



# Hunter's Creek Elementary School

## 3rd Grade

### 2023-2024

*Embrace Opportunities . . . Unlock Potential . . .  
Inspire Excellence!*



# Sign-In

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There is a sign-in sheet by the door, please make sure you sign in before you leave today.



# Orange County Public Schools

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Vision: To ensure every student as a promising and successful future.

Mission: With the support of families and the community, we create enriching and diverse pathways to lead our students to success.

Objectives:

- ✘ High expectations for student learning
- ✘ Student social and emotional well-being
- ✘ Dedicated and high-quality team
- ✘ Positive climate and safe environment
- ✘ Efficient operations
- ✘ Engaged and invested community



# Leadership Team

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**Dr. Bradley Martin**, Principal

**Christie DePriest**, Assistant Principal

**Gabriela MacDonald**, Instructional Reading Coach

**Natasha Rivera Burke**, TWDL Magnet Coordinator/MathCoach

**Lynmarie Ortiz Mendez**, Instructional Science Coach

**Ellen Patterson**, CRT/Testing Coordinator/Lead Mentor

**Zaida Huertas**, Guidance Counselor

**Carol Grodzienski**, Staffing Specialist

**Hector Soto**, ESOL Compliance Specialist

**Brittaney L. Mahler**, Behavior Specialist



# Want to Get Involved?

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You may join...

- ✘ ADDitions
- ✘ PTA
- ✘ School Advisory Council
- ✘ Multilingual Parent Leadership Council
- ✘ Two-Way Dual Language Parents' Advisory Committee



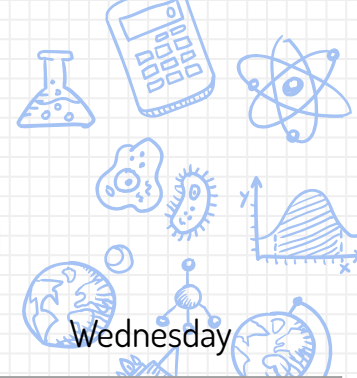


## HCES PTA

- **HCES PTA** is a volunteer team of parents, guardians, teachers, students and community partners that are committed to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.
- **HCES PTA** helps support the school in various ways throughout the year. This year we are paying for Scholastic Weekly. Other things we fund are our Pastries with Parents, teacher appreciation and other needs throughout the year.
- Visit our website to get involved! <https://hcespanthers.memberhub.com/>. This is where families can purchase memberships and school apparel.)
- To reserve your ticket for Pastries with Parents please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hunters-creek-elementary-pastries-with-parents-tickets-175038985317>



# Class Schedule



## Usme

M, T, TH, & F

8:45-9:30	Specials
9:30-11:00	ELA
11:00-11:45	Math
11:45-12:05	Recess
12:05-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:15	Math
1:15-2:45	ELA
2:45-3:00	Reading Intervention/ Enrichment

Wednesday

8:45-9:30	Specials
9:30-10:30	ELA
10:30-11:15	Math Intervention
11:15-11:35	Recess
11:35-12:00	Lunch
12:00-1:00	ELA
1:00-2:00	Math Intervention/ Enrichment

## Juncal

M, T Th F

	M, T	Th	F
8:45-9:30	Specials	Specials	Specials
9:30-11:00	SLA	SLA	SLA
11:00-11:45	Science	Health/ Alt P.E	Social Studies
11:45-12:05	Recess	Recess	Recess
12:05-12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-1:15	Science	Health/ Alt. P.E.	Social Studies
1:15-2:45	SLA	SLA	SLA
2:45-3:00	Spanish Reading Intervention	Spanish Reading Intervention	Spanish Reading Intervention

Wednesday

8:45-9:30	Specials
9:30-10:30	SLA
10:30-11:15	Spanish Reading Intervention/ Enrichment
11:15-11:35	Recess
11:35-12:00	Lunch
12:00-1:00	SLA
1:00-2:00	Spanish Reading Intervention/ Enrichment



# Special Area Teachers

**Mrs. McCarthy (Art)**

**Ms. Lane (Music)**

**Mr. Campbell (Physical Education)**

**Mrs. Gilmore (Physical Education)**

**Ms. Rueda (Physical Education)**



Students have PE three times each week. Please send students in sneakers/tennis shoes on PE days for safety. Also send water bottles with your child's name on it (first and last).



