

## Daily Schedule \*Except Wednesdays\*

- 8:35 11:05 Morning Class (Rdg./Lang. Arts)
- 11:05 11:35 LUNCH
- 11:35-12:05 Afternoon Class (Rdg./Lang. Arts)
- 12:05-1:05 Spanish/Art/Music
- 1:05 1:35 P.E.
- 1:35 3:05 Afternoon Class (Rdg./Lang. Arts)

Description	
Classwork Home Learning	

Grading Gategories

Classwork20%Home Learning10%Participation10%Project15%Quiz15%Test30%

100%

Weight

Reading/Language Arts

- Novels / Projects
- McGraw-Hill Wonders
  - Current Events
  - Wordly Wise
  - Time for Kids
  - Centers/Stations
- Test-taking Strategies

Cooperative learning / differentiated instruction/ Whole group instruction/ teacher-directed and self-directed learning activities

## Reading/Language Arts

- Reading is required <u>NIGHTLY</u>! (*Please sign students' reading logs <u>DAILY</u>!*) Please do not complete the log for your child.
- Homework <u>NIGHTLY</u>! It is their responsibility. If you do your child's homework you are NOT helping them at all.
  - Reading Plus and SuccessMaker
  - Quarterly Reading Projects

• Current Events (*Bi-weekly*) Please DO NOT choose your child's current event for them. They are capable of completing this assignment independently.

We are continuously encouraging your child to become an

independent, mature and responsible student.

## Reading/Language Arts

#### Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS)

- Regular practice-complex text & academic language
- Reading, writing, listening and speaking grounded in evidence from text
- Build knowledge through content-rich text
- Different writing genres

#### How to Help Your Child

- Read different types of books and informational text with your child
- Ask your child to find answers to questions in the text of books, newspaper articles, manuals, etc.
- Encourage your child to form and defend an opinion by supporting it with facts, details and reasons from text

### Emphasize success in college and careers

New Florida Standard

- Prepare students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills
- Provide more rigorous content and application of knowledge
- Place emphasis on critical and analytical thinking
- Establish clear, consistent guidelines for instruction

### MAFS and LAFS will be assessed with the new Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)

Assessment Updates

- Spring 2015 administration of elementary school assessments will include:
  - English Language Arts (ELA): grades 3-5\*
  - ELA Writing Component: grades 4 and 5\*
  - Mathematics: grades 3- 5\*
  - Science: grade 5 (assessed using Sunshine State Standards; paper/pencil)

(\*5<sup>th</sup> grade will have Computer Based Testing)

# Assessment Updates

Become familiar with the new assessments and visit the Florida Standards Assessment online portal at:

www.fsassessments.org

# Special Class Events

- D.A.R.E. (Sept.-Dec.)
- TEACHING STUDENTS GOOD DECISION-MAKING SKILLS TO HELP THEM LEAD SAFE AND HEALTHY LIVES
- States Luncheon (May)
- Out-of-State Trip (May)
- End-of-Year Luncheon (June)
- Promotion Ceremony (June)

y Connected PARENT/STUDENT Check Ups will be emailed every two weeks. Please reply to email after you have reviewed all documents. Our class newsletter is also updated bi-weekly on our very own website! http://www.leewoodfifthgradeextension14-15.weebly.com

- Sit and review binder WITH your child.
- Check the portal WITH your child.
  - Discuss grades on portal WITH your child.

Conclusion

Questions

Grab a ticket for your child to enter a drawing for a NO HW coupon!!

Classroom Wishes

Team work, makes the dream work!

