Parents, as we near the end of the year, I would like to thank you for your untiring support! Thank you for sending your child/ren to school every day, on time, prepared to learn. It indeed takes a village to raise a child. Parents, as we enter the new year, 2015 promises to bring additional opportunities for our students to learn and achieve at high levels. We will continue to provide quality instruction in every class using a Balanced Literacy framework with an emphasis in writing across the curriculum. We will provide our students with ongoing opportunities to use the Four Square methods in all subject areas, improve their reading endurance while implementing Close Reading strategies, and strengthen our students’ writing abilities via open-ended questions and a myriad of activities allowing students to explain what they have learned in class every day.

I am certain that you would like to help your child to meet or exceed his or her learning potential, so here’s how you can help during the Winter Break… require your son or daughter to complete at least one to two activities per day using at least two of the following online platforms: Achieve 3000, Flocabulary, IXL, SMARTY Ants, Study Island, or Think Through Math. Your child should have his or her username and password for each applicable platform. Your role is simply to monitor your child’s online access and to set high, but reasonable goals for your child during the Winter Break.

Finally, as you finish your last minute shopping for the holiday season, please remember that Frank L. Stanton Elementary School is a UNIFORM school. This means that we expect and encourage every student to wear his or her uniform every day. Parents, please continue to help us with this initiative as we forge ahead with maintaining a positive learning environment through our school-wide implementation of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support system or what we call PBIS!

Parents, let’s continue to work together to build a strong school! Happy Holidays and Happy New year!

Phyllis Earls
REINDEER MARSHMALLOW POPS RECIPE:

These cute little Christmas reindeer pops will have the kids screaming with delight and they are super easy. Try dipping and decorating marshmallows to give as gifts or use in creating fun activities for your kids. Family time is great time to eat and create!

Ingredients:
- 20 lollipop sticks
- 20 marshmallows
- 2m Christmas ribbon
- 1 pkg. mini-pretzels
- 200g milk chocolate, melted
- Oasis florist block
- 20 red mini M&M’s
- 40 cachous (edible silver balls)

Directions:

Step 1. Place pop sticks into marshmallows.
Step 2. Cut small slits to enable you to push the pretzel “antlers” in later.
Step 3. Cut ribbon and tie a 10cm length around each pop stick.
Step 4. Cut pretzels in half by using a fast downward motion with a sharp knife.
Step 5. Dip each marshmallow in the melted chocolate until evenly coated. Tap excess chocolate off the marshmallow and anchor the stick into the Oasis block.
Step 6. Push pretzel “antlers” into the marshmallow and press on a red M&M for the nose and two cachous for eyes. Enjoy!

The Kindergarten Team,
Mrs. R. Ellison, Ms. T. Galloway, Ms. K. Harper, Mrs. N. Davis, and Mr. D. Johnson

First Grade News

Happy Holidays First Grade Family!

We hope the month of December finds you and your family well and full of holiday cheer. In Reading, we have been working hard on developing our comprehension skills. We are learning how to make predictions while reading. Students are bringing home leveled books every week; please have them practice reading their books every day to work on fluency for 30 minutes a day. Also, have students practice retelling you the story in their own words. We will be testing students’ reading level to assess their growth.

In Math, we have been hard at work on building number sense. Please continue to practice writing numbers from 1-120 and skip counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s. Students will continue to learn about subtraction.

In Science, we will continue to learn about sound and will soon be learning about light. Listen to different sounds with your children and have them describe the sound as being loud, soft, high or low pitched. In Social Studies we have been discussing how America has changed over time, as well as, historical figures that helped shape America as we know it. We will continue to learn about Lewis and Clark and Harriet Tubman. Please discuss with your First Grader the contributions of Harriet Tubman and Lewis and Clark. You can check out our learning websites at: symbaloo.com/mix/ario for additional resources. Thank you for your support!

The Fabulous First Grade Team,
Mrs. C. Aribo, Ms. R. Evans, and Mrs. L. Simmons
Season’s Greetings!

