

Have a wonderful 2023-2024 year!

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Please make sure to sign in!



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The Leadership Team • Elena Mayo, Principal

- Annie Harris, Assistant Principal

Volunteering:

- Krista Boren, School Counselor Tristin Ballentine, Instructional Intervention Coach
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- · For the safety of our school campus, individuals must show proper
- ID upon arrival.
- Visitors need to check in through the front office upon arrival.
- · Visitors need to fill out and receive approval from the online volunteer form.
- · Our first Field Trip: Camp Crystal is on September 26th!

The 2nd Grade Team



Ms. Bartnick



Mrs. Neal



Mr. Canelas



Ms. Sedgley



Mrs. Cecere

Attendance and Tardies

- No adult supervision is provided for students before 7:15.
- Your child is considered tardy when he/she arrives at the classroom after 7:45.
- Students must enter at the office if they are arriving after
 7:45.
- If your child is absent, you must send a note through writing or email. The email address from which you send your email MUST be the same address that's on file in Skyward. Please email it to nortonattendance@gm.sbac.edu

Daily Schedule (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

7:45-9:15	ELA (Phonics and Reading)
9:15-9:45	Teacher PE (Outside)
9:45-10:30	Science
10:30-11:00	ELA (Writing)
11:00-11:45	Specials
11:45-12:05	Recess (Inside)
12:05-12:35	Lunch
12:35-1:35	Math
1:35-1:50	Social Studies



Wednesday Schedule

7:45-9:45	ELA (Phonics, Reading, and Writing)
9:45-10:15	Teacher PE (Outside)
10:15-10:30	Social Studies
10:30-11:00	Lunch
11:00-11:30	Specials
11:30-12:35	Math
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It is a five-day rotation, and it changes every quarter. The specials classes are art, computer lab, media, music, and PE.

Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes on PE days and brings their library books on media days!



A Message from the Specials Team

- Our Media, Art, and Music programs are made possible by the continued generous community support of the One Mill.
- Thank you Alachua County for giving our students these opportunities!















with Mrs. Reno

Welcome to ART at Norton Elementary! I am so excited for another year of fun and creativity with our awesome artists! By teaching Florida's Visual Art Standards, our young artist will develop skills that will last a lifetime. They can look forward to:

- · Creating drawings, paintings, sculptures and mixed media art.
- **Exploring** a wide variety of art, artists and cultures from around the world.
- Developing skills while learning about the elements and principles of design.
- Exercising critical thinking skills by problem solving and making personal decisions about their art.
- · Collaborating with other artists in their classroom.

Our artists will have the opportunity to earn up to 5 points per art class. The accumulation of points will be averaged for each interim and 9 week grading cycle. They will earn points by: 1. Listening and following directions. 2. Participating in class discussions and activities. 3. Putting forth their best creative effort. 4. Using materials appropriately and showing good craftsmanship. 5. Completing work in a timely manner.

Please be sure to visit our online art gallery at <u>Artsonia</u> to see your child's art! More information about Artsonia and additional art studio information / resources can be found on our <u>Art Studio Website</u>.







COMPUTER LAB WITH MRS. HERFURTH

Welcome to the newest addition to Specials!

I am looking forward to working with all your students while they discover the wonders of a computer! We will be working on many District implemented programs, like Istation, Achieve3000, IXL, and Typing.Com. I will also be working closely with classroom teachers to help guide students on research projects, creating powerpoints and learning the correct ways to use a keyboard!



MEDIA WITH MS. HUDSON AND MRS. COMPTON



- Checking out library books is a great way for children to learn responsibility. Our Norton Library has more than 20,000 books to borrow.
- Kindergarten students can check out one book every visit. Students in grades 1-5 may check two books at a time. Please encourage proper care of books in your home and look for opportunities to read together, like a bedtime story.
- In Media class, we enjoy lessons on library skills, Internet Safety, Reading skills, computer research, Writing, Social Studies, Science, current events, geography, informational text, and many other topics. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at <u>hudsonls@qm.sbac.edu</u>
- Readers are leaders,
 Ms. Hudson and Mrs. Compton









MUSIC WITH MR. DUKE!





