



My goal is to create a safe learning environment where every child feels comfortable to be themselves, push themselves, and enjoy all the fun that surrounds learning. We have a wonderful year ahead of us.

Let the journey begin!

Schedule:

Monday	Spanish, Library, P.E.
Tuesday	Spanish, Art
Wednesday	Spanish, Music
Thursday	Spanish, Technology
Friday	Spanish, P.E.

Arrival:

- Students should meet in the MAC between 7:45 and 7:55 am. On Wednesdays, students should go directly to the classroom.
- If you arrive before 7:45, students should go to Morning Care in the MAC.

Dismissal:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday dismissal for Pre K- 3rd grade is from 3:15- 3:30 pm.
- Wednesday dismissal is from 2:15-2:30 pm.
- Please use Pick Up Patrol to notify the school if your child will be attending after care.
- If your child is going home with another family, or if someone else will be picking them up from school, please also use the Pick Up Patrol app.

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Friendly Reminders 😊:

- Please send a water bottle and healthy snack for your child to eat each day.
- Weekly homework and important information can be found on the homework log in your child's blue folder.
- A weekly "Home and School Connection" will be sent through email each week. You can use this to ask your child questions about what they have learned in school each week.

Special Information...

- Birthdays will be celebrated on your child's birthday this year. Please look for an email from our room mom or myself as your child's birthday draws near.
- You can look at our Royal Palm website and newsletter to find important events and dates for the year.

Behavior Policy

My goal is to instill a love of learning in each child. Since everyone is motivated differently, I use a variety of positive reinforcement tools in my classroom. Each of these tools help to celebrate the positive choices that your children make each day. They will be rotated throughout the year as needed.

Some of them include...

TEAM POINTS	STICKER CHARTS
CLIP CHARTS	HOLE PUNCH CARDS
LEADER POINTS	FRIDAY FUN DAY
THE BRADY BONUS BOARD	TICKETS

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Your child can be successful in first grade by...

- Coming to class prepared
- Listening the first time directions are given
- Using self-control
- Participating in class!
- Showing kindness and respect to adults, students, and to themselves
- Reading every night
- Completing homework when it is assigned
- Giving his or her best effort
- Keeping a positive attitude!

What to expect academically ...

Math	<p>Sadlier Progress in Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single and double digit addition and subtraction, fractions, word problems, telling time, graphing, measuring, estimating and comparing numbers, counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, ordinal numbers, mental math, money, geometric shapes• Homework will be most nights Monday- Thursday in the math workbook.
Catholic Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass, Adam and Eve, Guardian Angels, Apostles and their mission, Baptism, Birth of Jesus, the Blessed Trinity, St Peter, the Pope and Bishops, God's love and forgiveness, Grace, Liturgical seasons, Mary, Jesus' death and resurrection, parables, saints, spontaneous prayer, sign of the cross, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Guardian Angel, prayer before and after meals, rosary

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Phonics and Reading

Guided Reading:

- 90 minute reading block
- Reading to, with, and by students daily
- Whole class instruction to develop comprehension and fluency skills including interactive read alouds, shared reading, and word work
- Guided Reading groups to differentiate instruction in phonics and reading comprehension
- Independent and small group practice through daily center activities
- Phonics skills and sight words will be taught each week
- Lessons, poems, and activities will be created to reinforce the skills
- Spelling quizzes will be given weekly

Assessments

- Initial and periodic phonemic awareness assessments
- Orton Gillingham Level 1 Assessments
- Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment
- MAP Testing

The scores of these will be shared with you at our first parent teacher conference. If your child scores below grade level, I will contact you before that to discuss the plan of action that will take place.

Homework:

Expect a reading log to come home with your child each night. It should be signed each day. You can select any book that you would like for the reading log.

<p>Writing</p>	<p>Writer's Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole group mini lessons and independent writing time • Units of study include Narrative, Nonfiction, and Opinion • Publishing parties to celebrate and share writing • By the end of the year, I will be looking for writing pieces that include the proper use of capital letters and punctuation. Students should form clear and complete sentences that stay on topic while implementing the learned spelling skills.
<p>Science</p>	<p>Pearson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human body, needs/wants, healthy habits and nutrition, life cycles, plants, habitats, living and non- living, weather, magnets, speed and force, space, simple machines, landforms and rocks, properties of matter, and experiments
<p>History/ Geography</p>	<p>History Chronological thinking, communities, cultural regions of the United States, holidays and celebrations, historical figures, patriotic symbols and songs, Geography Maps and globes</p>

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Orton Gillingham Approach (to teaching phonics, reading, spelling)

- The Orton-Gillingham approach (OG) is a multi-sensory, systematic, explicit, sequential method of instruction in encoding (reading) and decoding (spelling).
- OG is research-based and clinically-proven to improve reading and spelling, and on a deeper level fluency (reading with accuracy, speed, and expression), vocabulary, and comprehension.

Writer's Workshop

Writing Program - The Units of Study of Lucy Calkins and the Teachers College will help us achieve the following goals:

- Guide us to teach opinion/argument, information, and narrative writing with increasing complexity and sophistication
- Foster high-level thinking, including regular chances to synthesize, analyze, and critique
- Develop and refine strategies for writing across the curriculum
- Support greater independence and fluency through intensive writing opportunities
- Include strategic performance assessments to help monitor mastery and differentiate instruction
- Provide a ladder of exemplar texts that model writing progressions across grades K–8

In the classrooms the goals will be met by:

- Mini Lessons
- Independent writing and conferencing with the teacher
- Sharing writing with peers and school community

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Grading for Reading

Above Grade Level: 3	On Grade Level:2	Below Grade Level: 1
<p>The student consistently exceeds grade level expectations and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the content area. The student consistently applies and/or demonstrates the skills and/or behaviors expected and is working above grade level according to RPA Curriculum standards and benchmarks in the content area.</p>	<p>The student meets grade level expectations and demonstrates an understanding of the content area. The student generally applies or demonstrates the skills or behaviors expected and is working at grade level according to RPA Curriculum standards and benchmarks in the content area.</p>	<p>The student is making progress toward meeting grade level expectations. The student demonstrates limited understanding of the content area. The student occasionally applies or demonstrates the skills or behaviors expected and is working below grade level according to RPA Curriculum standards and benchmarks in the content area.</p>

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Letter Grades for:
Math, Science, History, Catholic Formation,
and Language Arts

Numeric and letter grades will be reported on the progress report.

97-100 A+	87-89 B+	77-79 C+	67-69 D+
93-96 A	83-86 B	73-76 C	63-66 D
90-92 A-	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	60-62 D-

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