



The Eagle Press



December 2023

Soaring High with Eagle Pride!

A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Tis the season to be jolly! Winter Break is almost upon us. Students' holiday break will begin Thursday, December 21st through January 5th. Classes resume on Monday, January 8th, 2024. Students are encouraged to read daily and practice their math fluency over the break. Please spend time over the holiday break with those most important to you!

During this special season, it is magical to reflect and appreciate all that is well and positive in our lives. I wish you a blessed and peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Eastbrook Elementary staff, may your home be filled with joy and happiness this holiday season!

All the best,

Mrs. Herndon



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 1-15	iReady Reading & Math Diagnostic 2
December 4	Hearing Screening for PreK, K, 1 & 3
December 4	Holidays Around the World 5:30pm
December 4-8	Wonderland Shop is Open
December 5	12 Days of Holiday Cheer Begins
December 6	Student Safety Council Meetings
December 7	Eastbrook Chorus Performs 6:00pm
December 7	Chanukah begins at sundown
December 12	Huntress Class Field Trip
December 12	Kindergarten Holidays Around the World
December 13	Gifted Showcase 8:00am & 1:30pm
December 13	Eagle Excellence Lunch
December 14	RAMP 5 Benchmark Assessment #2
December 14	Dual Language & Spanish Club Show 6:00
December 14	Last Day for Semester 1 Success Club
December 15	Country-Western Day
December 18-20	Early Dismissal 1:00pm
December 19	iReady Celebration
December 19	1st & 2nd Grade Holiday Parties
December 20	End of Quarter 2/Semester 1
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 21-January 5	School Closed-Winter Break
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Kwanzaa Begins
January 8	Welcome Back! 
	Semester 2/Quarter 3 Begins

K How is it already December!?

In Kindergarten, we are ready for some holiday themed activities to wrap up the month. We will have a Holidays Around the World all Day Rotation to celebrate and learn about different holidays celebrated in Israel, Germany, Italy, Puerto Rico, and France. In each classroom we will create a craft and even enjoy some snacks. In order for us to complete these fun activities, we will be asking for parent donations of supplies. Keep an eye on your email or let us know if you can bring something in. We appreciate it!

We are spending two weeks talking about all things Gingerbread. We will read a variety of Gingerbread stories: Gingerbread Man, Gingerbread Girl, Gingerbread Baby and some other fun stories. After reading, we will retell the story, identify story elements, and write about the stories.

In Math, we are starting our unit on Addition. You will hear students talking about the plus sign and equal sign. We will incorporate some fun activities to teach these skills to match our holiday themes. Thank you for all of your support – we could not do any of this without the help and support of our amazing Kindergarten Parents!

1 Happy December, First Grade Families!

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We know the holiday excitement is starting to build so please maintain normal routines as much as possible in the weeks leading up to winter break. Children need predictability and consistency as we will continue to work hard in December.

In Reading, we will be diving deeper into explaining what it means to wait, be patient, and be kind.

Please discuss what it means to be patient with your child. Please continue to reinforce quarter 1 and quarter 2 sight words and continue practicing writing complete sentences for phonics.

In math, we will be continuing to practice addition and subtraction within 20 to finish out this calendar year! In science, we will discuss the sky and things we see in the sky. We will continue to discuss economics in Social Studies. As you are making your December plans, please keep in mind that December 18th, 19th, and 20th are Early Release days with a 1:00 P.M. dismissal. Please have an enjoyable, restful holiday break and Happy New Year and as always, we thank you for your support!

2 The students enjoyed the in-school presentation by Sawgrass, a Native American who shared the lifestyle of his people long ago and compared it with our current day lifestyle. Ask them to share some of the things they learned.

In math, we have been reviewing double digit addition and subtraction within 100. In 2nd grade the children are expected to use strategies including expanded form, partial sums, base ten blocks, compensation to show their work. Knowing basic addition and subtraction facts to 20 with ease is very important. Extra fact fluency practice is always a great way to reinforce those foundational skills of adding and subtracting.

In reading, the students are now applying all the sound patterns they learned along with important reading strategies to read more independently. When these strategies are in place, students are able to focus their attention on “thinking while they are reading” which builds strong comprehension skills. In writing, we are continuing to make sure our sentences have capitals and ending punctuation. Also the students have learned a little trick to help them build more interesting sentences: When, Who, Where, What, How, Why

Examples: *(Last Friday, my friends and I went to an amazing show at the fairgrounds to watch a magician do cool magic tricks and allusions.)*

(On Sunday, my mom and dad walked right into my room and surprised me with a cute and cuddly puppy for my birthday!)

