

FDES TIGER NEWS
A Title I School



August



August Activities

- August 1 - First day of school
- August 13 - Parent Breakfast:
7:00-8:00 A.M.
- August 13 - FDES Fall Annual Title I Meeting -
8:00-10:00 A.M.
- August 17-20 - Fall STAR Universal Screening
- August 24 - Fall Student Pictures
- August 25 - FDES Parent Portal Presentation - 9:00-10:00 A.M.



Curriculum Updates

The faculty and staff of FDES are excited about continuing several educational programs. We are adding 1 additional program to our curriculum that we feel will support student learning even more. Below is a brief description of each.

Bookworms - An English Language Arts Program developed in the State of Georgia by Dr. Michael McKenna and Dr. Sharon Walpole for grades 1-5. The distinguishing features of this program are the uses of high quality literature, choral reading, integrated grammar lessons, and extensive writing instruction.

Saxon Phonics - An implicit high quality phonics program designed for students in grades K through 2. Young readers are taught to internalize and use phonics and phonological awareness to decode and encode words when reading and writing. Saxon Phonics also teaches handwriting and sight words.

Eureka Math - Eureka teaches students (grades K-5) that numbers add up to more than one right answer, has a high standard of rigor, coherence, and focus on deeper math understanding. All of this is done in classrooms through enjoyable lessons for students.



Mindsets MegaStars

The Seven Mindsets Platform is based on guiding students in self-motivation and potential, building an optimistic view of life, and learning to develop strong healthy relationships. Each month the school highlights one mindset and a student from each class is chosen who exemplifies those qualities. Below is the schedule of the list of Mindsets for this year. The Mindset Megastars will be chosen at the end of each month after the Mindset is discussed throughout the month.

AUGUST: We Are Connected

SEPTEMBER: 100% Accountable

OCTOBER: Everything is Possible

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: Live to Give

JANUARY: The Time is Now

FEBRUARY: Passion First

MARCH/APRIL: Attitude of Gratitude

QUOTES FOR KIDS

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

A.A Milne