Important Dates to Remember

- **Oct 2nd** - 8am Coffee & Conversations
- **Oct 5th to 9th** - Book Fair
- **Oct 6th** - 5-8pm Spirit Night Texas Roadhouse
- **Oct 12th** - 3pm SAC Meeting
- **Oct 13th** - Fall Pictures
- **Oct 19th** - Spirit Night - Viera Pizza
- **Oct 23rd** - End of 1st Quarter
  - Kona Ice
- **Oct 26th - 30th** - Red Ribbon Week
- **Oct 30th** - Report Cards Available on FOCUS
  - Kindergarten Book Character Parade

Media News

In Media news, we have been very busy reading! Thank you for encouraging your students to read, read, read! We are open each day for students to trade out their library books!

Our kindergarten students checked out their very first library book! Through a grant they all got a reusable tote bag to celebrate the occasion. While we can’t decorate them in Media due to not sharing supplies, the students were able to take them home to decorate! How fun!

Students in kindergarten to second grade have been reading the Sunshine State Jr. books and participating in fun activities! So far we have read Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings and created a puppet show using the app Sock Puppets. We also read Dandy by Ame Dyckman and learned all about dandelions.

Students in third to sixth grade have had introduction units on several programs we will be using this year in Media. We have had fun learning new apps and programs!

Our first Scholastic Book Fair is the week of October 5-9. I cannot thank you enough for supporting our book fair! This is how we earn money to run fun programs and purchase materials for our Media Center!

Currently, students are working toward earning an invitation to our One Smart Cookie Party! Students need 25 points (1st and 2nd), 30 points (3rd and 4th), or 35 points (5th and 6th) by December 10th to attend!

Looking for a fun bedtime story to read aloud at home? For this special time I recommend picking books that your children might not reach for on their own, but are worth the read. For October, I recommend:

- Charlotte’s Web
- Classic mysteries such as the Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew
- A to Z Mysteries

Top 5 Reading Counts

in alphabetical order by grade level:

**1st Grade:** Hailey R

**2nd Grade:** Ileana C, Henry F, Zoe F, Michael R, Brynn R

**3rd Grade:** Brielle C, Alice F, Liam H, Brian I, Joey R

**4th Grade:** Thomas C, Avery D, Brooklyn F, Alyssa F, Chloe T

**5th Grade:** Riley H

**6th Grade:** Lili J
Kindergarten will be having a Book Character Parade! This event is very exciting and we aim to tie that excitement into your child’s love for reading. Please allow your child to choose a book character to dress up as at school. Please read the book with your child and discuss the story before the parade! Please have your child wear their book character costume and bring their book to school on Friday, October 30th. Our parade will begin promptly at 8:30am. This event is to celebrate literacy, so please, no accessories or costumes that have sharp objects or play weapons. Each child should wear a mask, as we will be parading around the school. Please send in a change of clothes in case your child does not want to keep their costume on all day. If you have any questions, please email your kindergarten teacher!
Viera Elementary will recognize
Red Ribbon Week
Monday, October 26th through Friday, October 30th

Red Ribbon Week is a nationally recognized week to promote a drug free, healthy lifestyle. Many schools draw attention to this topic by involving the students and staff in fun daily dress up themes with catchy descriptions. Teachers, Staff and Students, please join in to help us celebrate!

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<td>PJ Day! (Students must wear regular shoes – no slippers, no blankets, and no stuffed animals due to COVID.)</td>
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<td>Tuesday, October 27th</td>
<td>Team Up and Stay Drug Free!</td>
<td>Favorite Sports Team (Wear sports uniforms, jerseys, sports gear, and sports caps)</td>
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<td>Wednesday, October 28th</td>
<td>We are Mad about Healthy Choices!</td>
<td>Mad Scientist Day (Dress up like a mad scientist including crazy hair!)</td>
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<td>Thursday, October 29th</td>
<td>Think of All that You Can Be When You Stay Drug Free!</td>
<td>Dress up in a Military Uniform or Camouflage</td>
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<td>Friday, October 30th</td>
<td>Hats &amp; Socks Off to Good Choices!</td>
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