



Casper News

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AR Word Count

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

Congratulations, to all the students that are earning their AR word count tags. In the month of November our school read 4, 639, 239 words. Continue to read daily in school and at least 20 minutes at home.



Thank you!



Thank you Holy Spirit Catholic Church for donating Thanksgiving meals for four of our families. We appreciate all our volunteers who helped out during Thanksgiving On the Hill. Our cafeteria staff went above and beyond to prepare a great Thanksgiving meal! Thank you Lake Wales Care Center donating tickets for families to get a free Thanksgiving Meal at the Lake Wales Family Restaurant!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, December 1	MVP of the Month (November-Cooperation) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward
Tuesday, December 12	Winter Concert
Thursday, December 14	All Pro Dads SAC Meeting at 4:30 in the cafeteria. Topic: Safe Route to Schools Project
Week of December 18	Caught Being Good
Week of November 13	Caught Being Good
Thursday, December 21	MVP of the Month (December-Kindness) PBIS Monthly Grade Level Reward Last Day Before Break End of First Semester/Last Day of 2nd Grading Period
December 22-January 3	No School-Winter Holidays
January 3	Teacher Work Day
January 4	Students/Paras Return from Winter Break
January 5	Grades due at noon PBIS Quarterly Event
January 12	Reading Buddies
January 15	Holiday—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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



Spook Hill Helping Out!

We raised over 900 cans for the Lake Wales Care Center's Canned Food Drive. Mrs. Allen's and Mrs. Land's class both collected 78 cans. They will receive an ice cream party! We raised over \$750 for Pennies for Pasta. Ms. Sherer's class brought in over \$106 and will be receiving a pasta party from Olive Garden!

MVP of the Month

Congratulations to all of our MVPs in the month of November for Cooperation! For the month of December the Key to Character is Kindness. "No act of kindness, no matter how



Moments with Mom

Using Title I funds we had our second Moments with Mom event on November 14th. Those that attended learned about using Istation at home and the Parent Portal. They also created a tissue paper Thanksgiving craft.

Spook Hill Winter Concert

Our Annual Winter Concert and Parent Sing-A-Long is coming soon so please save the date! Our students have been learning lots of new songs in their music classes and are excited to perform them for you! There will be 2 evening concerts on **Tuesday, December 12th** as follows:

6:00-6:30 Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Concert

7:00-7:30 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Concert

K-2 students and parents should report to the cafeteria at 5:45 pm.

They will be done by 6:30.

3-5 students and parents should report to the cafeteria at 6:45 pm.

They will be done by 7:30.

Students should wear a red or green shirt to perform in. Santa hats, wintry scarves, etc. are also fun and perfectly okay to wear.



Kindergarten

Happy December! Our month will be packed with lots of learning. As the holidays are upon us, please don't forget to think of our Kindergartners. We will be focusing on learning about different cultures around the world in Social Studies and will end with us here in Lake Wales. Please check out the list of upcoming events for the school- we hope to see you there.

In math we are focusing on adding and subtracting numbers from 0-10. In science we are focusing on Energy. In writing we are focusing on writing complete thoughts. In reading we will be focusing more on sounding out words to blend and segment them and listening for beginning, middle, and ending sounds to help us with our high frequency words.

At the end of the month the Kindergarten will be having a special day planned for December 21st, so please keep an eye out for the permission slips for that special day. Here is a hint-it involves sitting in your pajamas and enjoying a warm cup of something special.



First Grade

Happy Holidays first grade families! Your child has been very busy with us at school. In Math we have switched from addition and subtraction basics to learning about place value in 2 digit numbers. This makes it very important that your child continues to practice their basic addition and subtraction facts at home. They are necessary to know for our next unit. In Reading we are moving on to learn our long vowel sounds. Please continue to read with your child at home each night and point out words with long and short vowels to find the differences. Also later in the month be on the lookout for a packet of work for your child to complete over winter break.

Thank you for your support, The First Grade Team



Fifth Grade

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

Wow! Thanksgiving is behind us and the winter holidays are right around the corner! These few weeks in between are very busy, however, they are also critical weeks academically. Please take time to slow down and read with your child. Find a book that you both enjoy and set aside some quality time to read and discuss the book together. You may find that you are both having so much fun that they won't realize they are learning!

Please sign your child's agenda every night! Remember that math assistance is available on the Spook Hill website! Have a fantastic month and stay safe!

Sincerely,
Your Fifth Grade Team



Third Grade

Happy Holidays from the third grade teachers! In reading, we have been focusing on the skill of author's point of view. We are practicing learning the way the author feels or thinks about a topic in a story and finding details that support the point of view. As you read with your child, ask them questions about the story. In math we are beginning our fractions unit. You can review and practice fractions as you cook with your child using measuring cups or as you cut a pizza into slices. Please continue to have your child study multiplication and division facts during your free time. Also, be on the look out for a Winter break homework packet. When the packet is completed and turned in your child will receive a special treat!



Fourth Grade

Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holidays and are glad to see everyone back safe and sound! We want to give you a brief glimpse into what we will be studying in the upcoming weeks. Please see what is happening below:

- We are beginning our unit on fractions.
- We continue to develop reading and writing skills daily.
- We are finishing our unit on energy and will soon begin the unit on objects in motion.
- We are also learning about the early Spanish explorers.

If you are looking for ways to help your fourth grader, please encourage them to complete any homework that is sent, read their library books and practice their basic multiplication facts. We appreciate all you do!



Second Grade

Merry Christmas!

Fun activities for the month of December are coming! Polar Express days will be December 20th and 21st. We are asking for donations of hot chocolate mix, cups, and candy canes for this event.

Please be advised that students will need to earn points for field trips. A letter will be sent home along with the permission slip form to inform you of how many points is needed to attend the field trip. We need the students to earn their points daily at school to be able to attend field trips. Encourage your student to earn their AR point goal and increase their word count. Extra practice on reading and math skills are very important. Homework is sent home each week for extra practice. Please review your students homework.