

Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Newsletter - September 1, 2022

Message from Dr. Kohler -

A special thank you to all our families/guardians who have activated their FOCUS Parent Portal account. This school year, all assignments and interim grades as well as report card communications are electronic so be sure to check your portal account frequently. Do you have a Twitter account? If you do, please follow us @f_mbeach. Our theme this year is #GrowingExcellenceAtFMBE. Each day, we take a picture or two of our students and staff engaged in rigorous teaching and learning. Sometimes, we even try to be humorous!

Thank you for trusting FMBE with your most precious gift, your child. We have the greatest faculty and staff ready to support each child's highest personal potential. Best wishes for a healthy and happy September!

Dr. Traci Kohler, Proud Principal of FMBE



School hours

7:55 (Late Bell)

2:10 Dismissal

Students may arrive as early as 7:25 am.

This is the time to have breakfast with classmates, get morning work started, and ask questions before the day of learning begins.



Better three hours too soon than a minute too late - William Shakespeare

Please be aware that crocs are not to be worn at school due to safety reasons.

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Important

Dates to Remember

9/05 - **No School**, Labor Day

9/15 - PTO Meeting

9/22 - Yearbook Pictures

The Florida Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. Fort Myers Beach Elementary Teachers currently working on certifications include:

Reading

Mrs. Carisa Hall
Ms. Jenna Hinkle
Ms. Lainey Holt

ESOL

Mrs. Kelah Gorham
Mrs. Michele Batista
Ms. Sherry Diaz

Fort Myers Beach PTO Needs You!

Please consider joining the PTO! We need parents to get involved and volunteer for after school clubs and fundraising events. Also, remember to sign up for Smile.Amazon.com. Pick Fort Myers Beach Elementary PTO as your organization. Amazon donates money to our school with every purchase. Also, follow us on Facebook. (Fort Myers Beach Elementary PTO) for the latest news and upcoming events. IT'S FOR THE KIDS!!!

We have PTO meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:30 pm. We would love all parents/guardians to join and share thoughts. Please email:

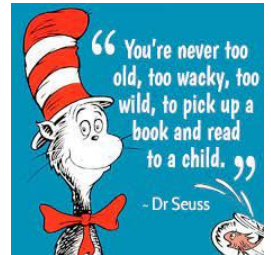
President@FMBPTO.org to be added to the zoom invite.

Please join our Facebook page at
Fort Myers Beach PTO
for updates on activities, events, and needs.

Reading Nook - Sherri Skipper
Literacy Coach, Fort Myers Beach Elementary

As a literacy coach, I'm often asked;
"How can I help my child to read"?

The answer is, to read to your child. Children love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on the page. Reading to a child prepares them to understand the world around them. It stimulates the imagination and expands their vocabulary, It helps them develop listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. When the rhythm and melody of language become a part of a child's life, learning to read will be as natural as learning to walk and talk.



Kindergarten - Students are off to a great start this year! They are excited learning about rhyming words, authors and illustrators, and numbers 0-5. Many students have already started learning their first sight words! Kindergarten rocks.

First Graders are busy solving addition and subtraction problems, reading fairy tales, learning about living and nonliving things, and citizenship.

Second Grade is developing an understanding on how to identify the theme of a story and learning about equal groups in math!

Third Grade is off and running. We are studying multiplication and division facts in math. Science has us investigating matter. In reading we are studying how characters develop and change throughout a text. So far the students have done well completing classwork and homework.

Fourth Graders are working hard on learning about large numbers up to millions and the three states of matter in science.

Our 5th Grade is learning to identify primary sources in our various nonfiction readings. These scientists are also hard at work comparing properties of matter. Is it a solid, liquid, or gas? In Math, we are working to understand decimals to the thousandths place. We enjoy working with our group mates and sharing our learning each day. It's an exciting year for me with this group; they hold a special place in my heart as I have worked closely with many of them in prior years.