



SNIVELY ELEMENTARY TIGER TALK NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER

www.Schools.polk-fl.net/Snively

Parent Portal :

www.parent.mypolkschools.net

Mission Statement:
Every Student, Every Day!

Important Dates to Remember:
January 5 - Students return
January 12-Report Cards go home
January 16- MLK Holiday No School
January 17- Picture Retakes
January 26-5th grade middle school transition night

Vision Statement: We are committed to “*paying it forward*” on a daily basis by investing in our students so that they will grow into life-long learners who will leave Snively Elementary with a high personal expectation; and understanding that our work, and their work is never done. All stakeholders will play an important role in realizing this vision.

Polk’s Education Options for 2023-2024 School Year is now OPEN. Polk’s Educational Options include: Choice, Fine Arts, IB, Magnet, and Polk Career Academies. Notification to all applicants begins in March. Visit www.PolkEdOptions.com for more information.

Administration Corner

Welcome back!! Happy New Year!! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is well rested for the New Year. We will be working hard in the second semester of learning.

We are nearing the testing season of school. Starting on January 23rd and continuing through February our ESOL students will be taking their WIDA test. These assessments are designated for our students who are being serviced by the ESOL department. This assessment is to determine our ESOL students’ growth in Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing. During the Testing Season please keep the following in mind:

- Electronic Devices are not allowed

Students K-5 will be taking their STAR Assessment in the coming weeks. We completed the second progress monitoring assessment in F.A.S.T. before we left for the holidays. Students in 3-5 will take the F.A.S.T. assessment one more time in May. As a reminder, parents have access to FLDOE’s Family Portal through their FOCUS Parent Portal. <https://polkschoolsfl.com/findingtestscores/>

General Information
Parent Portal- If you have not already done so, please contact the main office to receive a password to access your child’s grades on the Gradebook.

Our students worked extremely hard reading for the Season of Giving Baskets last month. We had over 130 baskets for the students to win with their AR reading. Great job students!!

Business Partner of the Month:
Thank you to **Traditions** for their generous partnering with Snively Elementary School in the month of December by providing wonderful Christmas Presents!!



Snively Elementary
School Wide
Expectations
T.I.G.E.R.S.
T=Truthful
I=Innovative
G= Goal Driven
E=Engaged
R= Responsible
S=Student



Kindergarten

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their Winter Breaks with their family and friends. Now that we are back it is time to focus on LEARNING. Focus on the High Frequency Words (Alligator and Lion), Addition and Subtraction and Reading. Discuss key details, character and setting in every story you read with your child. In Science, we will continue working on Plants and then Weather and Seasons.



2nd Grade

In Second Grade, we are still busy learning to add and subtract multi digit numbers. This month we are working on adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers. In Reading, we have been busy working on our writing skills.

We are also looking forward to our trip to the Glazer Science Museum in Tampa on Jan 21. Don't forget that the permission slip must be notarized. The cost is \$6. We are also collecting \$5 for our trip to LEGOLAND in May.



3rd Grade

Welcome to a new year! Please continue to have your child read nightly and fill out their Reading Logs. Here are some of the things we will start our year off learning:

In Reading, we will continue to work on finding the main idea and summarizing the key details in our stories.

In Math, we will be working on comparing fractions with like and unlike denominators. Even though we are currently working on fractions, please continue to quiz your child nightly on their multiplication facts.

Science will be a fun time! We will be studying Earth's place in space and how all life is dependent on Earth's water and natural resources.

We hope everyone is ready to have an exciting and educationally productive new year!



4th Grade

Reading - Students will continue learning about point of view, theme, main idea, author's point of view, synonyms, and text structure. Please take the time to listen to your child read. Many of you wonder how your child is doing with their reading. You can learn a lot when doing a shared reading with them. Are they reading fluently with few mistakes? Ask your child to summarize each page to check for understanding. Select a few words in the passage and ask them to choose a synonym and/or antonym of the word.

Thank you for helping your child be a better reader.

All About Math - We are continuing Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying, and Comparing Fractions. To be successful with these skills your child MUST know their Multiplication facts fluently. We have mentioned this many times but are not seeing improvements in most of the students. Some students are still not fluent with Addition and Subtracting numbers less than 20. Please write them sample problems of Addition and Subtraction facts with regrouping up to six digits. For those of you with Internet service, there are many good interactive on-line websites. A few you might try are: www.oswego.org, www.multiplication.com, and www.roomrecess.com (this site also contains reading skills).

Science - Our classes will be exploring patterns of stars, identifying moon phases, understanding rotation and revolution, and how research and exploration affect Florida's economy.



5th Grade

Reading/Language Arts - Welcome to 2015! During the month of January, our fifth graders will work on reading comprehension skills and strategies. Students are learning how to determine the theme and main idea of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text. Students will learn valuable strategies, such as how to use prefixes and suffixes in order to help them decode unknown words.

We will also continue to improve our informative and opinion writing, using a variety of skills. Some skills that have been introduced are for the students to be able to clearly express their ideas in their writing and be able to provide relevant evidence based on the text. This will help the students' writing to be focused.

Please make sure that your child reads every night which will help them become a better reader. They are expected to read 30 minutes every night and summarize in the home folder.

Math - In math, we will be starting the New Year off with Fractions. We will still review multiplying and dividing whole numbers and using decimals as well. Please work with your child nightly on math facts. Math facts are very important.

Science - In science, we will learn about Weather Patterns and Climates beginning the New Year. (Jan. 5th – Feb. 6th)

General Information -

Please make sure your child is doing their homework so they can get extra practice. Students should be reviewing math facts daily. Please check your child's agenda daily to ensure that they are doing their homework. They will have homework nightly in most subjects. Your follow up at home will help them build good school work habits and create a successful student.