In Science we are currently working on force and motion and soon we will begin rocks and soil.

In Social Studies we will be finishing our economic unit and we will be moving into our History Unit.

Here are some dates to jot down:

Dec.5-20 Twelve Days of Holiday Cheer
(More info to come)

Dec.15 Country Western Day

Dec 18-20 Early Release Days

Dec 20 Pajama Day

Keep an eye out for weekly emails about our Holiday Party or other events.

Thank you for all of your support and helping your children with their weekly homework. It really does help them when they practice the skills that we have taught in class. Your student is learning and growing by leaps and bounds

Eagle Press: Intermediate Classes

3 It is hard to believe that we are about half-way through the school year. We have been so busy learning so many new things that time is just flying by!

This month in English Language Arts students have been working on figurative language and reading folktales.

In Science, we have been studying light, learning how light can reflect, or refract, as well as how light can cause shadows and be absorbed. They have done many exciting experiments and are working as a Scientist by making predictions and collecting data.

In Social Studies students are learning about cultural diversity.

In Math, third graders have begun using the distributive property to multiply. They are breaking apart large multiplication sentences to smaller ones to help solve their problem. To ensure your third grader's success in math please continue to encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts to gain fluency. The third-grade team would like to thank you in advance for all you do to make sure your child is reading and practicing math facts every night.

4 Winter is here and we are halfway through the school year! Our students are working very hard in each of our classes.

In ELA we will be reading various texts where students will need to identify the plot, narrator's point of view and character's perspective. In writing, we are continuing with text-based argumentative essays.

In math, students are continuing to learn how to divide and starting to use operations with whole numbers to solve problems. These skills require multiplication so please continue to practice basic multiplication facts at home!

In Social Studies, we will be learning about Florida's history and its natives and how St. Augustine was discovered and founded. All payments and forms **MUST** be turned in and paid in full by December 15th to make our final decision about attending. Thank you!



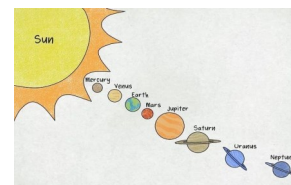
5 In 5th grade Math; Topic 6 focuses on developing understanding of how to divide a decimal by a whole number as well as how to divide one decimal by another. Your child will use properties, number sense, models, and strategies to divide with decimals and solve problems.

ELA:

The intent of Unit 3 is to build student knowledge around the Big Idea, what kinds of experiences can lead to new discoveries. The students will read several selections over the course of six weeks about the different ways that you can put a plan into action.

Science: Students will learn that our galaxy is the Milky Way, a spiral-shaped galaxy that is made of gas, dust, stars, and the objects orbiting those stars. They will understand the general characteristics of all 8 planets (Inner planets are small, have relatively thin atmospheres, few or no moons and Outer (gas giant) planets are large, have thick atmospheres, many moons, and rings) and learn the differences between stars (Sun), planets, moons, asteroids, and comets.

Social Studies: Students will continue to describe the social, political, and economic aspects of daily life in colonial America.



RAMP 4 & 5

Fourth grade RAMP students move from decimal place value to learning how to add and subtract decimals in December. Through using models, strategies, and understanding of decimal place value, students will learn to estimate, and then add and subtract multi-digit numbers with decimals to the thousandths.

Fifth grade RAMP students will begin exploring the world of ratios and rates in December. In the beginning of the unit students learn to model, write, and interpret ratios to show the relative sizes of two quantities using appropriate notation. Then, given a real-world context, determine a rate for a ratio of quantities with different units. Students will also build tables of equivalent ratios incorporating their understanding of unit rate. At the end of the unit, students will make connections between ratios and percentages and be able to apply ratio relationships to solve problems involving percentages.

Music

A big thank you to all who attended the Solar Bear Spirit Night. You helped raise over \$300 for the music program here at Eastbrook!

Did you know that making music engages and strengthens brainpower? Brain scans taken during musical performances show that virtually the entire cerebral cortex is active while musicians are playing.

