

Estates Elementary School

Panther Pride Newsletter
Quarter 4

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL REXFORD

Thank you Estates families for a fabulous 4th quarter and extraordinary school year! It's an honor to work with your children each day at the best school in Collier County! Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you in August!

All-county Chorus and Orff ensemble:

Mrs. Colon's marvelous musicians performed at GCHS on Friday, March 22nd.



Superintendent's Art Gallery:

Lane Beauvais' 5th grade art student, Karina Renteria-Vega, was recognized for her talents at the Superintendent's Art Gallery on Wednesday, April 17th. Her artwork is displayed in the Martin Luther King Jr. administrative center.



Class Adoptions:

Our primary classrooms showed their support for our intermediate classes by encouraging them with treats, performances, videos, and other surprises during state testing. Our intermediate classes supported their primary classes for end of year testing in return.



FIRED UP for FSA:

The blue team won the FIRED UP for FSA and celebrated with Kona Ice! Students who completed all four playbooks with an 80% or higher attended a cookout and car show!



Golden Apple Dinner:

Both Dana Mook, Teacher of Distinction, and Rebecca Wuss, Elementary Teacher of the Year, were honored at the Golden Apple dinner on Friday, March 29th.

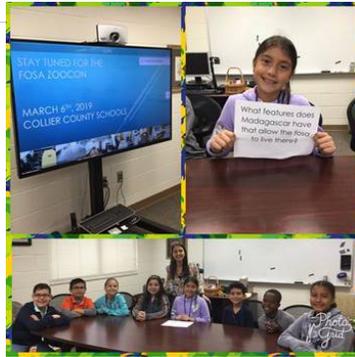


Staff Appreciation Week:

Our Estates Staff Lights Up the Sky! We celebrated our awesome staff May 7th-11th.

ZooCon:

All of our students participated in ZooCon this year! Kindergarten students learned about alligators, 1st graders watched the Naples Zoo experience with bears, 2nd grade students interacted with the live Giraffe experience, 3rd graders participated in the classification ZooCon, 4th graders had the opportunity to learn about the Fosa, and our 5th graders had an experience with panthers. Three of our students were even selected to ask their questions live!



PTO Sock Hop:

Our families had a blast at our school dance on Friday, May 17th! Thank you PTO and all staff who pitched in to make this such a special night for our school family!



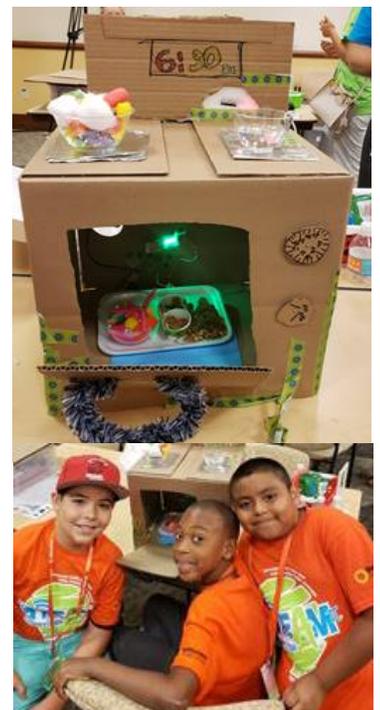
School Board Members Visits:

We had two of our school board members visit Estates during the 4th quarter! Mr. Roy Terry read to Mrs. Ramirez's 3rd grade class, and Mrs. Jen Mitchell participated in Mr. Dotres' 4th grade PE class!



LittleBits STEAM Competition:

Mrs. Anderson and her 4th grade Little Bits team competed in the CCPS STEAM Competition on Saturday, April 13th at Florida Southwestern. The students were challenged with creating something that can be helpful in everyday life. These creative boys made an oven with a fan and everything!



2019 Graduation Walk:

The former EES panthers of the Palmetto Ridge High School Class of 2019 walked through hallways of our school on Thursday, May 23rd in their caps and gowns. They even came to the media center for a story with Mrs. Mathy!



Panther Pride Award Night:

On Tuesday, May 21st, we held our third annual Panther Pride Award Night at PRHS. What a special night it was honoring our students!



A Note from Assistant Principal Mrs. Horne

Happy Summer!! You made it!! Take the next weeks to rest, relax, recharge and prepare for the next challenge ahead. For some that is middle school. For others, it is the next academic year here at Estates Elementary. The teachers and staff here at Estates look forward to seeing you next year!

The final quarter was full of testing and we all saw the growth each student made! FSA scores will be out later on in the summer and we look forward to celebrating each individual gain and our school performance! Estates Elementary is a great place to be and it has been my honor to be part of the EES family for two years.

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

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Kindergarten worked hard on our way to first grade!

Please keep working with iReady at home. iReady will be available until August 1st. Keep reading and writing all summer long! Have a wonderful summer from all of the Kindergarten Teachers!

First Grade News

The first grade students are excited to become second graders. By the end of May, all students should be able to fluently recognize and read all 220 sight words. The guided reading F&P level for the end of first grade is a Level I with good comprehension. We ask that all families continue to support and assist their children in reaching these reading goals every day at home over the summer.

Students can continue to improve their reading comprehension by completing daily lessons on i-Ready. Your child can login to i-Ready through Angel on the district website. The public library has an amazing and fun calendar of events for reading this summer. Your child will not only collect and win prizes, but also help our school retain the coveted Trophy this summer. One way to help prepare for next year's weekly assessments in second grade is to ask your child questions about the stories they are reading at home. After reading, ask your child questions about what they have read. Next, ask him/her to explain or show you how they got that answer.