# Special Schedule

## Usme

Monday	Art
Tuesday	PE
Wednesday	PE
Thursday	PE
Friday	Music

## Juncal

Monday	PE
Tuesday	Art
Wednesday	PE
Thursday	Music
Friday	PE



# School Hours

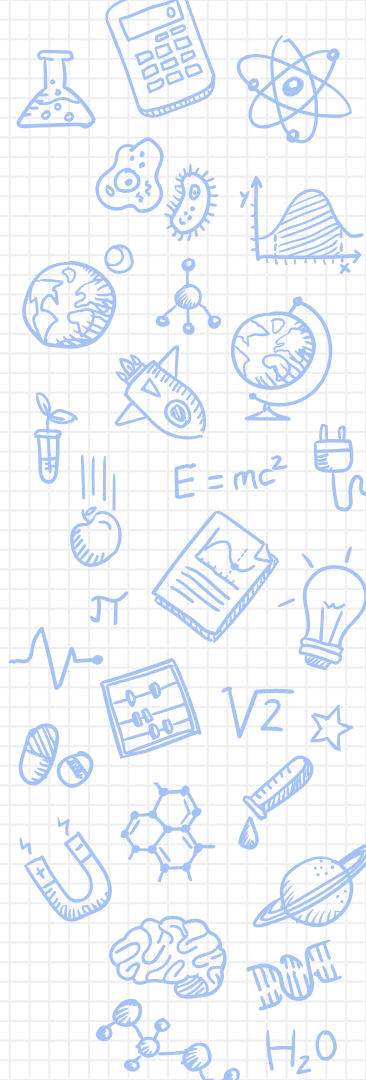
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Students may not arrive to school before 8:15 unless they are enrolled in extended day.

The late bell rings at 8:45am each day. Students must be in class before that bell rings or they are considered tardy.

Dismissal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday is 3:00pm. No early release after 2:30.

Dismissal on Wednesday is 2:00. No early release after 1:30pm.