- I am very excited for another year of music class here at Norton! Music is such an important part of a child's education because it allows them to be expressive and creative, while also practicing their reading and math skills. Norton music students will have the opportunity to:
 - Listen to and perform music from a wide variety of cultures and composers.
 - Develop skills to help them learn to read music.
 - Practice their listening skills by learning to recognize the different parts of a song.
 - Dance and play instruments while having fun in music class!
- Each music class, students have the opportunity earn 4 points. At the end of the nine weeks, the grade is determined by the percentage of possible points they earned. Students will earn full points each class by:
 - Having a good attitude, participating in the day's activities, listening to and following instructions, being respectful to the other students and the instruments in the classroom.

I look forward to another wonderful year in music here at Norton!





Norton Elementary Physical Education

Coach Jones



Welcome to NORTON ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION! Coach Jones is VERY excited about this year and all we have planned! Our goal here at Norton is to provide each student with the skills and knowledge to be be successful in any adventure they choose. Students will become familiar with a variety of individual movements and our focus is they gain confidence in a team environment. Our hope is students develop a passion for the benefits of sports and exercise. And, of course, to HAVE FUN!

New for 2023-24 School Year - Marathon Kids Program - <u>www.marathonkids.org</u> (replaces Morning Mile)

- Expected start date is mid September - be on the lookout for more information

Hydration is very important so students can perform at their best in PE and in their classrooms. We ask that students please bring a water bottle to PE class.

All grading will be based on participation, effort and sportsmanship; not performance or ability.









ELA

90%-100% Excellent

10% Homework

80%-89%

Satisfactory Plus

- 15%
 - **Writing Tests**

25% Quizzes

- 70%-79% Satisfactory
- 60%-69% Needs Improvement

20% Classwork

30% Reading Tests

Unsatisfactory

0%-59%

Fluency

- Fluency is the ability to read a passage with accuracy, speed,
 and expression.
- Fluency plays a significant role in reading comprehension as readers are able to better understand the message conveyed rather than focus on reading each individual word.
- Cold (1st Read) and hot (2nd Read) fluency readings will be given every three weeks, with cold readings starting the rotation and hot readings ending them.
- Please practice the fluency texts at home for additional practice.



- UFLI is a phonics program that we are using to help teach letters and sounds. It helps students practice encoding and decoding words when reading.
- Students are tested on the sounds, irregular words, and sentences.
- Click here to access UFLI Foundations ACPS Family Resources
- Click here about Spelling Lists
- Click here for a tutorial video on how to use Elkonin boxes for phonics work at home.
- Click here for a printable word-work mat
- You can use magnetic letters, printed letter cards or dry-erase markers.

Math

- 90%-100% Excellent
- Satisfactory Plus
 - 70%-79% Satisfactory
 - 60%-69% Needs Improvement
 - 0%-59% Unsatisfactory



Quizzes

25%

Classwork



45%

Math Tests

Science

- 90%-100% Excellent
- Satisfactory Plus
 - 70%-79% Satisfactory
 - 60%-69% Needs Improvement

30% Classwork



40%

Science Tests

30%

Labs

0%-59% Unsatisfactory

Social Studies

- 90%-100% Excellent
- 80%-89% Satisfactory Plus
 - 70%-79% Satisfactory

60%

Classwork



Tests

- 60%-69% Needs Improvement
- 0%-59% Unsatisfactory

Assessments

- Word study quizzes will be given about once a week.
- ELA Unit assessments will be given about every 3rd week.
- Writing grades are a component of each ELA Unit assessment and will be taken from those tests.
- Math, Science, and Social Studies tests are based on state standards learned.
- ISIP Reading is given at the beginning of every month.
- FAST testing for reading and math will occur three times a year (August, January, and May).

Skyward

https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedualachuafl/seplog01.w

- 1. Click the above link, or google "Alachua family access Skyward"
- 2. MyPortal username and password.
- 3. Grades are organized by type.





Red Homework Folders and Planners 26

The red homework folder and planners should come to school EVERY DAY! It encourages independence and responsibility.