1. Who are the characters in the story?
2. Did the character change from the beginning to the end? How?
3. Where and when does the story take place? (Setting)
4. What is the problem in the story?
5. How was the problem solved?
6. Who is telling the story?
7. Is there a lesson I am supposed to learn from this story?
8. What is the story mostly about? What details support this?
9. If the story was to keep going, what do you think will happen next?
10. Does this story give me information or tell a story?

Thank you for all your support!
Have a wonderful summer with your second grader.

We are also excited to meet our incoming first graders. You can find our **supply list** on the school's website. Please purchase **plain** folders, large plastic pencil boxes and composition books. It is important that all students have the same supplies. We will send these types of items home as it upsets other children that they don't have fancy folders or pencil boxes. **Thank you in advance for following the detailed supply list.** Also, your child should know how to tie their shoes before the new school years begins.

Have a wonderful summer with your first grader.

~ First Grade Team

Word from Second Grade

It's hard to believe our second graders are moving on to third grade. It has been a fabulous year!



During the fourth quarter, the students got a chance to explore with our Ozobots and take part in an Ozobot Challenge. They competed against each other to sequence, plan, and code a path. They also visited the C'mon Children's Museum and were engaged in experimental play through interactive exhibits that replicate the natural world and human communities.



As the school year came to an end, the students participated in Camp Friendship, which allowed them to earn badges by working cooperatively on various activities and learning goals.



More from Second Grade...

We encourage all future third graders to continue to practice addition and subtraction flashcards over the summer and READ, READ, READ! Students can access iReady throughout the summer by going to www.collierschools.com/angel. They will then be able to log in the same way they log into the school computers and access iReady.



Summer Reading Opportunities and Events at the Estates Branch Public Library

- Summer Reading Kick-Off is Monday, June 3rd

from 4:30-6:00pm! See you there!

- Visit the [Collier County Library Calendar](#) to find and register for free summer activities and events!

If you are a first grader, coming into second grade, we look forward to seeing you in August! To prepare for second grade, we encourage you to practice sight words and addition flashcards. Parents, please continue to read with your child over the summer, then ask questions like:

1. Was the book fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?
2. Was there a problem in the book? What was it? How was it solved?
3. Who was the main character? Did you like him/her? Why?
4. How would you describe the main character? Why would you describe him/her that way?
5. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
6. Did you learn anything from the book?
7. Did you like the book? Why or why not?
8. What was the MOST important event in the story? Why?
9. Describe a connection you had while reading. It can be a text to self, text to world or text to text.
10. At the conclusion of a story or chapter, encourage your child to retell the story. They should use specific details like character's names and vocabulary. Additionally, they should retell the story sequentially.

Third Grade shared:

Third grade would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of the parents and families for their communication and support from home. For those families who would like to encourage their children to read, we want them to know about the summer programs. **The Estates Branch Public Library** Summer Reading Kick-Off is Monday, June 3rd from 4:30-6:00pm! Visit the [Collier County Library Calendar](#) to find and register for free summer activities and events!

Also, don't forget that students can also access **iReady** throughout the summer by going to www.collierschools.com/angel. They will then be able to log in the same way they log into the school computers and access iReady.

Fourth Grade Team

Another successful 4th grade school year is coming to an end! Reading is a lifelong skill. It is a skill that only improves with practice. Please encourage your child to continue reading over the summer. There are summer Reading Opportunities and Events at the Estates Branch

Public Library. The Summer Reading Kick-Off is Monday, June 3rd from 4:30-6:00pm! Visit the [Collier County Library Calendar](#) to find and register for free summer activities and events! Also, don't forget that students can also access iReady throughout the summer by going to www.collierschools.com/angel. They will then be able to log in the same way they log into the school computers and access iReady. Have a happy, relaxing, and safe summer!

Fourth grade has been so busy this year! In math this quarter, it was FSA prep time! We reviewed all standards covered and became experts in many areas including multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, and fractions and decimals.



More from Fourth Grade...

The fourth grade teachers are so impressed with the knowledge these mathematicians gained over the year and we look forward to hearing about all the new concepts they will learn in fifth grade! Make sure you continue to practice your **multiplication** and **division** facts over the summer. Stay sharp!

In science, we ended the year focusing on Moon Phases and Patterns in the sky. Students modeled the revolution or movement of the Earth around the sun and included the moon's rotation. Students were very intrigued to learn all about the moon phases throughout the month. As the summer months are upon us, have your child identify the phases of the moon as the weeks go by. They love talking about it and seeing the Crescent Moon, First Quarter, Gibbous Moon, Full Moon, Last Quarter, and New Moon.

During the 4th quarter in Social Studies, students learned about Florida's growth throughout the 20th century. If you travel to sites around Florida over the summer, encourage a discussion about the tourist attraction you are visiting and how it impacts Florida's economy!

We have also learned so much about writing this year! We became experts in writing evidence based informative essays and opinion essays. We developed our own unique writing styles and learned how to make writing fun! Students worked very hard on their writing FSA and did such a great job!

We will miss you!

Love,

Mrs. Buckles,
Mrs. Mook,
Mrs. Hinds,
Mrs. Alonso &
Mrs. Rodriguez



Fifth Grade

Farewell Fifth Graders

What an incredible journey this year has been! We are so proud of our fifth graders for all of their hard work and amazing progress.

We shared many wonderful memories and had a blast learning something new each day!

Estates Class of 2019: As you embark on your middle school career, remember to compliment others, believe in yourselves, give your best effort, and never give up! We wish you all the best as you move on to Corkscrew Middle School.

**Congratulations Estates
Class of 2019!**