The month of November was filled with exploration, celebration, and collaboration among our team members. Our students have been exploring matter and energy in Science; the use of different types of verbs in English Language Arts; measurement tools in Math; and different genres of texts in Reading. Our favorite non-fiction texts have been about the Native Americans of early Georgia. We’ve read and learned about their lives and the contributions they made that affect our lives today. The second graders shared texts and project ideas to prepare for our ‘oh-so-fun’ culminating celebration, “Native Americans’ Day!” It was superb! Parents, thank you for your support in assuring your child’s active involvement in classroom and homework studies every day. We continue to seek your reinforcement by reading to/with your child, checking and discussing homework assignments, and conferring with your child about school rules and expectations every single night. Your partnership makes all the difference in helping us create the best second grade experience ever.

The Sensational Second Grade Team,
Mrs. C. Wright, Ms. D. Jefferson, and Ms. L. Mallory

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Third Grade News

Season’s Greetings Third Grade Families!

We are nearing the end of the first semester; and what a semester it has been! Our students have been immersed in learning and we’re excited to see their growth.

In Math, we have moved into the relationship between multiplication and addition. Please continue to practice those addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts! Student’s fluency in that area is a key to their success in math.

In Reading, we are continuing to learn to read fluently, reading for comprehension, writing in response to what we’ve read, and summarizing a passage. In ELA, the focus will continuously be on sentence structure and expanding upon previously learned grammar skills.

In Social Studies, we are moving into the unit, “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.” The students are continuing their study of the foundation of the United States, while also examining the ideals and beliefs of certain historical figures, like Mary McLeod Bethune, Fredrick Douglass, and Susan B. Anthony.

In Science we have begun our unit on heat. Ask your child to tell you some sources of heat and how it is measured.

As always, we are continuously preparing your scholars for the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Parents, here are some things that you can do to help support your student at home:

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Greetings Fourth Grade Parents,

The holidays have started and you will be spending time with your loved ones and celebrating. How about celebrating your child's successes? Here are a few tips:

**Mathematics**
As you walk by holiday displays, make up math problems. "If this yard has 4 candles, and the yard next door has six times as many candles, how many more does the next yard have than the first one?" Make sure to ask how they know. As always, practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. When students know the facts with automaticity, they will do better in class and on assessments.

**Reading**
When out and about, ask your child to give many, varied, and unusual ways to describe objects. Encourage your child to use big words and practice them. Have them find words they don't know on billboards as you walk or drive by. Encourage your child to visit "Kid Biz 3000" on the computer. Read daily to them and have them read to you. Ask them questions and have them give evidence for their answers.

**Social Studies**
The History Channel is full of great shows. We are studying the American Revolutions. Go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and check out the great clips that will help your child learn and remember important events from the war. (Be sure to preview for appropriateness.)

**Science**
Wow! Bill Nye the Science Guy! He has many great video clips on YouTube. We are studying force and motion and simple machines. The Science channel has many shows on the universe, our next unit. You can get a head start!

The Fourth Grade Team,

Mr. P. Crabtree, Mrs. R. Williams, Ms. T. Welham, and Mrs. Beverly Hall
Greetings:

The fifth graders are striving to read 25 books by the end of the first semester. Parents, please continue to encourage your child to read daily. Students are required to read 30 minutes each night. They may read a newspaper, magazine, cartoon comics, or a book.

Thanks to all fifth grade parents for all that you do to help make learning a success for your child.

*Happy Holidays*

The Fifth Grade Team,

Mrs. K. Manuel-Edwards, Mr. J. Manning, Mr. C. Moore, Ms. E. Northern,
Ms. T. Welham, Mr. J. Muhammad, and Mr. M. Flanigan

Power Up for 30

Part of Georgia SHAPE, Gov. Nathan Deal’s statewide initiative to combat childhood obesity, Power Up for 30 is a program that encourages every elementary school in Georgia to include an additional 30 minutes of physical activity each day.

Coming to F. L. Stanton!!! ~~~ We will take the pledge.
FFVP

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

Every Wed. – Fri. of the Month

Our students enjoy a variety of fruits and vegetables from around the world.

Important Dates to Remember

- Donuts for Dads Read-In: December 4th 8:30 a.m.~ 11:30 a.m.
- Food Drive Ends: December 12th
- Winter Wonderland Program: December 19th @ 9:00 a.m.
- Winter Break: December 22nd ~ January 5th

*Students return Tuesday, January 6, 2015*