

# Kissimmee Elementary School

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Dear KMES Family,

Did you know that making mistakes can actually lead to learning? It is difficult to accept when we make mistakes on homework assignments or tests; however, mistakes are a natural part of the learning process. Research has shown that when parents and teachers encourage students to learn from errors, children do better in school! Have a conversation with your child regarding an error on an assignment or test. Instead of simply encouraging them to do better next time, open up a discussion as to why he or she did not arrive at the correct answer. Learning to acknowledge our mistakes, but more importantly, knowing how to correct our mistakes helps to develop a belief in our ability to improve. Thank you for your continued support as we journey to excellence together!

If there is anything we can do for your family, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Nathan DeRight

Principal

## Reminders:

Parents: Your input is so valuable to us! Please take a moment to complete the survey by simply clicking on the link provided. We look forward to hearing from you! Simply scan the QR code to complete the survey before January 15<sup>th</sup>.

You may also use the link:

<https://spec.wufoo.com/forms/rtnfvz319b5540/>



## Upcoming Events

### January 4<sup>th</sup>

Classes resume

### January 13<sup>th</sup>

SAC meeting in the media center at 1:15 pm

### January 18<sup>th</sup>

MLK day-No School

### February 19<sup>th</sup>

Rodeo Day-No school

## Digital Learners:

An important change is that students who were digital learners for first semester will be required to:

- have earned letter grades of A, B, or C in all classes

- have a 90% attendance record

- be at grade-level proficiency on standardized assessments to be allowed to stay in digital learning for second semester



## Academic Corner

### Literacy

K-2: Students are working on identifying and describing the main story elements. At home, students can read various texts and complete a graphic organizer listing all the story elements, including an illustration.

3-5: Students are working on determining the theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in text. At home, students can read various types of texts & describe the theme to a family member, including the details that helped them to draw their conclusion.

### Math

Kindergarten: Students are working on counting and decomposing numbers 11-20. At home, practice counting 11-20 small objects such as buttons, pennies, or beans and recording the number on a small sheet of paper or dry erase board.

1st-2nd: 1st grade students are comparing two-digit numbers and understanding place value. At home, you can play war, laying down two cards each (representing two digits). 2nd grade students are working on understanding time and money. At home, collect coins in a jar and sort them into groups. Discuss their names and values. Skip count by 1s (pennies), 5s (nickels) and 10s (dimes). Practice adding and subtracting small amounts.

3rd-5th: Students are working on understanding and completing operations with fractions. At home, practice using fractions by cooking or reading recipes. Ask students to tell you the value of each ingredient of the recipe is doubled or tripled.

### Science

Students are working on exploring the sky and space, digging into the Earth's surface, and understanding force and motion. You can help at home by reading informational texts on these topics and asking your child questions about the information.

## Important Announcement

Would you like a more active role in our school? Would you like your voice to be heard? **Please join us the second Wednesday of every month for our School**

**Advisory Council meeting (SAC) at 1:15 pm in the media center.** Your feedback is very important to us! We look forward to seeing you there.



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