

MONTHLY REPORT

The latest news and updates from W.W. Irby Elementary School



From the Principal's Desk:

Parents/Guardians,

- Have you checked out our school website? www.sbac.edu/irby
Here you will find lots of helpful information about our school, academics, and student services.
- Students play outside everyday (weather permitting). Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately and wears closed toed shoes. Additionally, please label any outerwear with your child's name and be sure to send your child with a labeled water bottle each day.
- Have you been receiving text alerts & emails? If not, please be sure to give us a call at 386-462-5002 to make sure your contact information is up to date.
- Substitutes Needed! Alachua County Schools are experiencing a teacher substitute shortage. If you are interested in becoming a substitute please call (352) 363-2013 for more information.
- Regular and timely student attendance is essential! Support your child's learning by allowing enough time each morning so that your child can be **in class when instruction begins at 7:45am.**

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Floyd
Principal

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Irby's Citizen of the Month for November: Jackson Ibanez

Jackson is a second grader at Irby and excels both in and out of the classroom. When he is not busy doing science experiments and making things, Jackson is busy cheering on his favorite teams, the Gators, the Chiefs, and the Cardinals. In addition to reading books about Minecraft, Jackson spends his time playing outside and swimming. Way to go Jackson!



PTA NEWS

Birthday Marquee: For just \$10, you can have your child's name and birthday displayed on the school marquee. Reserve your spot by going to: <https://irby-elementary-pta.square.site/>

PTA Meeting:

Be sure to join us for our next PTA meeting on 1/12/21 at 6:30pm. A meeting link will be sent out via email.

Be sure to check out our PTA on Instagram, YouTube, and FaceBook!

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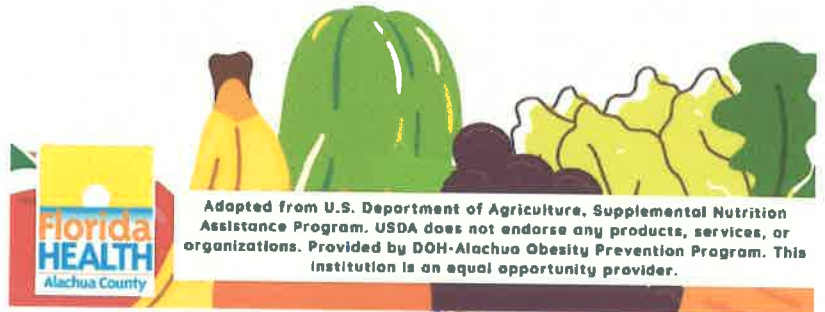
MYPLATE FOR MY FAMILY

FREE VIRTUAL SERIES ON GOTOMEETINGS

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 December 8
 December 15
 January 5
 January 12
 February 9
 February 16
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Curriculum Spotlight

Kindergarten

Happy New Year to all our wonderful families! January is an exciting month in kindergarten. The long break has everyone missing each other and the learning growth from August to January is always extremely pronounced. We will be enjoying digging deeper and learning more about snow, winter, and penguins this month. Additionally, we will focus on Martin Luther King Jr. and learn about his wonderful accomplishments. In math, we will be learning about subtraction and then transition into teen numbers at the end of the month. In science, we will begin with day and night, before moving on to discuss more about matter. In reading, we will focus on the letters o, h, l, as well as learning about blends. Jack Hartman has a great video on blends -- if you go to YouTube and type in "Jack Hartman Blends" you can access it. The sight words we will focus on are: this, from, an, had, can, if, words, all, were, more, one, two, three, four, five. We will be working on the comprehension skills of character, setting, classify and categorize, compare and contrast. Here's to a wonderful 2021!! We are looking forward to seeing our kindergarten children grow!

“Everyday
is a new
beginning.
Take a
deep
breath and
start again.”