It's time for the Eastbrook Students to kick up their heels for some rootin' tootin' dancing' for the **26th Annual Country Western Day**. Parents, dig out your chaps, boots and cowboy hats & join your child during their special area time for a knee slappin' good time on December 15th. Check in at the front office and come back to the covered area. Please RSVP to help things go faster. Remember, you must be an approved Dividend and bring your valid ID to participate. **Please see the attached flyer for more information and to RSVP.**



Art Corner



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families! For these few weeks in art, we are making winter portraits and landscapes. We will be using oil pastels, watercolor, chalk, collage, and tissue paper to make our art. Everyone has been doing a great job practicing new techniques and art styles so far this year. I'm excited to see their next finished projects!

Happy Holidays!



Dual Language & Spanish Club Showcase

Our Dual Language students and Spanish Club members will be having a showcase for their families on Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 PM in our Activity Center. It is going to be an amazing show!

PE During the month of December the PE program will be working on throwing and catching skills through Kick-Ball and a throwing game called "Avalanche." Also the last full week of school before break the PAM team will be practicing for Country Western Day with fun originals, including the Cotton Eyed Joe and Hitch Hiker. Start picking out your outfits now! With your support, we raised **\$3,315.45** for the American Heart Association.



Way to go Eagles!

Eastbrook Food Pantry

If your family is in need of food, please email **Mrs. Hickey** at

alice_hickey@scps.k12.fl.us

We will prepare a bag for you and send it home with your child each Friday. You can also pick it up each week if you prefer.

This support is available to all families and your request for assistance will remain private.



Thank you!



Thank You
Action Church
for your generous
donations!





AWESOME EAGLES



Soaring High with Eagle Pride!

Congratulations to our **STAR Students** for November. We are proud of you!

Brielle Lawson	Yvonne Monteagudo
Danna Molina	Claire Drupiewski
Atrah Mather	Gracie Hutcheson
Adriana Cezar	Kostiantyn Yakobets
Shyla Shelton	Callan Dalton
Cassius Nelson	Mia Martinez
Dylan Brennan	Mateo Lopez
Logan Petersen	Murphee Lamkin
Lucas Warner	Luana Duran Sanchez
Lillian Kunkle	Colette Cornwell
Hayden Petersen	Brody Hutcheson
Chloe Kemp	Julian Cruz
Mia Diaz	Javier Tello
Harrison Flositz	Jacob Bender
Cassie Paredes	Jackson Patterson
De'Xya Turner	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Congratulations to our **Eagle Expectations Award Winners** for November. We are proud of you!

Elaina Fuentes	Kindergarten
Avery Eason	First Grade
Miles Armstrong	Second Grade
Mila Rivera	Third Grade
Harrison Flositz	Fourth Grade
Emma Sievers	Fifth Grade

Congratulations to **Mrs. Katherine Fabian** and our **amazing PTA** for receiving a

National PTA Grant

to support the implementation of our PTA Healthy Minds Program & Wellness Night!

We are proud to have you represent Eastbrook Elementary!



Join Us...



EASTBROOK ELEMENTARY

COUNTRY-WESTERN DAY

WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

Y'ALL BE SURE TO COME ON THE TIME THAT
MATCHES YOUR CHILD'S GRADE LEVEL NOW, YA HEAR!

8:55 - 9:35 1ST GRADE

9:40 - 10:20 2ND GRADE

10:30 - 11:10 4TH GRADE

12:30 - 1:10 KINDERGARTEN

1:15 - 1:55 3RD GRADE

2:00 - 2:40 5TH GRADE

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FAMILY MEMBERS - PLEASE RSVP HERE




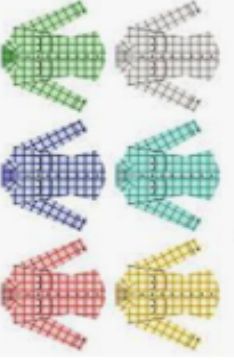











SCAN ME

Eastbrook Elementary Presents....

