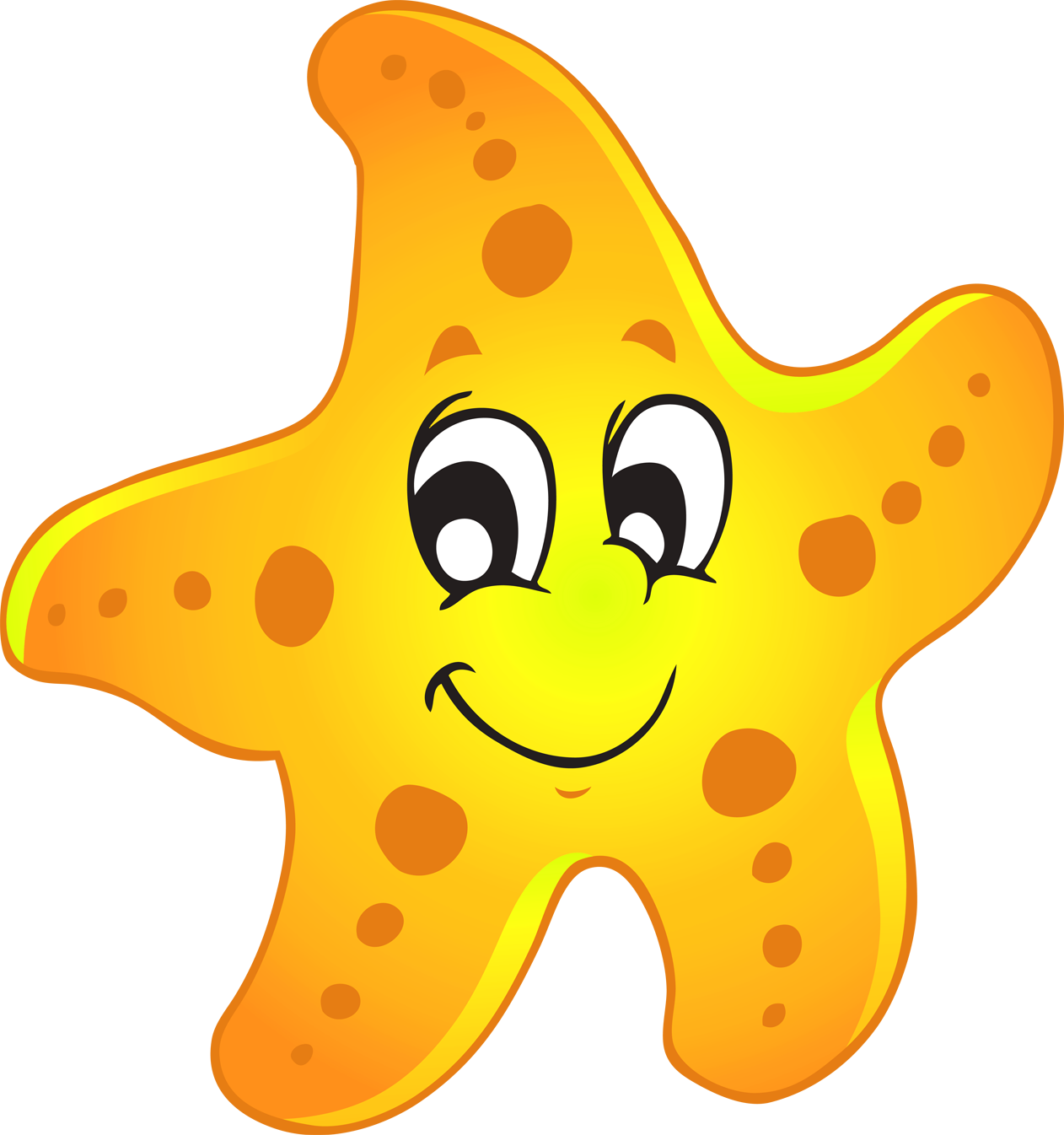
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#### Special Dates - January

# Welcome back! We hope all of you have enjoyed our Winter Break and were able to spend time together with family and friends.

