



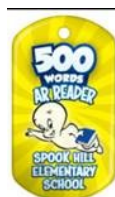
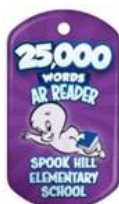
Casper News

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To encourage our students to read more, we are promoting word count goals. Students are expected to read their library books and score an 80% on the test for their book to earn the word count. When students reach a level they will receive a Spook Hill reading tag. The top class for each grade level and the class for each grade level that make the most gains from their previous month will get to hold a trophy in their class. All students should be reading or reading with someone every night for 20 minutes.

	K - 2 nd grade	3 rd - 5 th grade
Level 1	500 words	25,000 words
Level 2	1,000 words	50,000 words
Level 3	2,500 words	100,000 words
Level 4	5,000 words	200,000 words
Level 5	10,000 words	400,000 words
Level 6	25,000 words	600,000 words
Level 7	50,000 words	800,000 words
Level 8	100,000 words	1,000,000 words



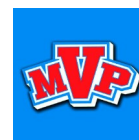
Thank you!



We want to thank all our families who participated in Moments with Mom and Donuts with Dad last month!

MVP of the Month

Congratulations to all of our MVPs in the month of September for Honesty! For the month of October the Key to Character is Self-Control. We want to make choices we are proud of!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October	Pasta for Pennies Fundraiser
Week of October 9	FTE Week
Wednesday, October 11	PBIS \$1 No Uniform T-Shirt Pass Fundraiser End of First Nine Weeks
Thursday, October 12	SAC Meeting
Friday, October 13	Grades due by noon PBIS Quarterly Reward
Monday, October 16	Staff Development Day/Student/Para Holiday
Thursday, October 19	All Pro Dads
Monday, October 23	Report Card Dinner Night
Tuesday, October 24	Report Cards Go Home
Friday, October 27	Casper Kid and Birthday Celebrations

Report Card Dinner Night

This year we will host Report Card Dinner Nights. Families are invited to attend a free dinner and get information about student report cards. Our first Report Card Dinner Night will be Monday, October 23rd. Keep an eye out for more information on this exciting night!

Education is like a baseball game, it needs all its players: parent, teacher, student, and community.



Congratulations!

We are proud to announce our Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year!

Teacher of the Year:
Coch Highley

School Related Employee of the Year:
Jessica Clancy



Casper's Birthday

On Friday, October, 27th, we will be celebrating Casper's Birthday. Students will be able to dress up in a costume for our parade.

Make sure to send a change of uniform clothes for after the parade. During the day students will be able to go to Casper's Birthday Carnival. At the carnival they will participate in a variety of centers. One way to help us prepare is to send in juice boxes or candy (no chocolate) with your student. We need approved volunteers to help set up Casper's Birthday on Thursday, October 26th and to run the stations on October 27th. This day is always very memorable for our students. If you would like to help please email Cristy Land at cristy.land@polk-fl.net or call her at 863-678-4262.





Kindergarten

Wow, glad to be back to school and have all of our Kindergartners back in a routine. We have reviewed the rules, routines and what we were learning about prior to the storm. Moving forward we will continue to send home homework on Mondays and they are to be returned on Fridays. The homework is an extension of what we are learning in the classroom. Some will find the homework very simple and others will struggle with it. Please try not to do everything all in one night. We also encourage you to read with your child at least 20 minutes nightly. Since some of them still cannot read, have them point to the words as you read to them and even identify the words that they know on the page. This will encourage them to start reading with you and soon you will be listening to them read to you. In reading, we are focusing on becoming good readers by asking and answering questions about details within the text. We are continuing to work on letter recognition-upper and lowercase, sounds of the letters, and some beginning/ending sound identification. In math, we are working on identifying, counting and writing numbers 0-5. Science has us learning about using our senses and identifying the body part that matches the sense. We have also been learning about being kind to our classmates and being a good friend. We encourage you to sit down and talk about your child's day. At the dinner table, make one night a device free night. Go around the table and have everyone share about their day. Have some one-on-one time, encourage them to earn those points in their agendas. Remember our goal is a 4 but we strive for a 5 every day. Encourage your child to tell you about their new reading buddies, something funny that happened at school or even a joke. Thank you for allowing us to teach your Kindergartners!