12 Days of Holiday Cheer



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>11 Candy Cane Day Wear Red and White</p> 	<p>5 Over the River and Through the Woods... Wear Camo!</p> 	<p>6 We Have Spirit Wear your festive wear</p> 	<p>7 Keep those mistle TOES' warm Festive Feet Day</p>	<p>8 Eastbrook Eagles have been good this year! Wear Eastbrook Shirts</p> 
<p>12 Mad about Plaid Wear Plaid or Flannel</p> 	<p>13 Rock those Ugly Christmas Sweaters</p> 	<p>14 Merry Grinchmas! Wear Green/Grinch shirt</p> 	<p>15 Country Christmas! Country Western Day</p> 	<p>16 Country Christmas! Country Western Day</p> 
<p>18 Santa Claus is Coming to Town!!! Wear Santa or another festive Hat</p> 	<p>19 Holiday Lights!! Wear necklaces, shirts, anything that lights up!</p> 	<p>20 'Twas the Night before Winter Break!!! Pajama Day!!</p> 	<p>21 'Twas the Night before Winter Break!!! Pajama Day!!</p> 	<p>22 'Twas the Night before Winter Break!!! Pajama Day!!</p> 

SAVE THE DATE

Eastbrook Elementary Presents.....
GRADE LEVEL AWARDS CEREMONIES

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd
9:15 a.m. - 3rd Grade
10:15 a.m. - 5th Grade

Wednesday, Jan. 24th
9:15 a.m. - 4th Grade
10:15 a.m. - 1st Grade

Thursday, Jan. 25th
9:15 a.m. - Kindergarten
10:30 a.m. - 2nd Grade

Invitations will be distributed to students receiving an award after winter break.



NEWS

How can I help my child face challenges with confidence?

Q: My third grader's response to new challenges is to say "I can't" before even trying. This lack of self-confidence is new this year. What should I do?

A: Several factors may be combining to lower your elementary schooler's self-confidence. For example:

- ◆ **Your child may be afraid** of making mistakes. Adults tend to point out things kids do wrong more than things they do right. Fault-finding can lead children to doubt their abilities.
- ◆ **Your child may feel the need to be perfect.** Children who feel this way may give up rather than attempt to do a task they aren't sure they can do with 100 percent accuracy.
- ◆ **Your child may be suffering** from comparisons. Kids who feel they can't measure up—especially when adults compare them to others—often stop trying.
- ◆ **You may be "overdoing"** for your child. When parents do tasks kids can do for themselves, the kids get the message that they are not capable.

To provide a self-confidence boost, explain that everyone makes mistakes and they help us learn. Praise the things your child does well. Show that you believe your child is a capable person, and eventually your child will believe it.

Show the Many Purposes of Reading

Your example is one of the best teachers around. So, to build your child's enthusiasm for reading, demonstrate the many things you gain from doing it. Let your child see you reading often. As you do, explain that you are:

- Reading to learn. "I am trying to figure out how to fix this leaky faucet. This article explains what to do."
- Reading for information. Show your child how you read a bus schedule in order to decide when to leave the house, or search online or in a cookbook to find a new way to prepare zucchini.
- Reading for enjoyment. Show that reading is a fun activity that's not just for school or work.
- Reading to pass time. Bring something to read wherever you go. Any time you and your child have to wait, read aloud together, or share a nugget from a book or article you are reading that might interest your elementary schooler.

Promote Physical Activity

Regular exercise helps children stay healthy and do better in school. But research shows that as early as age seven, children's physical activity levels start to decline. To help keep your child fit and learning well:

- ◆ **Play active games.**
 - ◆ **Have contests.** See who can do the most jumping jacks in 30 seconds.
 - ◆ **Climb stairs.** An average stair is 7.5 inches tall. How high can your child climb?



ELEMENTARY December Menu



Manage your meals online at:
MySchoolBucks.com

COST: Breakfast \$2.50 & Lunch \$3.25

Apply for Meal Benefits for free and reduced-priced meals at: **SCPSmealapp.com**

BREAKFAST

All Meals Include An Entrée, Fruit,
100% Fruit Juice and/or Milk

- = This Contains Pork
- = Limited Time Only
- = Vegetarian Option

MONDAY

Waffle & Chicken Tender
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

TUESDAY

French Toast Sticks
& Sausage
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Biscuit
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

