

FDES TIGER NEWS

A Title I School



April, 2021



Attitude of Gratitude Megastars

PreK: Hannah Grace Lamb

K: Jace Perry

1st: Rosie Anderson

2nd: Landon Kirkland – Hale
Nolan Ross— Thomas

3rd: Claire Turner

4th: McKenzie Bailey— Branch
Emily Rentz—Edenfield

5th: Bryson Thornton— Johnson
Aaliyah Perez— Tanner

Teacher: Anna Tyre



“Do You want to know what your child is doing at school on a daily basis?”

There’s an easy way to keep in touch with everything your child does each day by using the Parent Portal under the Parent Resources Quick Link on our FDES website. You can find out how he/she is doing in reading/math, their attendance record and the comparison of his/her work to other students. Interested? Read the

PowerPoint

“SLDS Parent Portal”

and to the links listed to discover how to keep up with your child’s education. PowerPoint posted in English & Spanish.



For further information
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April Events

April 1- April 30 –
Mindset:

*“Attitude of
Gratitude”*

April 14 –School
Council Meeting

April 19–
Milestones Pep Rally

April 20–May 5 –
Georgia Milestones
Tests - 3rd through
5th Grades

April 23 -Progress
Reports go home

Spring



“Conquering the Giant: Georgia Milestones Assessment”

As the State GMAS approaches, parents often feel uncertain about what their children will be facing on the test. With the weight of the results determining much of every student’s placement for the oncoming school year, student effort is crucial on this test. Perhaps the best way to assist your child in preparing to meet this “giant” is through understanding the test structure. The list below should assist in a discussion with your child.

- 3rd/4th grades tested in ELA/math; 5th grade tested in ELA/math/science/social studies
- Items in ELA/Math - open-ended & require student constructed responses (short answers in complete sentences)
- Test consists of 3 essay type student writing components requiring student responses to test generated prompts or topics
- All content areas have norm-referenced items (multiple choice) that allows comparison of Appling County students scores to same grade student scores statewide
- 30-60 Multiple Choice Questions – Allotted time on all tests between 60-90 minutes w/breaks
- GMAS scores graded in achievement Learner Levels: “Beginning”, “Developing”, “Proficient”, “Distinguished”
- Lexile Levels (Reading Levels) also determined and listed in results
- Percentile Levels given to indicate child’s performance against same grade level students across United States