Second Grade

Second grade is ready to "amp it up" for this next semester! This month in phonics, we are continuing to focus on "R" controlled vowels. In reading, we are diving into comparing and contrasting, as well as finding the author's purpose of an informational text. In the amazing world of math, we are focusing on subtracting 2-digit numbers and balancing equations. In science, we have been learning about the states of matter and we will finish up our matter unit with learning how matter can change from one state to another. In Social Studies, we are finishing up our Native American unit and moving on to learning about immigration. Our second graders are filling up their minds with so much knowledge!

First Grade

Our First Grade students have started out 2021 working hard and eager to learn!! The First Grade team has been planning for the new year and are looking forward to continuing the success that we have already seen this school year. In phonics this month, we will be learning about compound words, sounds of "bossy r", consonant patterns, the "dge" sound, contractions, as well plural and comparative endings. Comprehension is such an important skill. "Reading equals COMPREHENSION!" This month we will also be working on identifying words in text that show feeling and appeal to the senses. Creating questions to understand unknown words will also be a skill we work on this month. These skills will help the children understand the text that they are reading. In Math, we will continue to work on counting and writing numbers from 0-120. We have started working on place value as well. Soon, we will be comparing the value of numbers. Please try to have your child go on Reflex Math twice a week at home for 20-30 minutes to improve their math fact fluency. In Science this month, we will continue to learn about land and water, natural resources, and fast and slow land changes. We will then move into a unit of "Properties". Students will have opportunities to observe objects and determine their property of color, shape, texture, weight, temperature and whether it sinks or floats. We will also be studying Martin Luther King, Jr. and what he stood for. We will spend a great deal of time discussing equity and fairness. The First Grade Teachers would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy new year. Thank you so much for all of your support. Together, we can make First Grade a fulfilling and successful experience for your child.





NEST NEWS

RESOURCES AND UPDATES FROM IRBY'S MEDIA CENTER

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL UPDATES. TAKE A LOOK!



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MEDIA PROMPTS:

- Please check out the **REVAMPED Destiny Discover student website** at:
<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/102723>
- The next 4 rotations of Media classes will be receiving RIF books on their designated Monday instead of checking out a book. Beginning with Superman.
- If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at bellamysl@gm.sbac.edu

THIS AMERICAN LIFE

PODCAST:

This American Life is a weekly podcast built around a central theme, featuring funny moments, big feelings, surprising plot twists, and interesting ideas.

EXPLORE THIS EDUCATION EPISODE:

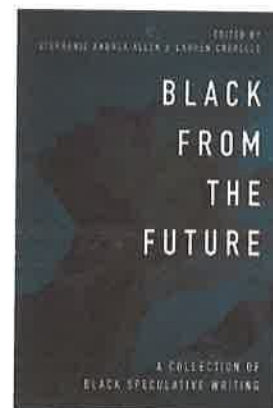
"THREE MILES" >

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/550/three-miles>

January Book Recommendation:

Black from the Future Edited by

Stephanie Andrea Allen & Lauren Cherelle



MEDIA SPOTLIGHT ON:

Irby student Marianna Baucom!

She has authored and illustrated over 25+ books that are now being featured in our Media Center on the Author Spotlight Bookcase!

Check out some of her titles such as: *Christmas, The Story, Dolls, and my personal favorite, BLACK!*



JANUARY CHARACTER TRAIT: *BE DETERMINED!*

WE ARE TRULY APPRECIATIVE FOR OUR DETERMINED SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.

THANK YOU!!!

Angela Jones, Deett Roberts, Dumas Ortiz, Gloria Joshua, Jacqueline Kimbrough, Jerald Brantley, Lenorea Francis, Marvin Green, Melissa Dampier, Millicent Mills, Nancy Mason, & Tempestt Orie!



JANUARY 2021

Character Trait: Determination

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 School Resumes Welcome Back!	5	6	7	8	9 National Law Enforcement Day
10	11	12 Virtual PTA Meeting 6:30pm	13	14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	16
17	18 Holiday-MLK Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 PBIS Celebration	29 Student Holiday/Teacher Workday	30
Celebrate Literacy Week!						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6