



# SNIVELY ELEMENTARY TIGER TALK NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER

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Parent Portal :

[www.parent.mypolkschools.net](http://www.parent.mypolkschools.net)

### Mission Statement:

Every Student, Every Day!

### Important Dates to Remember:

May 1-19 FAST testing 3rd-5th

May 25- Kinder program

May 26- 5th grade program

May 30-Pre-K program

May 31-Last day of school and

#### EARLY RELEASE 12:15

August 9th- Orientation Day

August 11th - First Day of School 2023-2024 school year

**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.

## Administration Corner

We are so close to the end of the school year; however we still have many activities planned for our students and staff.

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students continue to work very hard on their FAST state tests. We are so proud of them. Make sure students go to bed early and eat a good breakfast!

We still have openings for our Kindergarten Readiness summer program. Please go to <https://polkschoolsfl.com/kindergartencamp/> to sign up.

The End of the Year Awards will take place the last week of school. Awards will be given out in the classrooms as we have done all year. We will have a special Pre-K, Kindergarten and a 5th grade program this year. Invitations will be sent home with dates and times.

This is the time of year that the students begin to get very antsy and discipline issues begin to occur. Please encourage your child to stay focused on their school work and continue to follow the school rules. We do have fun activities planned for the students and we do not want any child to miss out due to discipline issues. Also, please ask your child to tuck in their shirts as they are leaving you in the morning. Students should be dressed for success!!

**Our last day of school is May 31st and it is an EARLY RELEASE DAY. Students will be released at 12:15 pm.**

Have a wonderful relaxing SUMMER!! Don't forget to have your children READ, READ, READ and practice their Math Facts.



It is not too late to register your child for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. Please stop by the front office and pick up the registration packet.



Parent Portal

If you have not already done so, please contact the office to receive a password to access Parent Portal.

### Business Partner of the Month:

Thank you to Beymer thrift house for partnering with Snively Elementary School

### Clinic News

We are in need of uniform pants, shorts, and shirts.

Snively Elementary  
School Wide  
Expectations

**T.I.G.E.R.S.**

T=Truthful

I=Innovative

G=Goal Driven

E=Engaged

R= Respectful

S=Students



## Kindergarten

Wow – it is hard to believe that the end of the 2014-2015 school year is upon us. Your children have worked incredibly hard and have learned so much. I would like to encourage you to help keep your child focused these last several weeks, we still have much to learn. In Math we will be learning 3-D Shapes and Measurement. In Language Arts we are working hard on long vowels and sounding out words.

Continue to practice the High Frequency Words. The students will be tested on Bear and Tiger Club this month and it does reflect in their reading grade. We will have homework up until the very end. It has been a great year and we wish all of our Kindergartners SUCCESS in the upcoming school year.



## First Grade

- Reading:** When reading with your child at home, please focus on the following strategies:
- Look through the word and blend the middle and ending sounds (rime).
  - Use context clues to predict unknown words.
  - Ask yourself, “Does it make sense?” “Does it look right?” “Does it sound right?”
  - Be visually careful with noticing prefixes and word endings.
  - Read with fluency and expression.

### **We are getting ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!**

**Math:** This month, we will focus on shapes. We will learn about two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes and how to make objects and larger shapes from other shapes.

**Writing:** The children will write a fantasy story about children working together to help out. The story will have a beginning, middle and end. It will also have a problem and a solution.

**Science:** The students will learn that Science answers questions through observation and the collection of data.



## 2nd Grade

We are quickly closing in on the end of the year. We have been working hard. We are closing out the year in reading talking about Author's Purpose. We are learning to elaborate in our writing by adding more details. In math we are working on Geometry. We have a field trip to PCC on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We have a meeting for LEGOLAND chaperones on May 7th at 3 PM. We will be going to LEGOLAND May 22nd.

## ESE

We are going buggy! To help understand the life cycle of some insects, we have been observing lady beetle bugs, caterpillars and looking forward to watching ants build their tunnels soon. Along with observing and discussing, we have been writing and drawing in our science journals. It is amazing how these little creatures change! We are looking forward to releasing the ladybugs and butterflies once they are ready-into our butterfly garden.

## 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 Pinnacle Gradebook.

**Wednesday Folders-** This year we will be implementing Wednesday Folders. These folders will contain important information that needs to be reviewed on Wednesday Night with your child, and returned to the school the next day if requested.

## Guidance Conference Reminders

- Write down questions you have for the teacher so you will remember what you want to ask.
- Realize that your child may exhibit different behaviors at school than at home.
- As a parent you know your child better than anyone else.
- Raise issues of concern.
- Keep an open mind.
- Ask the teacher to explain anything you don't understand.
- Share with your child what the teacher reports.
- Inform the Counselor if you will need an interpreter.
- Please update any new contact information for your child or children in the front office.

### New Digital Resource for Parents and Teachers

<http://www.Understood.com>

The Understood community is a place for parents and teachers to access practical advice with tools to help navigate common challenges.



## 3rd Grade

**Reading:** Students should be reading each night for 20 minutes and writing a summary to demonstrate understanding of the text. Upon completing the book, students are to come to school prepared to take an AR test to show they understood what they read. Also, at this time of the year they should be reading chapter books. The Winter Haven Library will offer a summer reading program which will begin as soon as school has completed. Students can check out books on the summer reading list and take a test to earn a prize. Library cards are free to the entire public with some form of identification. They can also use 1 hour of computer, as well as 2 hours of time on an IPAD checked out to an adult. Online resources are also available to help build reading comprehension. We strongly suggest that students read aloud to their parent, guardians, or another family member to practice fluency.

**Math:** The students should be practicing their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. This is essential for moving on to the next level of math concepts in fourth.

Congratulations to  
**Mr. Rick Slaughter!**  
Snively Elementary  
School Volunteer  
of the Year!

## 5th Grade Track Meet

Our 5th Graders did a great job at the Track Meet on April 21st. The boys placed 2nd in their division and the girls placed 4th. Thank you Coach Suarez and Coach Mosely for all of your support!!