

September 21, 2020



Stevenson's Mission:

To inspire students to strive for excellence through a rigorous, academic and arts-integrated curriculum in a safe, equitable learning community.

Stevenson's Vision:

Exemplify excellence in cognition, character, and creativity.

Stevenson Families,

The first month of school has just passed so quickly. I can't thank our staff, teachers, families, and students enough for their diligence in following BPS safety guidelines. At this point, we have not been affected by any positive Covid cases. Our custodial team is dedicated to keeping our students safe by following all cleaning protocols at Stevenson. Our teachers have also been supporting the cleaning and disinfecting process. We thank everyone for all of their efforts in keeping everyone safe. Remember, if your child exhibits any symptoms of Covid please keep them home.

The Character Campaign Trait we are celebrating this month is Respect. Our teachers take the time each day to review the definition of respect, "Treating others the way I want to be treated. Being considerate and honoring the feelings, opinions, and property of others." We will be celebrating our students that have acted as exemplary role models of this character trait later this month. We will be recording the award celebration to be viewed with the morning announcements at the end of the month.



September Events

Wednesday, 16th-29th

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Friday, 25th,

Early Release Day
2:15

Wednesday, 30th

Out of Uniform Day
(Decade Gear)

Interim Reports
published on Focus

October Events

Friday, 2nd

Liaison Letter and
Powerpoint sent to
Liaisons

Early Release Day
2:15

Friday, 9th

Early Release Day
2:15

Friday, 16th

Early Release Day
2:15

Tuesday, 20th

SAC and PVFO
Meeting 4:30



We are nearly done with our Face Shield Decorating Contest. We wanted to make sure we got everyone! On September 22nd a team of teachers will choose the winners in each grade level.

Our Monthly Newsletter now has a new feature. Each month, grade level representatives, activity teachers, and special area teachers will provide an article to let you know the great things going on in classrooms.

Sixth Grade

In math, sixth grade is finishing up chapter one. Students have learned about whole number operations, powers and exponents, orders of operations, prime factorization, greatest common factor, and least common multiple. So far, students have taken one quiz that covered whole number operations, powers and exponents, and order of operations. The grade level average was 90%. Khan Academy is a great resource to utilize to help students that are struggling in mathematics. On the iReady math diagnostic, 70% of our students scored on grade level. Students will also be utilizing the iReady math pathway to work through areas that are specific to their needs.

In ELA, sixth grade is reading Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. We are reading ancient myths, engaging in informational texts, and doing a deep dive into the world of Percy. In our Ready Books, we are looking at informational texts and how to find the central idea and supporting details of an informational text. We are also learning about how to write objective summaries of what we read. Once we finish practicing finding the central idea and summarizing informational texts, students will be completing a Standards Mastery on iReady to assess their learning. This will provide us with data on if we should continue practicing these standards, or if we are ready to move on. Fridays are vocabulary day, where we set aside time to look at Latin roots, prefixes and suffixes, and important academic vocabulary we should know heading into middle school. On the iReady reading diagnostic, 70% of our students scored on grade level.

In Social Studies we took our first test and all classes did great! The test covered a total of three lessons. We discussed how social scientists interpret the past, what capabilities helped hominins survive and how the development of agriculture changed daily life in the Neolithic Age. We will begin learning about the rise of Sumerian city-states. You can find the social studies text along with great resources for studying/reviewing on the TCI app in Launchpad.

In science, we have been having great discussions about force and motion. We covered contact forces, non-contact forces, gravity, unbalanced forces and balanced forces. We just started discussing Newton's Laws of Motion. The science text is available online as well.

First Grade

What a wonderful start to school 1st grade has had!! We are working on short vowel sounds. Can you say the vowels in alphabetical order? Now say them backwards. 😊 How about our phonograms?! We are doing great connecting our sounds to our motions! We are making observations using our 5 senses! Can you name the 5 senses? It has been great getting back into a routine. As with any other year, we do have rules we have to follow. In social studies we have been talking about school and our school rules and how we can be a good citizen to all those around us. In math we continue working on number bonds and unknown addends and sums. They are long days full of learning but disguised as FUN!! Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!!!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten is currently working on letter recognition and letter sounds. At the end of the first nine weeks, students are expected to know 15 uppercase letters, 15 lowercase letters, and 15 letter sounds. We are learning how to find evidence in the text and answer questions about specific details. We are starting to learn to respond to writing prompts with our pictures and using our sounds to write words. We have started our five senses unit in science. In social studies, we are learning about what a good citizen is, and how we can be a good citizen at home and school. In math, we have started to find hidden parts within a number and learned proper number formation. We will begin using computers soon, so we can start practicing our mouse skills to get ready for our first FLKRS (Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener) assessment. It has been a fun and busy beginning in Kindergarten!

