

Littlewood Elementary School



Congratulations to Littlewood's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Spence-Thomas!! Mrs. Spence-Thomas currently serves as the 4th Grade Team Leader and also teaches math and science. We are so proud to have you represent Littlewood Elementary School!



Congratulations to October's Citizen of the Month, Max Ranvestel!!!

Max's teachers have recommended him as citizen of the month for his contagious positive attitude. He is always on task, gives his best effort, and is respectful towards everyone. Max is an absolute joy to have in the classroom.

Upcoming Events

November 9 4th grade St. Augustine Field Trip

November 9 PTA Spirit Night at Jason's Deli

November 12 Student holiday

November 15 5th Grade Field Trip-Phillips Center

November 15 Thanksgiving Feast in café during your child's lunch

November 16 PTA Walk-a-Thon

November 19-November 23 Student Holiday

December 5th PTA Spirit Night at PDQ





Safety Patrol Information:

Safety Patrol sponsors a Snack Cart every Wednesday after school by the flag pole. Snack items are available for purchase for \$1.

3rd–5th graders: Safety Patrol sponsored social, Nov. 28th from 12:45 – 2:30pm. Admission is \$5 and requires permission slip to attend. Snacks will be available for purchase.

A huge congratulations is in order for our 2018–2019 Safety Patrols. On November 1st, 50 patrols officially earned their badges, after promising to R.O.A.R, in front of a large crowd of supporters. The pinning ceremony was a huge success, filled with laughter, joy and pride. A huge thank you to all who came out to support our patrols, including Officer Roberts, Mrs. Floyd and Ms. Brennan.



4th Grade News:

- Museum of Natural History Field Trip, Tuesday, December 4.
- Pirates! The Musical was a hit! Thank you for coming to watch us perform!

MORNING MILE NEWS

We have had 301 Littlewood students come out for Morning Mile and run over 1,967 miles combined. That's the distance between Gainesville and Minneapolis, Minnesota!

Runners with over 40 miles are Ben Hartman with 62, Steven Mitch (57), Maxwell Stevens(47), Nora Duffield (43), and Raymond Mitch (42).

Runners with more than 25 miles are Haley Chance, Abby Hartman, Brody Joyce, Jordan Donnelly, Isla Lynch, Emelie Houghtling, Caden Melendez, . Abby Duffield, Campbell Chronic, Jayden Rivera, Gabriel McGuire, and Trip Monk.

Are you a member of the PTA? New membership forms have been sent home or you can pick up another form in the front office. Join today and discover more ways to get involved with your child's education at Littlewood Elementary School

Happy Birthday!!!

For only \$20 you can have your child's name placed on the sign in the front of the school for their birthday 😊 Consider taking this opportunity to do something unique on his or her birthday while supporting their school. Stop by the front office at your convenience to complete a form today!

Reminder:

If checking out your child at the end of the day, it is best to do so before 1:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on Wednesday before 12:15.

Lost & Found:

Now that it is cooler weather, many students start the morning in coats and jackets. As the day progresses, they take them off and leave them in various places on campus. PLEASE put their names in clothes so we can return them to students. Don't forget water bottles, lunch boxes, and backpacks as well.

Runners who logged at least 15 miles are Bentley Cravens, David Smith, Morgan Houghtling, Holly Klein, Paul Bird, Elin Sutton, Declan O'Connor, Julien Landry, Juliette Caedington, Anh Huynh, Jonah Hayford, Deveon Tochterman, Fiona Caedington, and Antwoine Martin.

Leading all classes with 235 miles is Mrs. Anhalt's class. Other classes with more than 70 miles are Mrs. Bishop (184), Ms. LaRoche (150), Mrs. Chavez (150), Ms. Simmons (119), Mr. Jelmsberg (100), Ms. Bouton (78), and Mrs. Winfrey (72).

Nice running, Littlewood! Keep it up!

PTA News:

The 2nd Box Tops collection drive is happening now until December 15th. Thank you again for your support.

Our PTA is looking forward to the annual walkathon on November 16 next week! You can click the online link below to create then share your child's digital page if you haven't already. Every small donation helps!!

<https://99pledges.com/fund/littlewood2018/addme>

We are in a great need for volunteers. Please consider signing up for a 1 to 2 hour shift or come all day and hang out!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4fa9ad29a3fcl-littlewood5>

**** if you plan to volunteer you must be registered volunteer with Alachua County. The link is below. Please do that ASAP!

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTU30mVuLVVT>

2nd Grade News: On Halloween we did two STEM experiments. One was a Witch's Brew where we mixed dry and wet ingredients together to see combination bubbles. The second was to build the tallest free standing tower.



1st Grade News: First grade walked to our local fire station. The firefighters taught us about fire safety. We also went on a tour of the fire station, explored the fire truck and got to spray the fire hose. We had a great time!



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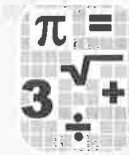
Five strategies to give your child's vocabulary a boost!

Reading at home is one of the best ways to boost your child's vocabulary. That's because reading exposes your child to new ideas, concepts and words.

Here are five effective strategies that will help you increase your child's vocabulary:

1. **Read different kinds of books** to your child. If you usually read fiction, go to the library and get a book that explains how something works instead. Check out a book about a sport or activity your child enjoys. Or, read a biography about a person she admires.
2. **Look for words** your child might not know as you read. "It says here that George Washington went to school to become a *surveyor*. What do you think that word means?"
3. **Listen for new words** as you're watching TV. News programs often include words your child may not know. "Have you ever heard the word *tsunami* before? Let's look it up to see what it means."
4. **Pull out the thesaurus.** Find synonyms for words your child uses often when writing or speaking.
5. **Help your child create her own dictionary.** All you need is a notebook with a page for each letter. When your child discovers a new word that she wants to remember, have her write it and its definition in the notebook. Review those words from time to time.

Help your child have some fun with fractions!



Understanding fractions can be a challenge for some children. To help your child learn

fractions, have fun with hands-on activities like these:

- **Measure up.** Give your child measuring spoons and cups. Have him pour one cup of water into one glass. Then have him guess: How many half cups will it take to fill another glass the same size? How many quarter cups or third cups?
- **Take a fraction walk.** Have your child count how many cars you pass. Then figure how many (what fraction) of them are a certain color. Take turns choosing a color and seeing who has the largest fraction.
- **Change that recipe.** Ask your child to rewrite the amount of each ingredient to double the recipe or cut it in half.
- **Eat your fractions.** Give your child 12, 24 or 36 pieces of cereal. Let him divide them into halves, fourths, etc. Or, share a pizza and ask some questions. If the pizza is cut into 12 slices, how many slices equal one-half or one-third of the pizza?