

Where Everyone Loves it Here!

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EMMA LOVE HARDEE PIRATE PRESS

GUIDANCE UPDATE

November was a great month at Emma Love Hardee Elementary! We collected A LOT of food for the Barnabas Center whose mission is to "Connect People, Help and Hope in Nassau County". I am very proud of our 'Lil Pirates for stepping up to help people in our community.

December's theme is Empathy. A simple definition of empathy is the experience of understanding another person's condition from their perspective. Teaching empathy to kids is important because it helps them to recognize others' feelings, to be less likely to bully others, and to become better problem solvers.

You can help your students learn empathy by giving them opportunities to practice and by modeling how to be empathetic. Starting this journey during the elementary years will have a huge impact on who your students will be as you send them off to middle school.

INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

Happy December! As we move towards the end of our first semester, our students have made great gains in the area of Reading! Our 4th and 5th grade classes will close out Unit 5 on Informational texts by the end of December. They will focus on skills such as central idea, text structure, text features, and author's claim. Our 3rd grade classes are finishing up with the fictional Unit 4 by the end of December. They have been working super hard on skills such as finding a character's perspective and also summarizing literary texts.

When you read with your child at home, be sure to talk about the characters and their perspectives. How do they feel? What do they think? How do their actions show this?

These are all great strategies to help your child become a stronger reader!

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

- School dismisses at 2:10 pm; Wednesday at 1:10
- Sailor Club dismisses at 2:45 pm; Wednesday at 1:45
- Choir Practice- Wednesdays 1:10-2:30
- Kindness Club- One Thursday per month 2:15-3:30

Changes for dismissal must be made before 1:40.

*Visit the ELH website at
www.nassau.k12.fl.us/Domain/9*



STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Fifth Grade

Reagan Cannady
Jerin Washington

Fourth Grade

Kendall Cramer
Clark Felker

Third Grade

Sophia Edwards
Michael Martinez

*Names are drawn monthly. Students also receive ice-cream with the principals. Students have opportunities to receive Pirate Praise around campus by demonstrating the school wide expectations: Respectful, Responsible, Prepared and Safe.

SCHOOL SPIRIT ONLINE STORE



All purchases help support our school!

<https://emmalovehardeespiritwear.com/>

IMPORTANT DATES

December 1- Spelling Bee

December 8- Third Grade Field Trip

December 11- 80th Day of School- Dress 80s style

December 15- Dare Graduation

December 21- Choir Performance; Last day of Quarter
and Begin Winter Break

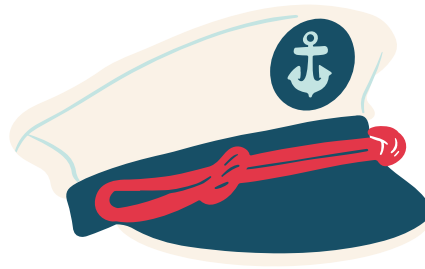
PIRATES ARGHH READING A.R. POINTS EARNED 23-24



Third Grade AR Points Earned: 7,340 points

Fourth Grade AR Points Earned: 8,043.1 points

Fifth Grade AR Points Earned: 8,916.3 points



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Ms. Dickens

HEALTH ROOM UPDATE

Our 'Lil Pirates may still be experiencing seasonal allergies i.e. watery eyes, scratchy throats, sneezing, coughing with runny noses. Remember all these symptoms can also be recognized as COVID symptoms with or without fever. The Health Aide, Mrs. Rader, may only administer medication to your student if she has been authorized by your student's medical provider and parent. OTC Cough drops, nasal sprays/solution, lotions, eye drops CAN NOT be brought to school by your student to self-administer. Please remember to keep your child at home if they have either one of these symptoms: a fever, diarrhea or vomiting.

If your little pirate will begin or has begun medication for a chronic condition that would have to be administered at any time during the school day, please contact Mrs. Rader - the Health Aide at ext. 2247. Your child CAN ONLY self-carry an asthma inhaler/Epi-pen if the Medication Administration Authorization packet has been completed, signed off and on file by your student's medical provider and their parent.

Please understand Health Aides cannot medically assess the severity of a medical condition and if at any time a student's condition is deemed critical - 911 will be contacted first and the parents will be contacted thereafter.

Please be sure to send your student with a water bottle or water container marked with their name for daily consumption. Stay healthy and if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rader at ext. 2247.

ELH Mission Statement:

Establishing a positive collaborative culture that promotes and fosters teaching and learning among the community of learners.

