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AR Word Tag Levels

	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

AR Word Count

Congratulations, to all the students that started earning their AR word count tags. Continue to read daily in school and at least 20 minutes at home. For the month October our school read 4,670,368 words!

Thank you!



Thank you Little Caesar's Pizza for partnering with us to provide 110 pizzas for Report Card Dinner Night. Thank you Warner University for helping our first Quarterly Reward for demonstrating positive behavior! Thank you Walgreens for the student & teacher incentives.

MVP of the Month

Congratulations to all of our MVPs in the month of October for Self-Control! For the month of November the Key to Character is Cooperation. "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."-Helen Keller.



You can access Spook Hill Elementary's School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TBA	5th grade Field Trip WE3 Expo
Thursday, November 2	Picture Retakes
Friday, November 3	MVP of the Month (October-Self-Control) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward
Friday, November 10	Holiday- Veterans Day
Week of November 13	Caught Being Good
Tuesday, November 14	Moments with Mom 5th Grade Turkey Bowl 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Wednesday, November 15	Interims Go Home Popsicles and Progress Reports
Friday, November 17	Reading Buddies
Week of November 20	No School- Thanksgiving Holiday

Save the Date—Thanksgiving on the Hill

Thursday, November 16th is Spook Hill Elementary School's Annual Thanksgiving on the Hill. This is a special meal for the entire Spook Hill community. Invitations for this special event will be sent home on Tuesday, October 31st.

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



Canned Food Drive

Spook Hill is participating in the Lake Wales Car Center's Canned Food Drive. We will be collecting canned food items October 30th-November 3rd. The class who collects the most canned food items will be getting an Ice Cream Party!

Calling all 5th Graders! Your 5th grader has been working on a license plate design in their art class, and you have the opportunity to order a tag with their original artwork imprinted on it! You may view/order your tag online at www.PolkTaxes.com/KTAOnline.aspx Order before November 27th to have your tag in time for the holidays!

News from the Media Center

Renaissance Home Connect log in information was sent home with report cards on gold paper. Parents can log in to this program at <https://hosted368.renlearn.com/69995/HomeConnect> be sure to use the username and password provided to you. You are able to monitor your child's progress in Accelerated Reader. AR is the program that our school uses to motivate students to read. They are only able to take AR Tests at school during the school day. Please encourage your child to read everyday.



Kindergarten

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a very successful end of the first quarter and are well into our second quarter working very diligently. Please remember to continue reading with your child nightly for at least 20 minutes. Since you are already doing work on their high frequency words have them start to find their words within the stories that you are reading. Please continue to keep up the good work with the homework, this work reinforces what we are doing in the classroom and will assist your child in becoming a fluent reader.

In math we will be starting addition and subtraction with 0-10. Somethings that you can do is ask your child how many items you have and how they know the answer. Your child will start to say that they have 3 plus 4 and that they know it (using mental math), they counted it on their fingers or with items using 1-1 correspondence, or they used the counting on strategy. Of course they will be able to tell you the answer correctly.

In reading we are learning about retelling stories using key details and being able to identify reasons that the author gives to support points within a text. Please ask your child what text is, who an illustrator or author is, what good readers do before, during and after they read. The answers to these questions are being taught on a daily basis.

In science we are learning about matter. Matter is everywhere and everything. There are 3 states of matter: solid, liquid, and a gas. We are learning that matter can be changed. It can be torn, cut, stretched, rolled and many more but it is still matter.

Be thinking about creating a log with your child. It can be like a diary or a collage of pictures and sentences that tell about your travels (they can be local or out of the area). Spend some time getting to know your child and who their friends are. They are growing so quickly and the year is flying by. Can't wait to see you at the next event. Remember that Thanksgiving on the Hill is just around the corner!

Thank you for all that you do and all that you continue to do for your children.

Kindergarten Team 2017-2018



First Grade

Hello first grade families! We want to thank all of you for your effort to have your children at school and on time. We had over 20 students with perfect attendance for the 1st nine weeks of school. Our schedule starts promptly at 8:00 with important reading remediation. We end our day at 3:00 spending the last hour doing hands on Science exploration with journal note taking. We would love to see the number of students with perfect attendance double this nine weeks. Please sign your student's agenda nightly and check for PBIS points, teacher notes, and homework. Students strive to earn 4 points each day but can earn up to 5 points. Thank you for your continuous support.

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team



Fifth Grade

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

We are "falling" into a very busy season! During this hustle bustle time of year, please remember that it is very important that your child be at school all day, every day! When a student is absent, they miss out on a full day's instruction and collaboration with their peers. While it is possible to make up missed assignments, it is impossible to make up that missed instruction and collaborative learning.

We know that math is challenging not only for our students, but also for you parents because we use different strategies today than you learned when you were in school. In order to help both you and your child, we have uploaded our math lessons to the Spook Hill website. Just go to www.spookhill.polk-fl.net/ to access the Spook Hill website. Click on the Students tab and then click on Resources. The fifth grade math lessons are under Math Links. Another source is Youtube.com. Just search for the skill you are practicing and there are many lessons available.

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!

Sincerely,

Your Fifth Grade Team



Third Grade

It is starting to feel like Fall! It is hard to believe we are almost in November! In reading, we have been focusing on the skill theme. We are practicing learning the lesson that is in a story and finding details that support the theme. Ask your student to tell you some of the key words they have learned. In math we are working on division facts and strategies and are getting ready to begin our fractions unit. Please continue to have your child study multiplication and division facts during your free time. Also, be on the look out for a Thanksgiving homework packet. When the packet is completed and turned in your child will receive a special treat!



Fourth Grade

Parents,

With an outstanding October behind us we are gearing up for another productive month! Let us share with you what we have accomplished and the things we are still working on.

During English Language Arts we have been working on our reading and writing skills. We have practiced with skills such as main idea, theme, and summarizing to name a few. We have written informational essays. With November upon us, we will continue to develop our reading skills and begin work on opinion essays.

During math, we have learned a variety of ways to multiply. We are still practicing this as you will see in the homework but we have finished with direct instruction on multiplication and will begin working on division.

If you are looking for ways to help your child be more successful, please encourage them to read their library books and take AR tests. You can monitor their progress using the information provided by your child's teacher. In addition, please make sure your students have memorized their basic multiplication math facts through 12's. Math fluency is an important part of mathematical success.

We appreciate all you do!

Your Partners in Education,

4th Grade Team



Second Grade

The second nine weeks of school is here! This month in reading we are focusing on main idea, key details, rereading, and ask and answer questions. Please have your second grader read every day. Review the book with your student to make sure they understand what they read. Have your student go back in the text to show you answers to your review questions.

In math we are adding and subtracting double digits.

Continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts at home.

Positive behavior is key to increasing knowledge! Please talk with your student about their behavior and progress at school. Remember to check/sign agendas for teacher communication.