Third Grade

We hope that you and your family are recovering quickly from hurricane Irma. We are back from our hurricane days and ready to keep working hard! In reading, we are focusing on the comprehension skill cause and effect. Ask your student to tell you some of the key words they have learned. In math we are working on multiplication facts and strategies. A fun way to study multiplication facts with your child is quizzing them in the car and making it a race. We are also learning about the water cycle science. Please make sure that your child completes their nightly homework assignments and reading log. We look forward to seeing you at Open House!



Fourth Grade

By now your child should be settling into the routines in their classroom. These routines make the learning processes flow smoothly so that everyone has a chance to be successful. Fourth grade teachers are in the process of trying to meet with each parent to share current assessment data on your child and provide you with an understanding of what we are working on in the classroom.

During the month of October we are jumping right into principles of multiplication. Students will be learning that there are many ways to do this. One important thing you can do to help is to practice the basic math facts with your child. Math fluency is an important part of math success.

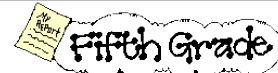
During the Language Arts block, we are working on many different reading and writing skills. Students are asked to think deeply about the text they are reading and to share their thinking through their writing. You can help in this area too! Please encourage your child to read their library books and take AR tests. This is an important way for students to get the practice they need.

In science, we are exploring matter. Students are digging into the material, using scientific tools, and making observations about matter. They are having fun with hands on experiences to bring the curriculum to life. We look forward to meeting with each of you in the near future if we haven't met already! Thank you for sharing your children with us!



First Grade

Happy Fall! First grade teachers have been working diligently with their students to prepare them for the big changes that this month brings. In Reading your child will be asked to read and complete the reading test on their own. Teachers have taught the test taking skills to prepare our students for this. It is important that you read with your child 20 minutes daily to help them practice sounding out words. We also have practiced asking and answering questions about the words and pictures to help them understand the story better. In Math, we will move into adding and subtracting strategies using numbers 1-20. It is important your child is practicing this in their homework. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions. We appreciate all your support.



Fifth Grade

We have several activities and field trips coming up in October and November. If you are not yet an approved volunteer, fifth grade needs you! Casper's Birthday is Friday, October 27th. We need volunteers to help on Thursday to prepare for the celebration and more volunteers on Friday to help run the booths. Additionally, we have two field trips in November. We will be attending the WE3 Expo on either November 2nd or November 3rd. We also have our annual Turkey Bowl at Legion Field on Tuesday, November 14th. Each classroom needs three chaperones for each field trip to help make sure our students are safe while we are off campus.

In math, we are finishing our unit on Division and are diving into Fractions. Students must be able to fluently multiply if they are to be successful with fractions.

One fun activity to play at home is multiplication war. All you need is a standard deck of cards with the face cards and jokers removed. Aces have a value of 1.

Deal all cards. Players lay two cards face up and multiply them to find their value. The player with the highest value wins all of the cards for that hand. If players have the same value in one hand, they go to war! Each player lays three cards face down and then two cards face up. They multiply the face up cards. The player with the greatest value wins all 14 cards in that hand! Have fun playing!

Remember to sign your child's agenda every night! Encourage your child to read, or better yet, sit down and read a book with them! Have a fantastic month and stay safe!



Second Grade

Your child's positive learning environment is important to his/her positive progression in 2nd grade. This is why we continue to learn school and classroom expectations/behavior. With your help our classes will have a strong foundation between parent, student, and teacher.

*Grades are due Oct. 13, so if your child is struggling with grades please contact your child's teacher before then.

*AR is important because it builds comprehension skills, points, and a step towards participating in FUN Friday activities.

*Sign ALL homework.