Third Grade

Third grade is off to a great start! In math we have begun learning our multiplication facts. Your child is engaging in daily multiplication and division sprints to help build fluency in this area. Please encourage your child to practice basic multiplication facts 0-12 on a daily basis, as they are a stepping-stone for many other skills we will be working on shortly including division and fractions. In reading 83% of the third-grade students tested out on grade level on the first iReady Reading Diagnostic. Go third grade students! 🎉

Fifth Grade

5th grade has been hard at work this year in delivering quality curriculum through unique circumstances. While we are sad to see Mrs. Chieffe go, we are looking forward to begin working with Ms. Julie Heller who comes from Quest Elementary. We are very excited to get back to a normal routine for all students as soon as possible.

In ELA, students recently took the first iReady Diagnostic. The data from this assessment shows that 61% of students scored on or above grade level, 32% scored one grade level below, and 6% of students scored two or more grade levels below. This diagnostic is designed to help students, parents, and teachers to plan the best approach to improving literacy over the course of the year. In class, students have been working on literature standards, and will soon start learning and practicing essay writing based on informational texts.

In Science, students will begin learning about the water cycle and weather patterns as part of our study of Earth. Students also took a diagnostic to assess their knowledge of science from 3rd and 4th grade, which will help Mr. Comoletti to cover any gaps in knowledge.

Finally in math, students completed the iReady diagnostic, and the results show that 51% of 5th graders are on or above grade level. 44% of students are one grade level below, while only 4% are two or more grade levels below.



4th Grade!

Hello families,

This first month of school has flown by and seeing the students' smiles whether it be live or online has been so refreshing! With routines and the firm foundation of a positive classroom community, we are thriving and exemplifying excellence as students are demonstrating their knowledge in all academic areas. It is with the support of our families that we can excel, so we would like to thank you for your ongoing encouragement.

At this time students completed their first iReady Diagnostic in Reading and Math, so their individual paths have been established at this time. Please provide words of encouragement as they will work on these lessons throughout the year as part of their personal learning plan.

Additionally, we are beginning our first multi-paragraph informative essay with a focus on invasive species. This complex process accompanied with modeling and scaffolding will carry on throughout the year, so that they feel knowledgeable and prepared as they advance on in their educational experience.

In the near future, students will be experiencing a virtual fieldtrip for the Indian River Lagoon. This is such a fun and engaging experience filled with real-world knowledge that the kiddos will be excited to share. Please be on the lookout for information coming over the next few weeks.

Once again, we thank you for your endless support!

Sincerely,

The Fabulous Fourth Grade Team

2nd Grade!

Second grade is off to an amazing start building our classroom communities and taking time to assess where our students are at in both Reading and Math. We continue to learn about story structure and the lesson or moral of a story. In writing we are focusing on producing both informational and narrative work as well as handwriting expectations, and word work to include long vowels and suffixes. In math we are learning multiple strategies for addition and subtraction and incorporating these skills into measurement. In science we are getting blown away by super storms and severe weather, and in Social Studies our focus is on Historians and citizenship. We are very grateful for the continued support of our families in ensuring the success of our students!

Scholastic Book Fair!!

Our Virtual Scholastic Book Fair will be September 16 – September 29. More information to come. Check out the format of our morning announcements!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSqsA3xoQJ4&feature=youtu.be>





Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Zaida Silva

Dear Stevenson parents:

Below is the link to my counseling google site I created for all Stevenson parents. My name is Zaida Silva and I am happy to serve you and my students as your School Counselor!

<https://sites.google.com/share.brevardschools.org/mrssilvasrlsguidance/home>

Hello Stevenson Families,

I am pleased to announce that the Sheriff's Great Kid Program is continuing throughout this school year; furthermore, I am extremely proud of all of the extraordinary students we have here at Stevenson. Last year Stevenson received the most recognition out of all Brevard district schools through the program. While our students do possess an amazing quality of character, I have no doubt that each and every one of our staff has had a positive and lasting impact on our Penguins. It just goes to show the quality of care and commitment to excellence that our staff teaches and demonstrates on a daily basis. For this I am proud to be a part of the Stevenson team and I thank each and everyone of you 🤝. Now on to the guidelines of the program.

The Sheriff's Great Kids Program recognizes exceptional students. Criteria for an exceptional student may consist of the following but is not limited to:

- Extraordinary display of respect or professionalism
- Dedication to community service
- Self-Initiation
- Compassion and high level of caring for others

Each month nominations from teachers and staff may be sent to myself or another member of the administration; moreover, a student will be selected from the nominations, whom I will recommend for the Sheriff's Great Kid Award. Each month The Brevard County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Wayne Ivey will select and present the esteemed award to one student from the district.



