

Welcome to our classroom!





Norton Leadership Team

Principal - Elena Mayo

Assistant Principal - Annie Harris

Instructional Coach/Title 1 - Tristin Ballentine

Behavior Resource Teacher (BRT) - Bevon James

Guidance Counselors - Krista Boren

Norton's Specials Team

P.E. – Coach Jones

Art – Mrs. Reno

Music – Mr. Duke

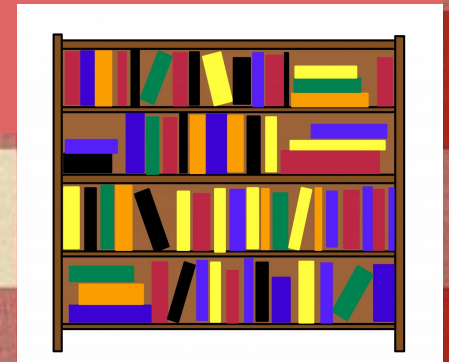
Media – Ms. Hudson

Computer – Mrs. Herfurth



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:

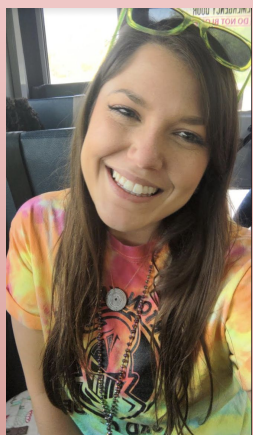
- **Creating** drawings, paintings, sculptures and mixed media art.
- **Exploring** a wide variety of art, artists and cultures from around the world.
- **Developing** skills while learning about the elements and principles of design.
- **Exercising** critical thinking skills by problem solving and making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

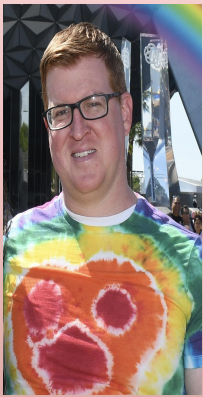


Media with Ms. Hudson and Mrs. Compton



- **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





Behavior Management

- Positive Behavior Support
- Norton Knight of the week

Classroom Rules:

- 1) Be Respectful - Listen when an adult or classmate is speaking.
- 2) Be Cooperative - Work and play nicely with others.
- 3) Be Responsible - Take care of personal and classroom property.
- 4) Be Safe - Walk everywhere. Keep your body and objects to yourself.

Rewards:

Norton bucks -Class Dojo, WOW Board, note home, praise, stickers, etc.

Consequences:

time out in class, parent contact

Kindergarten Grading Criteria 2022-2023

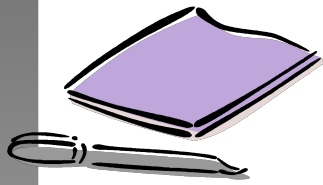
Subject	Category	Weight
English/Language Arts (ELA)	Unit Assessment	40%
	Quizzes	25%
	Classwork	25%
	Homework	10%
Mathematics	Chapter Assessment	45%
	Quizzes	20%
	Classwork/ Journals	25%
	Homework	10%
Science	Unit Assessments	40%
	Labs (Inquiry)	30%
	Classwork/ Journals	30%
Social Studies	Assessments	40%
	Classwork	60%

Conduct Grades

Letter	Description
S	Satisfactory
N	Needs Improvement
U	Unsatisfactory

Grading Scale K-2

Letter Grade	Percent Achievement	Progress Level
E	90 - 100	Excellent
S+	80 - 89	
S	70 - 79	Satisfactory
N	60 - 69	Needs Improvement
U	0 - 59	Unsatisfactory



Take Home Folders

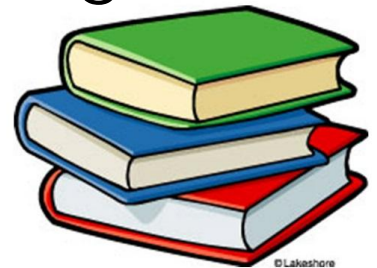
- Everyday - promotes independence and responsibility
- Calendar
- Communication
- Newsletters (some of these may be digital)
 - Keep you updated on skills and concepts being taught
 - Team: Kindergarten information (Monthly)
 - School: Knight News (First Monday of every month)

*Folders provided by Title One

Reading Curriculum

Benchmark Advanced and UFLI Foundations

- Recognize and write all upper and lower case letters.
- Know all letter sounds
- Know “irregular” or sight words
- Develop independent readers
- Other skills: Rhyming, syllables, parts of speech, setting, character, sequencing, vocabulary development



Example Spelling/Letter sound quiz

Name: _____

Initial Unit – Week 4 (7 points)

Graphemes/Regular Words

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Irregular Words

6. _____

7. _____

Example of UFLI home practice



Home Practice

New Concept and Sample Words

a m s t review

at

sat

mat

New Irregular Words

and*
♥♥♥

Word Work Chain

1. at → sat → mat

Sample Word Work Chain Script

at → sat → mat

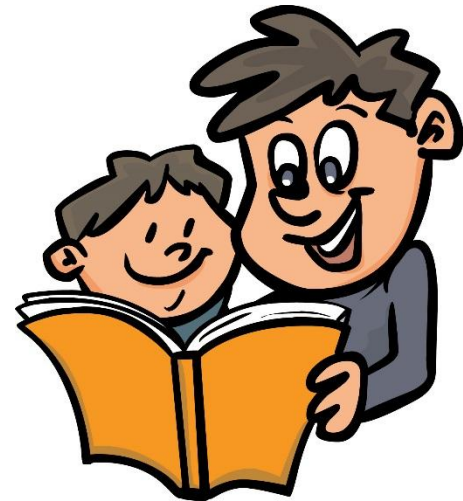
1. Make the word **at**. [spelling]
2. Add an **s** at the beginning. What word is this? [reading]
3. Change **sat** to **mat**. [spelling]

Sentence

I sat.

