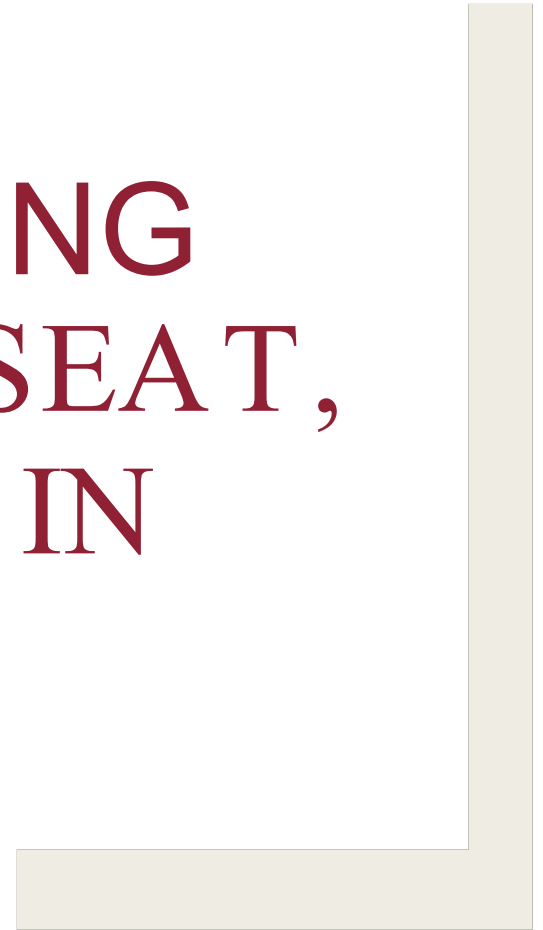


WELCOME 3RD GRADE FAMILIES!

2023-2024
Open House



**BEFORE FINDING
YOUR CHILD'S SEAT,
PLEASE SIGN IN**



The Leadership Team

- **Elena Mayo, Principal:**
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- **Annie Harris, Assistant Principal:**
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- **Krista Boren, Guidance Counselor,**
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- **Bevon James, BRT:**
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- **Tristin Ballentine, Instructional Intervention Coach:**
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Volunteering:

- All volunteers need to fill out and receive approval by completing an [online form](#). You can find that form here:
- 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.
- Parents may come to eat with their child; however, they need to sit at the outside picnic tables. They are not permitted to invite other friends with them.

Your 3rd Grade Team

Ms. Faenza
ELA



Miss Dorworth
ELA



Mrs. Slamka
Math and Science



Mrs. Bailey / Intern Ms. Wells
Math and Science





The ESE Teacher

Ms. Hastings
ESE Teacher 2-3
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Hello! I am so excited to be at Norton this year and to work with your students! My promise is to provide individualized instruction that meet and help my students achieve their academic goals. In addition, I will prioritize supporting your students in developing their confidence with reading and math by providing a safe and comfortable community.

Feel free to visit my classroom after this presentation in Building 4 Room 003 (exit quad, turn left, cross to nearest building, room on left)



Our 3rd Grade Schedule

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 7:45 - 9:45 | ELA / Math & Science |
| 9:45 - 10:05 | Recess |
| 10:05 - 10:50 | Specials |
| 10:50 - 11:20 | Lunch |
| 11:20 - 12:20 | Math / ELA |
| 12:20 - 1:20 | Science / ELA |
| 1:20 - 1:50 | Teacher PE |

Wednesday

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|---------------|----------------------|
| 7:45 - 8:05 | Recess |
| 8:05 - 9:50 | ELA / Math & Science |
| 9:50 - 10:30 | Science / ELA |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | Math / ELA |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Lunch |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Specials |

Planners and Communication Folders

The planner your child will use this year was specifically designed to encourage the development of essential 21st century skills in elementary students. These were purchased with Title I funds.

Expectations for the student:

- Copy upcoming skills and assessments as part of morning procedures.
- Set goals and work toward them.

Expectations for the parent/family:

- Check planner each night (reminders, notes from teacher, testing schedules).