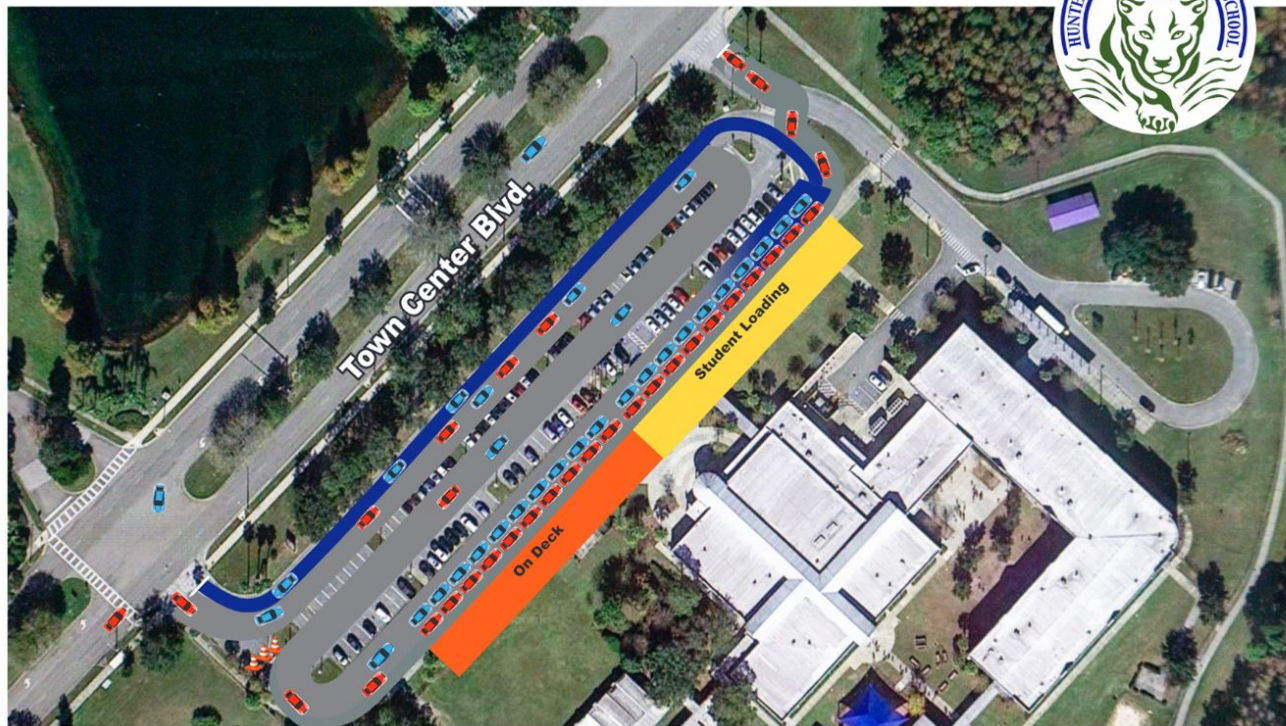




## Hunter's Creek Elementary

In severe weather dismissal, we will revert to a **single car line**.

Please bring your car ride number tag to the cafeteria to get your child  
If your child is a walker/biker, you will check him/her out in the front office (front walker) or back of school (back walker).



### Afternoon Car Pool Process:

- All cars enter off of Town Center Blvd and follow the normal route.
- When you get to the last turn, K-2 students stay to the right and 3-5 stay left.
- Twenty vehicles will stage in the yellow box.
- All twenty vehicles will load and when all are filled, staff will release traffic.
- Vehicles staged to the right (K-2) will exit to the bus loop and turn right onto Town Center Blvd.
- Vehicles staged to the left (3-5) will exit the normal route and turn right onto Town Center Blvd.
- This process will continue until dismissal is over.

# Clinic/Nurses Office

- The nurse's office is for first aid only. Sick or injured students must be sent home. (complete the opt in form online to allow your child to receive care from the clinic)
- Medication must be given to the nurse in the clinic. Students may not carry medication (including lozenges) in their backpack.
- Parents may administer medication to their children only in the clinic.

# OCPS Cell Phone Policy

Hunter's Creek Elementary is following the OCPS Cell Phone Policy as listed below.

OCPS requires that wireless communications device(s)\* be silenced and put away (in a backpack or purse) during the school day while on campus, including lunchtime and transitioning between classes.

*\*Wireless communication devices include but are not limited to, cell phones and/or auxiliary/ancillary devices such as watches and ear buds.*

The following actions will be taken if a student violates OCPS' cell phone policy:

- **Confiscation (Item returned at the end of the day)**
- **Detention**
- **Positive Alternative to School Suspension (PASS)**
- **Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)**

Pursuant to the Technology in K-12 Public Schools law that took effect on July 1, 2023 and Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes.

At no time shall OCPS be responsible for theft, loss or damage of cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto district property.

# Talking Points

Talking Points is a new way to text your student's teachers and school! There's an app, too! (You should have already received your first texts!) Here is a flyer to tell you more:



**TalkingPoints**  
TalkingPoints for Families

Learn more about the communication tool your school/district will be using this year!

**What is TalkingPoints?**  
TalkingPoints is an easy and safe way for parents as can communicate in their home languages with their child's teachers for P-12.  
We will be using this platform to communicate with you about your child's education and progress.

**You can communicate with me in your home language!**  
TalkingPoints will translate our messages so that you can communicate with me in your preferred language!

**Family Text Messaging** **Family Mobile & Web App**

**Types of Messages**

- Classwide announcements and reminders
- Individual or whole-classroom messages
- Attendance and engagement help
- Parents check-in about your child
- Attendance communications
- Updates on grades and progress

**Accessibility Features** Text-to-speech and Speech-to-text, phone permitting.

**Accessibility Features for the Family App Only**

**TalkingPoints Parent Ed 101**  
Click to see a definition of highlighted education terms

**TalkingPoints Education Glossaries**  
Access to a glossary with definitions of K-12 terms

**TalkingPoints Help Me Understand**  
Click to request that a message be retranslated by human translators

Get started with the TalkingPoints for Families App today!