Reading With Your Child

- Please read for at least 15 minutes DAILY!
- Discuss with your child what you have read.
- Allow your child to “read” to you.
- Visit the library and check out books.
- Be a model - let your child see you reading.
- Try Scholastic!
- Have fun reading together! 😊







Writing

Encourage your child to write.

Provide a variety of writing materials for your student.

1.	 <p>(I like trees.)</p>	Pictures
2.	 <p>(I like trees.)</p>	Approximation
3.	<p>BndhVwo</p> <p>(I like trees.)</p>	Random letters
4.	<p>I to h</p> <p>(I like to color.)</p>	Random and initial sounds
5.	<p>I h a p c</p> <p>(I have a pretty cat.)</p>	Initial consonants
6.	<p>I pa en mi ft yrt.</p> <p>(I play in my front yard.)</p>	Initial and final sounds
7.	<p>I got a skat Bend fer Krismes.</p> <p>(I got a skateboard for Christmas.)</p>	Vowel sounds appear
8.	<p>My favurit food is appls and makrone.</p> <p>(My favorite food is apples and macaroni.)</p>	All syllables represented
9.	<p>Wen I was on vacshon it was fun to play weth Nicole. She is my baby sister. She is one year old. She is a Verry nice sister. Dregs it chers you up weth a baby sister around.</p>	Multiple related sentences and many words with correct spelling

Math Curriculum

- Recognize, compare and write numbers to 20
- Count to 100
- Add within 10
- Subtract within 10
- Shapes 2D & 3D
- Measure and Compare objects



Math

- Make math come alive at home
- Use snacks to count, sort, add, subtract, pattern
- Use math vocabulary such as, big, small, greater than, less than, etc.
- Discuss real world applications for math with your child
- Have fun with it! 😊





Kindergarten- Norton Homework Policy

Homework will be sent home in the purple folder every Friday and is due back the following Friday.

Reading:

- Reading homework comes home as a stapled packet each Friday and is due back the following Friday.
- Reading Log - Will be in folders every week. Please help students complete them as they read books at home.
- Fluency page (Letter Sounds) should be practiced at home each week.

Mathematics:

Math homework will also be included in the packet, which will include pages 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.

- Homework will be graded on completion.
- Incomplete homework will receive a lower grade.
- Homework counts as 10% of the total grade in reading and math.



Kindergarten Schedule

M/T/Th/F

- 7:45-8:00 Morning Meeting
- 8:00-9:30 Reading
- 9:30-10:20 Math
- 10:20-10:50 Lunch
- 10:50-11:35 Specials
- 11:35-12:05 Writing A /Recess B
- 12:05-12:35 Writing B /Recess A
- 12:35-1:05 Science
- 1:05-1:30 Math 2
- 1:30-1:50 Packup

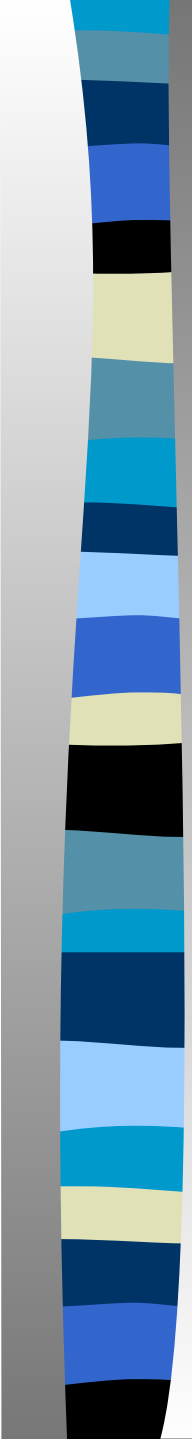
Wednesday

- 7:45-8:15 Reading
- 8:15-8:35 Recess
- 8:35-9:20 Specials
- 9:20-10:20 Math
- 10:20-10:50 Lunch
- 10:50-11:05 Morning Meeting
- 11:05-12:35 Reading



Parent Involvement

- *Volunteer Application form
 - Must be done every year
 - Required for field trips and other school events
- *Spring Festival, Book Fair(s)...
- Join PTA – Follow Norton Elementary PTA on Facebook
- Work on reading and writing with your student.
- Check your child's folder for important information and updates.



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Family Support Resources

Password Help • Password Reset

Department of Children and Families Abuse
Hotline 1-800-962-2873



Online Resources



1. Student Tools

2. Textbooks

3. Media Center

4. Supplemental ...

5. Assessment

6. Virtual School

Digital Academy



Reminders

- Breakfast
- Attendance
- Purple Folders
- Transportation changes

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THANK YOU!