Corporal Curtis Brooks #715
Brevard County Sheriff's Office
Brevard District and School Security
2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940

Arrival

Arrival time for students is 8:45. Students will enter school through the designated doors following social distancing (6ft.) guidelines. If students arrive earlier than 8:45 they are to remain in their vehicle with their parents until 8:45.

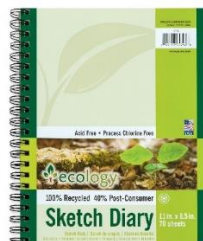


These designated doors will also be utilized for dismissal.

From the Desk of Mrs. Sonberg, Art Teacher

I am requesting that for each student to bring a sketchbook for this school year. It needs to be either 9x12 or 8.5x11 no smaller. Please keep it to medium weight to mixed media weight. In addition to the sketchbook please supply a fine black marker and watercolors.

Below are some sketchbooks that are under 5 dollars. Spiral bound notebooks keep papers together.



The first two sketchbooks are from Walmart. The last Sketchbook is from Target.

G.S.P. Mr. Hattal



Hey everyone, Mr. Hattal here! I just wanted to give an update on a few projects we are working on. Perhaps our biggest exploration this year will be into alternative gardening methods. In our Gifted Program, we have talked in-length about hydroponics. To establish both personal and more extensive industrial type hydroponic gardens, we need your help. We need supplies donated to include the following:

1. Sturdy 16.9 oz water bottles.
2. Tin (aluminum) Foil Rolls
3. K-Cups (empty, from a Krieg dispenser)
4. Amazon Wish List Items

We are also seeking donations to our Donors Choose Project. This project is to help us establish two soilless Culture Planting Systems. I have provided a link below so you can donate to this project. Below is a list of supplies that you can use to create your own home hydroponic garden.

Let's not forget the butterfly garden! We need more milkweed! If you could donate a plant or two it would be greatly appreciated. We also need butterfly friendly plants such as Lanta, Penta, and Saliva. You can just set the plant outside the gate by the PAB, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donor's Choose Project: <https://tinyurl.com/y4kwstm9>

Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2C23D66FA0IW5?ref_=wl_share

Home Hydroponics Supply List

Hydroponics is very easy to do. You just need a few things to get started. Here is a general list of the things you can use to set up your own home hydroponics garden. To set up your garden search Home Hydroponics on YouTube.

A container to hold the plant

- *It can be any type of bottle (plastic or glass) large enough to hold your fully grown plant.*
- *I have used empty water bottles, glass jars, and even plastic storage containers.*

Something to hold the plant above water.

- *You can purchase net cups from Amazon.*
- *You can also use yogurt containers, old k-cups, fruit cups, or even inverted water bottle tops.*

Something to hold the plant in the container.

- *You can buy clay pellets or Rockwool from Amazon*
- *You can use the small sized pool noodles cut into 1 inch selections.*
- *You can use small aquarium rocks, coconut husk, or peat moss.*

Nutrients

- *You can buy nutrient mix from Amazon.*
- *You can come in with a clean container and I will give you some of our mixture.*

Something to cover the container to prevent algae from growing inside.

- *You can paint it black*
- *You can cover the outside with tin foil or dark construction paper.*



Just a reminder!!! Due to BPS District Re-Opening Procedures our Bring your Buddy to Breakfast and Penguin Palooza are cancelled for the 2020-2021 School year.



Mrs. Acevedo's class helped Corporal Brooks celebrate his birthday!





Literacy News



Attention readers! Did you participate in the Summer Reading Challenge? If so, print and complete the form below and return it to your teacher by Friday, September 25. You'll be invited to an exclusive "We LOVE Reading Ice Cream Celebration" in October. Please forward questions to Ms. Schoon at schoon.angela@brevardschools.org. Happy reading!

UNITED WAY IS CALLING ALL HEROES!

United Way has something sweet to share. We know you want to chill out this summer, but here is the scoop. It is really important that you keep reading. That's why United Way has partnered with Brevard Public Schools.

If you read this summer, simply write down what you read on this form. When school begins in August, turn in the completed form to your new teacher by August 20. You'll be invited to an ice cream party at your school. All you have to do is read!

Prefer reading e-books? Just check the box and let us know you did your reading on myON or Sora. Your school will know how many books you've read over the summer and you'll get invited to the party too!



★ READING GOALS ★

For Incoming Grades:

K-2nd read at least 10 books

3rd-6th read at least 8 multi-chapter books

Student Name _____

School _____ Parent Signature _____

Teacher _____ Student Grade Beginning Fall 2020 _____

☐ I Read on Sora ☐ I Read on MyON

☐ I Read Digitally Keep track this summer and in August, you can submit your list of titles read digitally at <https://forms.gle/tshaAYj1VEQYSpMA>. You may only submit once per student, so keep a list and then submit.

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 Summer Reading Loss Prevention
A Community Service of


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