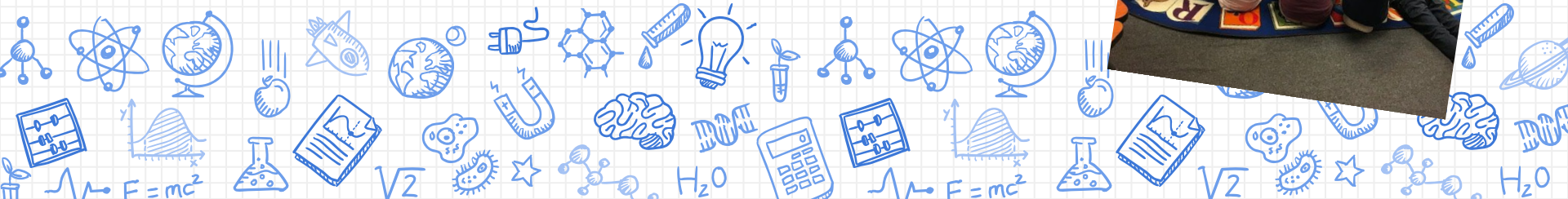


# Third Grade Curriculum



Third Grade curriculum is based on Florida's B.E.S.T. standards.

Reading and math lessons include a whole group activity, a teacher-led small group activity, and student-led independent practice activities.



# English Language Arts

## Reading Skills

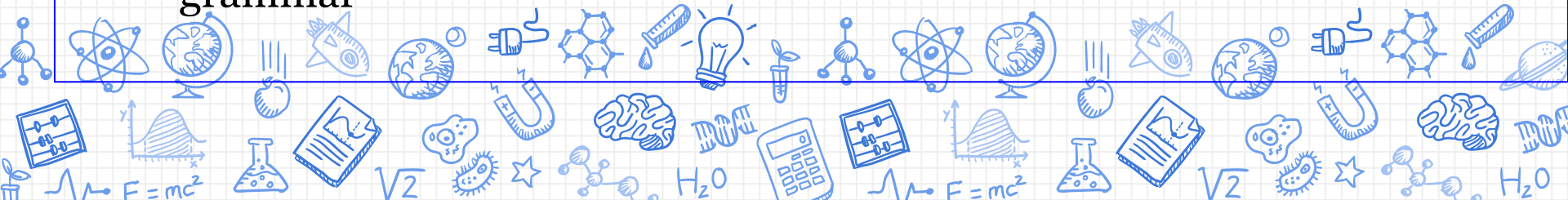
- Text Organization, Central Message, Theme, Making Generalizations, Analyzing Characters, Drawing Conclusions, Sequencing, Making Inferences, Comparing & Contrasting, Story Structure, Making Judgments, Figurative Language, Central Idea, etc.

## Small Groups

- Target specific skills
- Vocabulary / Enrichment

## Language Arts / Writing

- Narrative, Expository and Opinion Writing –
- paragraph structure, writing with supporting evidence and elaboration
- Grammar – Sentence formation, correct punctuation, grade level grammar





# The Science of Reading

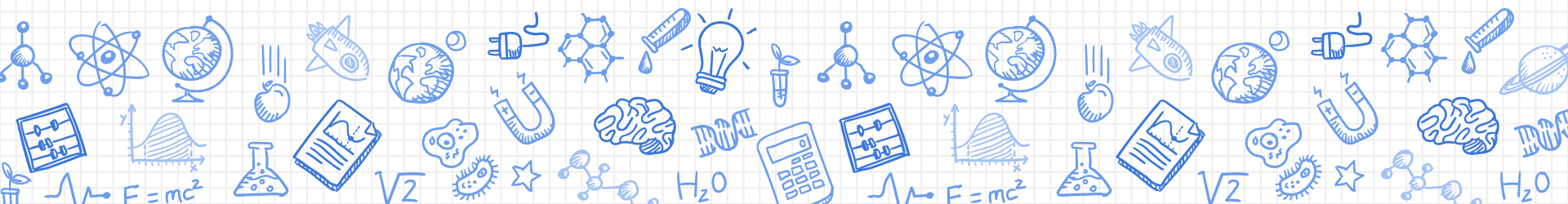
What is the Science of Reading?