THURSDAY

Fresh Baked Scone & Yogurt
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

FRIDAY

Pancakes & Sausage
or Yogurt & Granola
or General Mills® Cereal
& Cheese Stick

LUNCH

All Meals Include An Entrée, Fruit, Veggies And/Or Milk



@RedAppleDining

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1				1
100% All Beef Hot Dog or Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Pretzels Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Pretzels				
4	5	6	7	8
Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Spaghetti with Marinara Fresh Cooked Broccoli & Breadstick Hummus Box Turkey & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers Special Treat: Rice Krispies Treat	Oven Fresh Pizza (Cheese , Pepperoni or Italian Beef) Green Beans Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers	★ Grilled Cheese or Grilled Turkey-Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Hummus Box Turkey & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers	Chicken Sandwich or Cheese Pizza Baked Beans Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Goldfish® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Goldfish® Crackers
11	12	13	14	15
Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Dinner Roll Pizza Lunchedible Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers	Orange or Teriyaki Chicken Rice or Lo Mein Fresh Cooked Broccoli Hummus Box Turkey & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers Special Treat: Fortune Cookie	Oven Fresh Pizza (Cheese , Pepperoni or Chicken Alfredo) Green Beans Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Cheez-It® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers	Maple Waffles with a Warm Apple Topping Scrambled Eggs Potato Wedges Hummus Box Turkey & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers	100% All Beef Hot Dog or Cheese Pizza Mixed Veggies Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Cheez-It® Crackers Egg & Cheese Chef Salad Cheez-It® Crackers
EARLY RELEASE 18	EARLY RELEASE 19	EARLY RELEASE 20		
Hot Turkey-Ham & Cheese on a Brioche Bun Fruit/Vegetable Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Crackers	100% All Beef Hot Dog Fruit/Vegetable Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Crackers	100% All Beef Cheeseburger or Hamburger Fruit/Vegetable Smuckers® Uncrustables® Cheese Stick & Crackers	MILK may be temporarily unavailable at your school due to a packaging supply shortage. Alternative drinks will be offered for breakfast & lunch.	
Special Treat	Special Treat	Special Treat		



WINTER BREAK



DECEMBER PTA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe the fall semester is coming to a close! Thanks to everyone who has support Eastbrook PTA so far this year, either by joining the PTA, purchasing spirit wear, contributing to a fundraiser, attending or volunteering for an event! We value your participation in any way you can. Do you think you're interested in becoming more involved in the PTA? Now is a great time to do so! Please email president@eastbrookpta.org for more information.

December is always a busy month, but we hope you'll be able to join us for some fun PTA events. All Eastbrook students will have the opportunity to shop in our Annual Holiday House during school hours



December 4th-8th. We are excited to be working with a new partner this year- Wonderland Gift Shoppes. Scan the QR

code above to preview the gift options. We are also looking for volunteers to run the Holiday House. Please scan the QR code to the right to sign up to volunteer.



We are excited to host our 2nd Annual Holidays Around the World! Join us for this award winning event on Monday, December 4th. Food trucks from a variety of cultures will be open in the bus loop beginning at 5:30pm. Then from 6-7:30pm, join us for performances and activities from many different cultures and holidays.

Finally, celebrate the final day of school before the winter break at our District Eat & Play Spirit Night from 2-9pm! Eat, play, and support Eastbrook PTA!

We hope that all Eastbrook families have a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to continue working together 2024 to make Eastbrook a great place for our students!

-Katherine Fabian
2023-24 PTA President

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for several volunteers to help with a variety of events in the spring including the Prince & Princess Ball, Color Run, STEM Night, Wellness Night, Scavenger Hunt, Basket Bonanza, & Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. If you are interested in serving on a committee to help plan and execute any of these events, please email president@eastbrookpta.org to let us know! Many hands make light work!

NOVEMBER EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Alice Hickey who was selected as the PTA Educator of the Month for November! Thank you Mrs. Hickey for helping make Eastbrook a great place to learn for our students and for supporting Eastbrook PTA!



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4th-8th: Holiday House, during school
December 4th: Holidays Around the World, 5:30-7:30pm
December 20th: District Eat & Play Spirit Night, 2-9pm

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT

It's never too late to join the PTA! Scan the QR code to the right to join today! We also have business membership options!



Looking for a way to support Eastbrook Faculty & Staff? Need ideas for a holiday gift for your child's teacher? Scan here to access responses to our preferences survey to learn more about their likes, dislikes, & needs!



Who doesn't love Krispy Kreme? Now through December 15th, you can order a "Digital Dozen" (or 2 or 3!) for just \$15 and 50% will go back to support Eastbrook PTA! Scan the QR code above to order today for your holiday gatherings or to give a gifts and stocking stuffers!



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Be sure to like Eastbrook Elementary PTA on Facebook to stay informed on all of the upcoming events!