- 1. Classwork & homework
- 2. Grade level newsletters
- UFLI at home practice sheets
- Read Across America Reading Logs
- Fluency Text (Located on back of folder)
- Forms for parents
- 7. Important Dates and Events





*Folders and planners are provided by Title 1

Homework Policy

Homework will be sent home everyday on Mondays-Thursdays. Homework is due the next day and should be done every night. A calendar will be on the 2nd Grade newsletter.

<u>Reading:</u>

Reading homework comes home on Mondays and Wednesdays as a double sided worksheet. The worksheets will be based on a comprehension skill and a UFLI skill for the week. In addition, there is a Fluency text (this passage is located on the back of the red communication folder and should be read **out loud** at home) and a Reading Log (located in the folder on the Return to School side) that will be checked every Friday and counted as a homework grade.

Mathematics:

Math homework comes home on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a practice page from the Go Math Curriculum.

Science, Social Studies, and Writing:

Assignments or projects will be assigned throughout the year as needed. Due dates will be written on the assignment.

Grading Procedure:

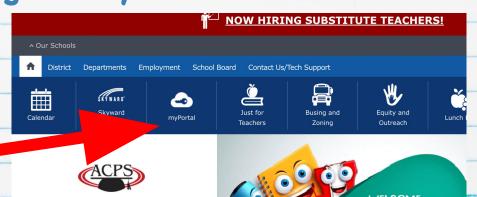
- Homework will be graded on completion.
 - Fully Complete: 100%
 - Incomplete: 50%
 - Missing/Not Turned In: 0%
- Reading Log: Students must have the date, book title, chapter or picture book, rating, parent signature, and minutes
 read. To earn full credit, students will need to have read a total of 25 minutes per week and <u>must</u> have parent
 signatures next to the book title.

How Can I Help My Child Be Successful?

- Helping your child at home is a great way to support what we are doing at school.
- Here are some ways you can help:
 - Ask your child what they are learning about in class.
 - Review phonics found on the at home UFLI sheet.
 - Extra practice is key! Support your child's weekly homework
 assignments by encouraging them to complete all ELA and Math
 assignments.
 - Read their fluency text out loud every day.
 - Use the MyPortal resources as much as possible.
 - Please arrive to school on time! When students arrive late, they
 miss important classroom instruction.

How do I get to MyPortal?

1. Go to https://www.sbac.edu/

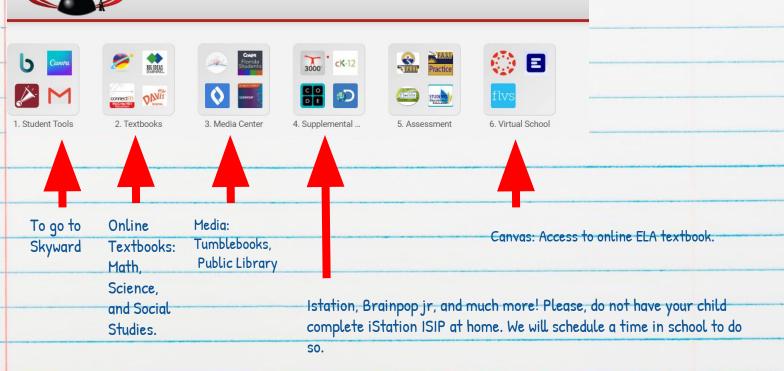


- 2. Enter Active Directory username and password (I will resend them with other login credentials)
- 3. Click Sign-In.



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Classroom Management



Wow Board

Students add their name when they show Norton expectations and several students are awarded when the Wow Board is full.

Norton Bucks

Norton Bucks are awarded for following Norton expectations and are used for the school store.

PBIS Events

School sponsored events paid for with Norton Bucks! Past events have included dance parties, bounce houses, and throwing water balloons at the leadership team.





Conduct

Letter	Description
S	Satisfactory
N	Needs Improvement
U	Unsatisfactory



Title 1: Home School Connection

- Parent Resource Area Parents are able to check out materials to work with their children at home.
- Some materials available include:
 - Parent homework dictionaries
 - Grade level parent guides for your child's success
 - Early Learning backpacks
 - Family Engagement Packs for reading and math
- Please email Ms. Ballentine, ballentinetl@gm.sbac.edu, for check out information.
- Join PTA!



Conferences

If, at any time, you would like a conference, just reach out to me and I will arrange a time to meet.

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