Instructional Shifts in OCPS



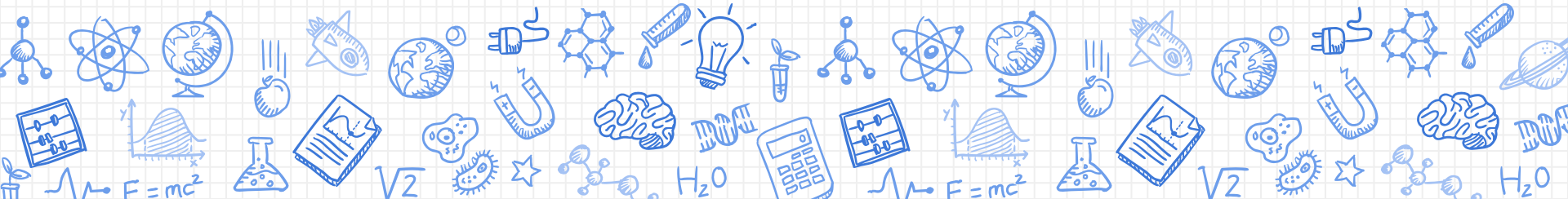
How Do We Implement?

Activities for Home



# What is intervention?

- **Intervention/Reinforcement/Enrichment**
  - Groups will rotate
  - Will focus on Reading
  - Instruction and needs are based on data



# enVision Florida math books



Math  
enVision Florida B.E.S.T.  
Mathematics 2023 Grade 3

## Units covered:

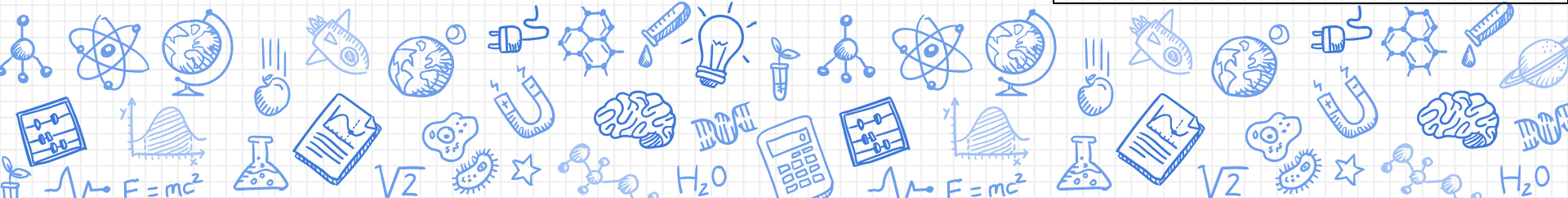
- Pre Algebra
- Time
- Multiplication/Division
- Problems Solving
- Fractions
- Addition/Subtraction
- Geometry
- Area/Perimeter
- Place Value/Rounding

# MATH

## Important skill!

**Multiplication facts -  
should be practiced at  
home/school**

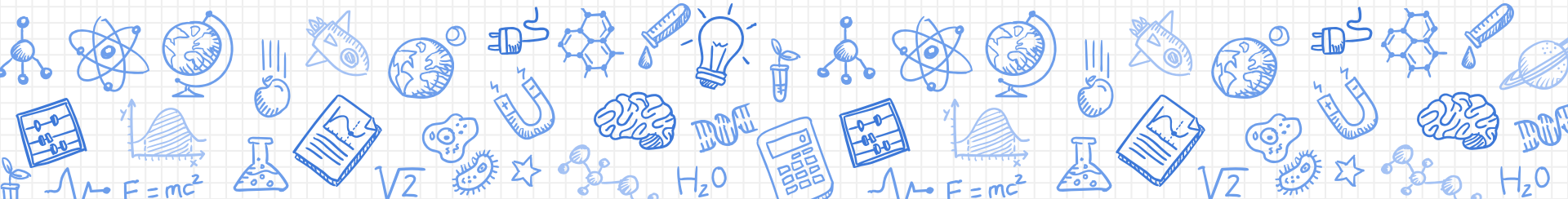
**Must show their work for  
all assignments and  
check reasonableness  
of answers**



