

North Elementary School
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DEAR NES FAMILIES,

Once again, we would like to welcome everyone to the new school year! While many things are different this year, one thing has not changed: teachers and staff of North Elementary School are committed to achieving excellence and putting students first each and every day. During a traditional school year, academics has been our top priority. This year, many more layers of considerations guide our way of work - students' health and wellness being the very first thing that we address when students arrive at our campus. We recognize that students have been separated from the traditional learning for some time, and we are glad to be able provide some normalcy for both of our students and staff behind the classroom doors. With that being said, delivering two modes of instruction (face to face and virtual) on one campus and in some instances in the same classroom is a challenge for everyone. We would like to thank all families for their patience as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

We are almost done with our first round of iReady diagnostic assessments, and we will be presenting the first set of school data at our School Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, September 10. We know that there are gaps to fill, but with everyone working towards one common goal, we are determined to set all students up for success!

We have changed the homework expectations due to the fact that some students are learning from home all day - making additional homework inapplicable. With that being said, there are several things that all students can do at home. We encourage students to read a minimum of 20 minutes each day to build fluency, aid with reading comprehension, and to develop a rich vocabulary. AR tests are also available after school hours this year. For math fluency, we recommend students to practice their math skills online on Reflex Math website (www.reflexmath.com).

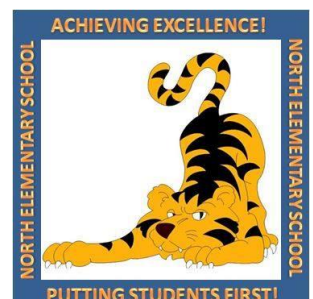


iReady additional lessons are available online, but we do not recommend students to spend more than 45 minutes on iReady per week, per subject. iReady lessons can be accessed through students' portal at <https://launchpad.classlink.com/okeechobee>.

Parental involvement and communication is important to us. One change this year is that we do not use students' agendas to minimize the number of things that go from school to home and vice versa. Since most communication takes place online, we ask that all families sign up for their child's homeroom teacher's Class DOJO, and ensure that there is a current e-mail on file with school. Our school-wide Weekly Memo for Parents is posted on our school web page at <http://nes.okee.k12.fl.us/>, NES Facebook page at facebook.com/NESTigers, NES school level Class DOJO, and we also share it via parents' e-mail in Skyward. With things changing frequently this year, it is important that everyone stays up to date with our latest happenings!

Daily information as well as student and staff highlights are posted on our Facebook page. Please follow us on Facebook for these important updates as well as the weekly pictures of our happenings!

Sincerely,
Dr. Tuuli Robinson
Principal of North
Elementary School



Out of Field Teachers 2020

The following teachers at NES are teaching Out of Field in their subject area: Caleb Bockoras - Elementary Education (certified in 6-12 Biology), Jeanne Myers - Elementary Education (certified in Exceptional Student Education), Katrina Cook - Guidance (certified in Elementary Education, Gifted Education, and ESOL).

The following teachers at NES are teaching Out of Field in Reading (need Reading Endorsement to be considered in field in Reading): Caleb Bockoras, Jacqueline Boyett, Karen Cotton, Eida Garcia, Teresa Gaus, Marlene Gonzalez, Andrea Huff-Stepp, Stefanie Love, Lori Lowe, Candace McGlamory, Jeanne Myers, Tracy Phillips, Amy Ross, Tyrone Smith, Tammy Thomas, Christan Varnadore, Jennifer Wagoner, Kathy Walpole, and Jessica Wisener.

The following teachers at Out of Field and working toward their endorsement in ESOL (English for the Speakers of Other Languages): Caleb Bockoras, Stefanie Love, Candace McGlamory, Jeanne Myers, Amy Ross, Christan Varnadore, Jennifer Wagoner, and Jessica Wisener.

We currently have several substitute teachers serving as classroom teachers: Emily Carlton, Sarah Diaz, and Rebecca Whitehead. Caleb Bockoras, Candace McGlamory, and Garth Striebel are in their first year of teaching.

If you have any questions regarding these qualifications, please contact Dr. Tuuli Robinson at (863)462-5100 or robinsont@okee.k12.fl.us.



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Director of Human Resources

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