# As we begin the second semester we have set goals for ourselves and our students. Each of us will ensure that we are working on grade level standards each day and providing each student with the tools they need to understand the standards. We will set high expectations for each of our students and expect them to achieve them. We have shared this third quarter’s focus for each grade in this newsletter.

# State assessments for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will take place in March and April. The students will be expected to use information and tools they have been taught and show their understanding of what is asked.

# We will have several sessions discussing different aspects of taking assessments and what type of questions are on different assessments. Try to attend as many of our STAR Diners as you can to learn how you can help your student to be prepared for any and all assessments.

# Mrs. Schooler & Mrs. Ballard

The SURFER

8th Teacher Planning Day

9th Students Return

15th M. L. King Day – No School

17th/19th STAR Celebrations

18th STAR Diner – Wtg discussed

19th Report Cards go Home

24th SAC mtg

31st GTES STEM Fair

The safety of each student and staff member is a top priority each day. Everyone coming on to the campus MUST help us by making sure they follow ALL of our procedures. This includes:

\*Remain in your vehicle in the

car loop – car tag in dash

\*Following the flow of traffic

NO coming in the outgoing lane

\*NO Walk up and Grabbing

students

\***PreK using lane 2 and lane 3**

\*No cutting others off or holding

up the main lines

\*No tag – must show ID in office

\*No Cell Phone use in car loop

\*Meeting Walkers at the Key

Vista walker gate

\***Please adhere to the arrival and dismissal times below:**

**Important Times**

Students come on campus: 9:15

Student Released for Breakfast: 9:27

Class Doors Open: 9:30

Students are Tardy: 9:45

LESSONS BEGIN: 9:45

Transportation Changes Stop: 3:15

Student Dismissal Begins: 3:40

Staff Dismissed: 4:10

### **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL**

Gulf Trace Elementary

Hope Schooler, Principal Denise Ballard, Assistant Principal

January, 2018

**Kindergarten**

*Major focus is “Learning about each other and our world.”*

Literacy: Understand how culture and traditions impact each of us and the world.

Science: Organization and Development of Living Things

Math: Number Pairs, Addition & Subtraction to 10.

**First Grade**

*Major Focus is Planting for the Future.”*

Literacy: Understand how growth happens over time.

Science: Organization and Development of Living Things.

Math: Place Value, Comparison, Addition & Subtraction to 40

**Second Grade**

*Major Focus is “Facing Challenges & Change.”*

Literacy: Understand how challenges create change – change crates challenges.

Science: Earth Systems & Patterns

Math: Addition and Subtraction within 1,000 and word problems to 100

**Third Grade**

*Major Focus is “Seeking Explanations.”*

Literacy: Understand how stories and scientific reason are used to explain how and why things things have occurred. Stories are shared generation to generation and observations are made and recorded.

Science: Earth in Space and Time

Math: Fractions as Number on the Number Line

**Fourth Grade**

*Major Focus is “Exploring Impact and Effect.”*

Literacy: Understand how science is a method to explain natural phenomena and how nature impacts the environment and humankind.

Science: Earth’s Structures.

Math: Fraction Equivalence, Order of Operations

**Fifth Grade**

*Major Focus is “Understanding the Universe.”*

Literacy: Understand how science impacts our universe and what makes up our Solar System.

Science: Earth in Space and Time.

Math: Multiplication and Division of Fractions and Decimal Fractions

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Box Tops for Education continue to be a great program for raising additional funds to support many school programs. Collect the Box Tops in an envelope or small zip bag with your student’s name on it and send them in. It’s simple and easy. As always, we are grateful for your continued support of the Box Tops program.



Home support is important. Please check Planners nightly, have students complete homework and read for 30 minutes each night. Ask a question or two about what they read. Also check out the Math videos with your student on our website to check for understanding.

**SUPPORT**

## **ATTENDANCE**

School attendance is extremely important to success in school. Regular and consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in making good grades. Families of absent students will be getting a phone call each morning around 10:30. Please remember that the tardy bell rings at 9:45 am. Lessons are being worked on until 3:30 each day. Students need to be a part of all lessons. In the case of an emergency parents can pick up their students early until 3:15 pm. After this time, parents will need to wait till the end of school bell rings!

## **BOX TOPS**