

Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Newsletter - January 1, 2024

Message from Dr. Kohler

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well-rested and rejuvenated after a wonderful holiday season. The start of a new year is a time for reflection, goal-setting, and renewed commitment to our shared mission of fostering a positive and nurturing learning environment for our students.

As we embark on this journey together, I want to express my gratitude for the collective efforts that make our school such a special place. Last month, the Florida Department of Education designated FMBE as a School of Excellence. What a testament to our amazing students and staff!

Thank you for your dedication and support. I am confident that, with your involvement, our school will continue to thrive and provide an exceptional education for our students.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the new year!

Happy
New Year



January 9 - Students return
9 - Q3 Begins
11 - Report Card Day
15 - Martin Luther King Day, No School





Literacy Corner - Literacy Corner. We are starting a new year in our beautiful new beach home school. The kids have adjusted and our recent progress monitoring in K-2 showed our students soaring! Continuing to nurture resilient children has proven to be a very successful strategy. The older Dolphins grades 3 - 5 will be testing for progress monitoring in January. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support.

K/1st Grade - Happy new year! 2024 will be a year filled with many new adventures and milestones to reach. I am so proud of how much all of my students have come this first semester! Semester 2 will be even better and most importantly; we are home!

2nd Grade - Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a restful break and is ready to get back into learning. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to in second grade. We will be reviewing author's purpose & text features in ELA. In math, we will be practicing partitioning shapes into equal parts. We will also be setting new AR goals for Q3 so be sure to be reading at home!

3rd Grade - After our Winter Break, third grade will be learning about adding and subtracting large numbers and multi-step story problems in math. In Reading, we will be reviewing author's purpose, using text features, and prefixes. In Science, we will continue studying about space. I am very proud of the progress my 3rd graders have made so far this year. I know they will continue to improve.

4th/5th Grade - I hope everyone had a fantastic winter break with a lot of fun, rest, and relaxation. We are excited to be starting off the new year on our own campus. We are also looking forward to having the remaining cabinets and bookshelves arrive so that boxes can be organized and put away. This will give us more room to move about in our very crowded classroom! Both grades will be learning about fractions in math. In science, both grades will be learning about Earth Science.

Music - Happy New Year Beach School Families! January is the start of our Spring music clubs. We will have Drumming Circle and Show Choir again. Drumming Circle will start February 1st every Thursday from 2:15-3:00pm and Show Choir will begin February 13th every Tuesday from 2:15-3:00pm. Please be on the lookout for permission slips coming home if your student would like to participate. Parents will be responsible for picking up their child at 3:00pm. I am working on transportation for Bay Oaks students, so stay tuned! Please feel free to Dojo message or email me with any questions.

Art - In Art students will begin the year creating a collage using various magazines. They will decide on a theme, choose appropriate pictures to meet the theme, give it a title, and write a summary to explain their collage. This will be shared with their peers.

P.E. - In PE students will continue to work on sportsmanship, team building, and locomotor skills as we move to learning the basics of playing football.

The Florida Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. Fort Myers Beach Elementary Teachers currently working on certifications include:

Virginia Fraley - Art certification / Michele Batista - ESOL

Civilizations around the world have been celebrating the start of each new year for at least four millennia. Today, most New Year's festivities begin on December 31 (New Year's Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1 (New Year's Day). Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.

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