# SCIENCE

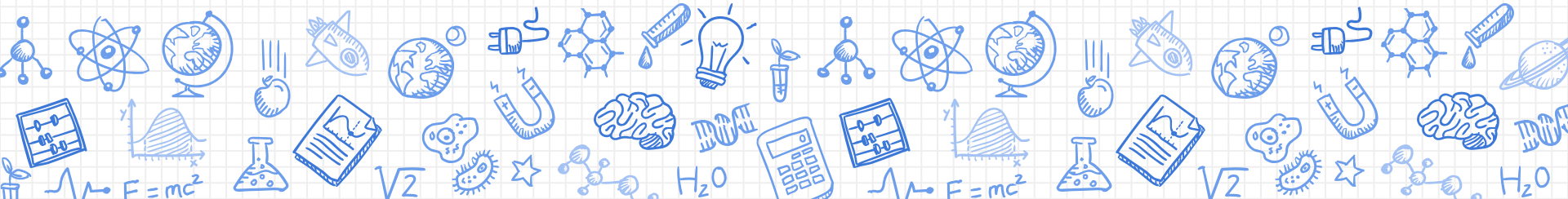


- Scientific Process,
- Earth and Space,
- Living Organisms,
- Matter and Energy
- Labs/Experiments
- Interactive Labs
- STEM Activities



# SOCIAL STUDIES

- **Social Studies Alive: Our Community and Beyond**
- US Regions / States
- Citizenship
- Current Events
- Scholastic News/Weekly Reader
- Character Development



# Health

## • Health Literacy Concepts

- Comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention.
- Internal and External Influence - Analyze the influence of others.

## • Health Literacy Responsible Behavior

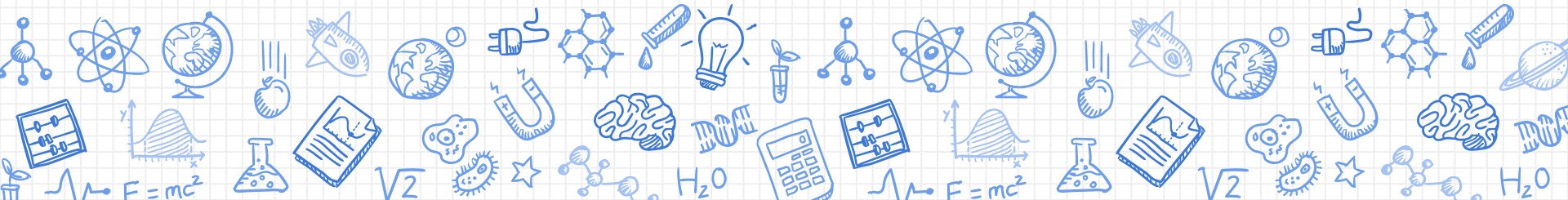
- Accessing Information; Interpersonal Communication; Decision Making; Goal Setting.

## • Health Literacy Promotion

- Self Management; Advocacy

## • Character Education

- Character; Responsibility; Success Skills; Trustworthiness; Respect; Citizenship