Homework Policy

Reading:

- Reading homework comes home as a stapled package each Monday and is due the following Monday.
- Reading Log - Students will be receiving a reading log. Students will be required to read a minimum of 15 minutes each day for 5 days or a total of 75 minutes each week. To earn *full credit*, a student must have parent signatures. Please provide the following- (***title, picture/chapter book, rating, parent signature and number of minutes read next to the signature***).
- SIPPS skills are located on the newsletter with sample words. SIPPS tips are also added to the last page of the newsletter.
- Fluency page (found on the back of your child's gold folder)

Mathematics:

Math homework from the GoMath curriculum is sent home daily in your child's gold folder. Homework is expected to return the next day. Math homework may continue to be turned in till the end of the week; however, all math homework must be turned in before the school week ends. Homework turned in afterwards will result in zero credit.

Science, Social Studies, and Writing:

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

- Homework will be graded on completion.
- Incomplete homework will receive a lower grade. When turned in late, homework will lose **10 points** each day late. After 5 days, homework will get **zero credit**.

SIPPS

- This year, we will be using the SIPPS (Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words) program for reading instruction. Your child will be in SIPPS Challenge Level, which teaches students how to read and spell “long” polysyllabic words (words with many syllables) such as explorer, independent, and powerfully.
- Practice is an important part of becoming a good reader. You can make a big difference in your child’s progress by reading at home and filling out the reading log.
- The SIPPS skill will be posted on the newsletter each week as well as sample words.
- SIPPS tips were sent with the newsletter this past week.
- SIPPS quizzes generally run every two weeks.

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 better able to understand the message conveyed rather than focus on reading each individual word.
- Cold fluency readings will be given at the start and end of each quarter.
- Cold and hot fluency readings will be given every two weeks, with cold reading starting the two week rotation and hot readings ending them.
- The fluency passage can be found in the back of your child's gold folder.

Specials Schedule for Quarter 1

| | Faenza | Slamka | Bailey | Dorworth |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Monday | Art | Computer | PE | Media |
| Tuesday | Computer | PE | Media | Music |
| Wednesday | PE | Media | Music | Art |
| Thursday | Media | Music | Art | Computer |
| Friday | Music | Art | Computer | PE |

Grading Scale

| Letter Grade | Percent Achievement | Grade Points | Progress Level |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| A | 90-100 | 4.0 | Outstanding |
| B+ | 87-89 | 3.0 | |
| B | 80-86 | 3.0 | Above Average |
| C+ | 77-79 | 2.0 | |
| C | 70- 76 | 2.0 | Average |
| D+ | 67-69 | 1.0 | |
| D | 60-66 | 1.0 | Lowest Acceptable |
| F | 0-59 | 0 | Failing |

Conduct Grades

| Letter | Description |
|--------|-------------------|
| S | Satisfactory |
| N | Needs Improvement |
| U | Unsatisfactory |

Grading Criteria

English Language Arts:

| Category | Weight |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Assessments/ Test | 30% |
| Written Assignments | 15% |
| Mini- Assessments/ Quizzes | 25% |
| Classwork | 20% |
| Homework | 10% |

Math

| Category | Weight |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Assessments/ Test | 45% |
| Mini- Assessments/ Quizzes | 20% |
| Classwork | 25% |
| Homework | 10% |

Grading Criteria

Science:

| Category | Weight |
|----------------------|--------|
| Assessments / Test | 40% |
| Labs (Inquiry) | 30% |
| Classwork / Journals | 30% |

Social Studies:

| Category | Weight |
|-------------------|--------|
| Assessments/ Test | 40% |
| Classwork | 60% |

Assessments

- SIPPS quizzes will be given about once every two weeks.
- 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.
- FAST testing for reading and math will happen periodically throughout the year .

PBIS (Positive Behavior)

- Norton Elementary uses PBIS as a positive reward incentive.
- Students are issued Norton Bucks which can be used to purchase school-wide fun events.
- The WOW board is school-wide. Throughout the school day, students have the opportunity to write their name in a square. Drawings (called by the selection of the row and column) will be held for prizes.
- Norton Knight of the Week - students will be selected who display the Norton Knight expectations.

