



## Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Newsletter - April, 2024

Welcome to the month of April! As the days grow longer and warmer, we have an array of exciting events and activities planned for our elementary students. Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

**April 3rd: Grades 4 and 5 Writing Assessment** On April 3rd, students in grades 4 and 5 will be participating in their writing assessment. This assessment provides an opportunity for students to showcase their writing skills and growth throughout the year. Please ensure your child is well-prepared and ready to demonstrate their best work.

**April 4th: Quarter 3 All S Party** We're celebrating our students' achievements with an All "S" Party on April 4th! Students who received all "S" (Satisfactory) in Personal and Social Growth for Quarter 3 will enjoy a special celebration. It's a fantastic way to acknowledge their hard work and dedication.

**April 19th: Calusa Field Trip (K-3)** Our students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will embark on an educational adventure to Calusa Nature Center on April 19th! This field trip promises hands-on learning experiences and unforgettable memories. Please ensure your child is prepared for a day of exploration and discovery.

**April 23rd: Imaginarium Night at Bay Oaks** Join us for Imaginarium Night at Bay Oaks on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm! This evening event is filled with creativity and excitement, featuring interactive activities and exhibits for the whole family to enjoy. We encourage all families to attend and unleash their imagination.

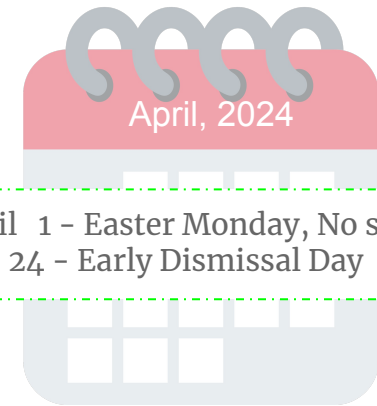
We are grateful for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Together, let's make April a month of learning, celebration, and fun!

Warm regards,

Dr. Traci Kohler

### April Fun Facts

- Both the daisy and the sweet pea are considered birth flowers for the month of April.
- April's birthstone - Diamond
- April Zodiac Signs - Aries and Taurus



April 1 - Easter Monday, No school  
24 - Early Dismissal Day



**Literacy Corner** - As we are beginning quarter 4, progress monitoring and testing are sprinkled throughout. What can parents do to help their students? Here are a few suggestions:

- Encourage a growth mindset where mistakes are seen as opportunities for learning and improvement.
- Offer reassurance and remind students that their worth is not solely determined by their performance on a test.
- Encourage them to do their best without putting undue pressure on themselves to achieve a perfect score.
- Remind students of the importance of maintaining a balanced lifestyle with regular exercise, healthy eating, and sufficient sleep leading up to the test. These habits can support overall well-being and reduce stress.



By implementing these strategies, parents can help students navigate tests with greater confidence and reduced anxiety, ultimately supporting their academic success.

**K / 1st Grade** - Happy spring! Our class will have an exciting time in science observing life cycles first-hand of butterflies and the arrival of baby chicks! We are also learning about weather, states of matter, sound, and forces of motion. Math: **Kindergarten**- identify, compare, and combine 2 and 3-dimensional shapes. **First grade**- students will be learning about types of coins and bills and their values along with telling time to the hour and half hour. We will also identify and analyze 2 and 3-dimensional shapes. ELA: **Kindergarten**- continue to describe characters, settings, and important events in stories. We will also begin to read to find the difference between facts and opinions. **First grade**- will continue to practice finding the author's opinion, identifying the moral of stories, and practicing using text features to better understand texts. Reminders: \*read each night \* and bring a water bottle every day.



**2nd Grade** - Springing into quarter 4! In ELA we will be reviewing many of the benchmarks taught so far this year with the addition of retelling. Please continue to encourage your student to read every night and to continue to work towards their final AR goal of the year. In math we will be working with measurement and transitioning into working with 2-D geometry & perimeter. K-3 students will be going on a field trip April 19th! Be on the lookout for permission slips coming home. Please get those signed and turned in as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your students' learning!

**3rd Grade** - Parents, we are down to the home stretch, 4th quarter! Please encourage your student to continue doing their best. We are preparing for the all-important end-of-the-year 3rd grade Reading test. Students MUST pass it to go on to 4th grade. 4rd quarter will be spent reviewing all reading skills learned so far this year in preparation.

**4th / 5th Grade** - We are working hard in all subjects! We are reviewing poetry and finding the theme of poems. In science, we are learning about life cycles of plants and animals and adaptations for survival. We are also learning the parts of a flower and the function of each part as well as learning about food webs and food chains. We will be dissecting an owl pellet to learn about food chains. In math, both grades will explore measurement and converting measurements to standard and metric. We will take our F.A.S.T. Writing assessment on Wednesday, April 3. We are well prepared and will do our best!

**P.E.** - Students will continue to learn about sportsmanship and teamwork while playing kickball and soccer.



**Art** - Students will be creating a self-portrait using acrylic paints on canvas..

**Music** - Our end of the year Spring performance will be Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm at Bay Oaks. Student attire will be a black shirt and pants. Since the theme is Glow show and we are using black lights, the attire is super important! Please let me know if you have any questions.



**PBIS** - Our end of the year PBIS celebration will be an AR Party for students that meet their AR goal! Please encourage your student to be reading at home. PBIS school wide rewards and incentives continue with positive referrals, shrimp shack, and pop up prizes until the end of the year.

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