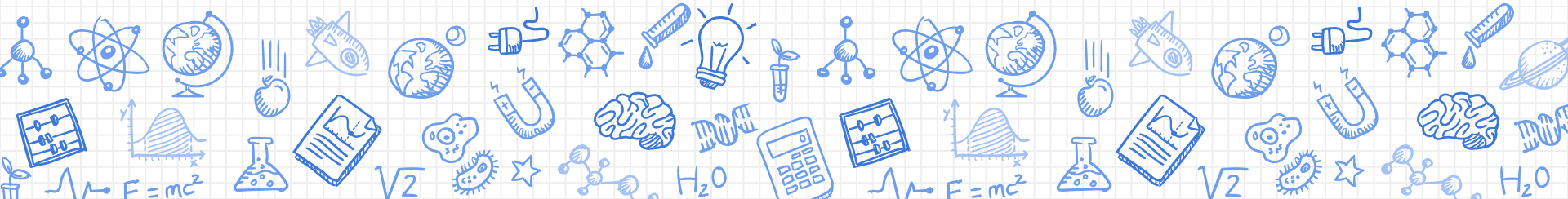
# FLORIDA B.E.S.T. STANDARDS



- FAST assessment will be given at the beginning, middle and end of the year for reading and math.
- Diagnostic testing and Data - Exact Path (Reading), Successmaker (Math), Classroom Assessments.

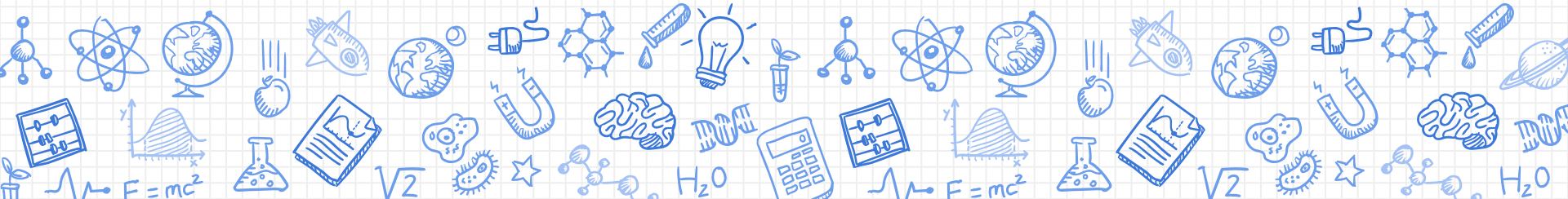
## CLASS ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- Grades are based on performance.
- Grades are posted on Skyward weekly for you to check! Skyward can be accessed through LaunchPad .



# PROGRESS REPORTS & REPORT CARDS

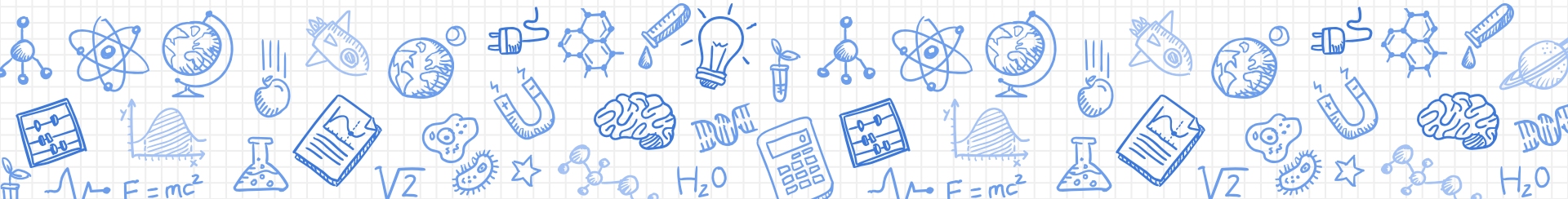
- Report cards are issued every nine weeks.
- A progress report is issued at the midpoint of each nine weeks. This is not a permanent record. Its purpose is to inform you of how your child is progressing.
- Please check Skyward regularly and sign-up for notifications.





# Communication

- **E-mail is the most efficient method.**
- **Please be sure to update your e-mail address or phone number if they change.**
- **We will return e-mails and phone calls within 48 hours during weekdays.**
- **Monthly Newsletters are emailed**



# Conferences and Questions

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- ✘ Email address: natalia.usme2@ocps.net & carmen.juncaldelgado@ocps.net
- ✘ Talking Points App
- ✘ Phone: 407-858-4610
- ✘ If you would like to schedule a conference, please email me!
- ✘ Parent-Teacher conferences will be coming up so be on the lookout for sign-ups.
- ✘ If you ever have any questions, please email. I will respond within 48 hours.
- ✘ If you have an emergency during the school day, please contact the office.

