author's claim has been a hot topic when discussing these texts. Students have been practicing how to determine author's claim and provide supporting reasons about why we should protect national parks.



# 4TH GRADE BLURB

In Math, students will be learning to divide a whole number up to four digits and finding the quotient by estimating using place value. Please continue to practice their math facts.

## DIVISION

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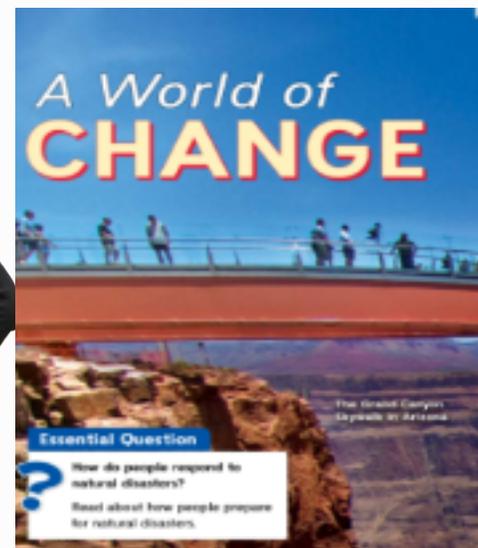
# 4TH GRADE BLURB

In Science, students will be learning that an object in motion always changes its position and may change its direction and changes in motion are caused by push, pull, friction or gravity.

In Reading, students dive into reading informative texts. They will learn to explain how text features contribute to the meaning in texts and identify the text structure of problem/solution, sequence, and description in texts.

Students will be able to explain how relevant details support the central idea, implied or explicit. As well as explaining an author's claim and explaining the reasons and evidence used to support the claim.

In Writing, students will be introduced to Expository Writing. It is a type of composition in which the writer seeks to present or report on information accurately for the purpose of improving the reader's understanding of an issue, problem, or concept. In expository writing, the writer uses a variety of techniques to convey information, including the use of an organizational structure appropriate to the subject. The writer may compare and/or contrast concepts, list, name, describe, or define different parts for the reader, or incorporate relevant anecdotes, examples, facts, and details to develop a central idea.



# SPECIALS BLURB



# ART BLURB

Happy October, all! This month in Art we are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with learning about Mexican Folk Art Starting September 20th and creating a work of art with a watercolor and marker technique.

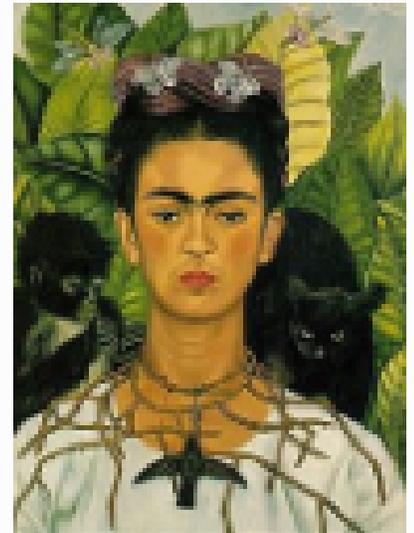
Grades 3,4,5



Grade1,2



Kindergarten



Also, we will finish out the month learning about Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera and their contributions to Mexican Folk Art. We will also explore portraits, and watch a fun video that shows Casa Azul and the house that Frida lived in when she lived in Mexico.



# MUSIC BLURB

During the month of October, kindergarten students are continuing to explore steady beat and develop their singing voices. First graders are beginning to learn specific vocabulary terms such as melodic contour, call and response, etc. Second graders are broadening their knowledge of rhythms, exploring different vocal and instrumental timbres, and learning about other musical elements such as form, tempo, and dynamics.

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades had a successful field trip to see the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra's Young People's Concert. Thank you to those who volunteered to chaperone. The students will spend a portion of October continuing to explore the elements of music through the musical selections they heard on the field trip.

Fourth and fifth grade students are invited to join Millennia Chorus and Millennia Orff. Chorus is a singing group. The Orff ensemble is a group that mostly uses instruments. The rehearsal time is 8:00am to 8:30am with Chorus meeting on Tuesdays and Orff meeting on Thursdays. Since grade level concerts will only be for Grades K-3, fourth and fifth graders must be in one of these groups or already be in the String Orchestra in order to have a music concert. Chorus and the Orff ensemble will have a concert in December and May while the String Orchestra will participate in the May concert. Fifth grade students in Safety Patrol are able to leave early to complete their duty, so please do not let that keep your child from participating. Students in schools all over the district successfully participate in special music groups and Safety Patrol.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Langston and Ms. Rodriguez if you have any questions.

# 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.



# PE BLURB

Welcome to Physical Education! We are excited to teach our students developmental skills with various activities throughout the year. We will also teach them about good sportsmanship and healthy habits.

We started the year teaching the students locomotor skills that we may use everyday such as walking, running, skipping, hopping, galloping etc.

In the month of September the students will learn how to jump and land properly in efforts to have the ability to jump rope. We will also be starting the Fitness Assessment Pre-Test and Goals. The students will set fitness goals for themselves. The students will also take fitness assessments tests so the students see their fitness level to see what they can and want to improve on throughout the 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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# FOLLOW US

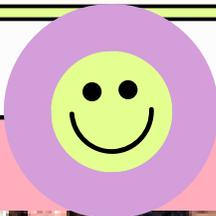
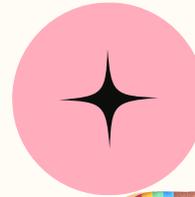
## STAY IN THE LOOP!

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

Twitter: @MillenniaOCPS

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**