Using MyPortal

- All of your child's digital resources can be found in [MyPortal](#).
- Google Chrome and Firefox operate the best when using the resources found in MyPortal.
- Benchmark is the Reading textbook we are using in class. You can utilize this app to find information to further your child's education in class.
- iStation is now located in MyPortal and does not have to be downloaded on to the computer. Students are now able to utilize it using the browser.
- Reflex math is a great way for your child to practice their addition and multiplication math facts.
- HMHed is the app to click on to access Math and Science textbook information. Once selecting the app, choose the *Discover* tab to find chapter information. You can also select the drop down menu to switch between the two different subjects.
- [Parent online resource guide](#)

How can you help?

Utilize the homework policy materials as extra ways to help your child be successful.

Help your child **master basic math facts** in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Encourage your child to **practice typing** and keyboarding skills if they have access to a computer at home.

Make it a **positive!** “Show what you know!”

Attend parent/teacher conferences.

Get Involved! Stay Involved

Parent Involvement is THE KEY to student success!

Use this planner as a tool to stay informed and involved with your child's school.

Call me or email your child's teacher.

Other ideas:

Join PTA- Membership

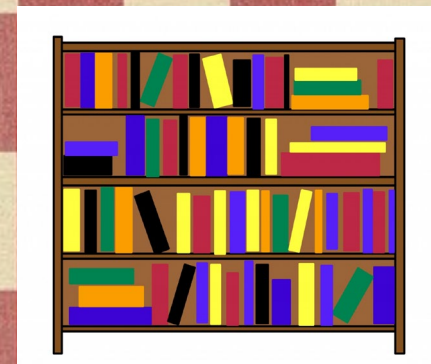
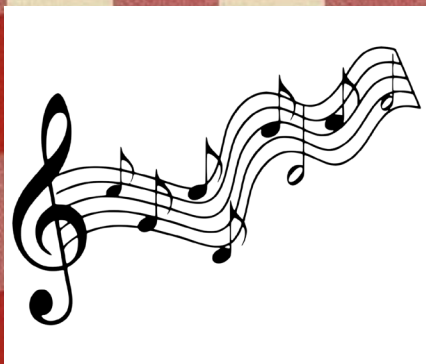
Check out the parent resources area in the Media Center.

Please contact Ms. Ballentine if you are interested in checking out parent resources.

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Specials Classes at C.W. Norton Elementary

2023-2024 School Year




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!





ArT

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:

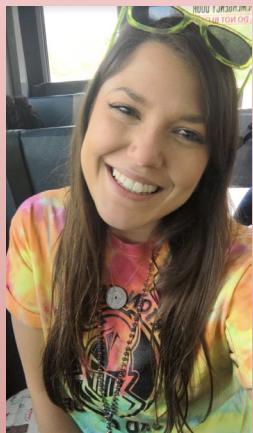
- **Creating** drawings, paintings, sculptures and mixed media art.
- **Exploring** a wide variety of art, artists and cultures from around the world.
- **Developing** skills while learning about the elements and principles of design.
- **Exercising** critical thinking skills by problem solving and making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

5 pts. = E/A, 4 pts. = S+/B, 3 pts. = S/C, 2 pts. = N/D 1 pt. = U/F

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





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!

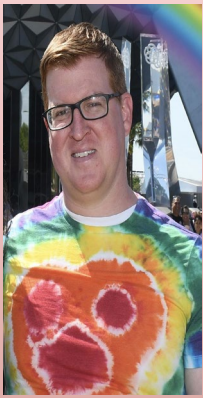


Media with Ms. Hudson and Mrs. Compton



- *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 HUDSONS@gm.sbac.edu*
- *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 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 - www.marathonkids.org (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.



Coach Jones – jonescj@gm.sbac.edu



Thank you for attending!

We look forward to a having a fantastic year with your child. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time by phone 955-6765 or email.

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