

First Grade October Newsletter

Website: smes.pasco.k12.fl.us/first-grade



Hello First Grade Families,

Happy October! Please see below for our latest happenings!

New Task!

ALU Task: Schools Around the World

We received a very important email from a lady in Africa asking for our help. Please read the email below to see what our new task is about!

Dear First Grade Students,

Mambo! My name is Allana and I am the Lead Engineer in Kenya, Africa. My team and I were asked to build a school in Kenya but we want to make this school unique. We have reached out to many schools around the world to teach us what makes their school unique and amazing. Unfortunately, not many schools reached out due to the lack of resources or time. We explored many schools in Florida but Sanders Memorial Elementary school stands out above the rest. We heard that Homosassa Springs has received more visitors because of a research project you did, so we are asking you to help us. Can you find what makes schools around the world amazing? How about your school? What makes your school amazing and unique? We appreciate you helping us, but you must finish your research within four weeks because that is when our building permit begins! I can't wait for you all to write back with your findings!

Kwaheri,

Allana

Your First Grade Teachers,

Miss Davis addavis@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Koelpin kkoelpin@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Leidel bleidel@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Armstrong narmstro@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Pineo wpineo@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Hyde mhyde@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. McAndrews jmcandre@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Farrell kwhidden@pasco.k12.fl.us



Module 1: Sums and Differences to 10 (Finishing up in mid-October)



In this first module of Grade 1, students make significant progress towards fluency with addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 as they are presented with opportunities intended to advance them from counting all to counting on, which leads many students then to decomposing and composing addends and total amounts.



Module 2: Introduction to Place Value Through Addition and Subtraction Within 20 (Beginning in mid-October)

Module 2 serves as a bridge from students' prior work with problem solving within 10 to work within 100 as students begin to solve addition and subtraction problems involving teen numbers. Students go **beyond** the Level 2 strategies of counting on and counting back as they learn Level 3 strategies informally called "make ten" or "take from ten."



Important Dates Around SMES



Sock-tober

Hosted by The Giver House

During the month of October, Sanders Memorial Elementary School is requesting the donation of new socks to help the "Coalition For the Homeless of Pasco County".

New socks can be donated from 10/5-10/29.

"The time to be awesome is now!"-Kid President

The House that donates the most points will win 100 house points!
Which House will be the winner?

STEAM SOCKS COMPETITION: To tie into our STEAM parade, which will be hosted on 10/29/21, four students (one from each HOUSE!) that design the attached pair of socks to best represent Sanders STEAM theme, will earn a Spin Ticket! Happy Decorating! (All sock submissions are due on the last day of donations, 10/29/21).

STEAM parade UPDATES!

SMES will now be allowing 2 visitors per student on campus for the STEAM parade!

Primary Parade (K-2) starting promptly at 9:30AM

(Check in starting at 9AM)

Intermediate Parade (3-5) starting promptly at 10:30AM

(Check in starting at 10AM)

- Visitors must RSVP by 10/22/21 by 3:00PM by using the sign up below.
- Visitors that do not RSVP by the deadline, will not be permitted to attend.
- Visitors must also pass the Health Screener prior to coming to campus.
- On the day of the parade, please proceed to the tables outside of the SMES main entrance to get your preprinted visitor pass before being directed to the field.
- Following the parade, please first allow all students to exit the main field for student safety reasons. Visitors will be guided off of campus following. No guests will be allowed to go to classrooms.
- There will still be a LIVE feed for those who cannot attend.



RSVP here by 10/22/21!

Important Dates:

Oct. 6th – Early Release Day

Oct. 12th – Task Launch Day

Oct. 15th – Stallion of the Quarter

Oct. 15th – End of the First Quarter

Oct. 18th – No School (Planning Day for teachers)

Oct. 21st – Fall Picture Make-ups

Oct. 22nd – Rock Your School (schoolwide)

Oct. 26th – Report Cards

Oct. 29th – STEAM Parade

