



KELLY MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TIGER BEATZ NEWS

Principal's Message **SEPTEMBER, 2025 V.6**

Greetings

Kelly Miller Elementary is excited to welcome our students, families, and staff to an incredible new year of learning, growth, and opportunity! This year, our theme is "Excellence in Action: Launching Learners Beyond Limits."

Just as a rocket launches into space with focus, determination, and purpose, we are committed to providing our students with the tools, guidance, and encouragement they need to soar beyond boundaries and achieve greatness. At KMES, excellence is not just a goal—it's our daily practice,

reflected in the way we teach, learn, and grow together.

We look forward to a year filled with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration as we launch our learners into new possibilities. Together, let's make this year one of action, achievement, and excellence!



Roaring with PRIDE!

Mrs. Kathy R. Woodard, Principal

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KMES Receives Gifts and Donations!

"Speak to My Heart", a charitable organization visited Kelly Miller Elementary School. They came bearing gifts and donations. They donated uniforms and a check for \$50.00 that the school used to enhance learning. Ms. Janet Nelums of Nana's Boot Camp, teaches etiquette classes and was instrumental in arranging this amazing gift.



Child Development 4

Mrs. Belton & Mrs. Thompson

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT 4 BUSY BEES IS BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT. WE'VE BEEN MASTERING THE ART OF CLASSROOM RULES, ROUTINES, AND ALL THINGS SAFETY FOR TODDLERS. EVERYONE'S BUZZING INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR GROOVE PERFECTLY. OUR DAYS ARE PACKED WITH BOOK ADVENTURES AND HEART-TO-HEART CHATS ABOUT OUR FEELINGS. WE'VE DIVED INTO "THE KISSING HAND" BY AUDREY PENN AND DISCOVERED THE SECRETS OF BEING A GOOD LISTENER WITH HOWARD B. WIGGLEBOTTOM LEARNS TO LISTEN BY HOWARD BINKOW. THE ALPHABET SQUAD HAS WELCOMED LETTERS E AND L, WHILE NUMBERS 0 AND 1 HAVE JOINED THE MATH PARTY. WE'VE ALSO MADE FRIENDS WITH CIRCLES, STARS, AND THE COLORFUL DUO, RED AND BLUE. PLUS, OUR FIVE SENSES ARE ON HIGH ALERT AS WE GEAR UP FOR A YEAR BURSTING WITH LEARNING FUN IN 2025-2026!



Buzzing With Fun In CD4

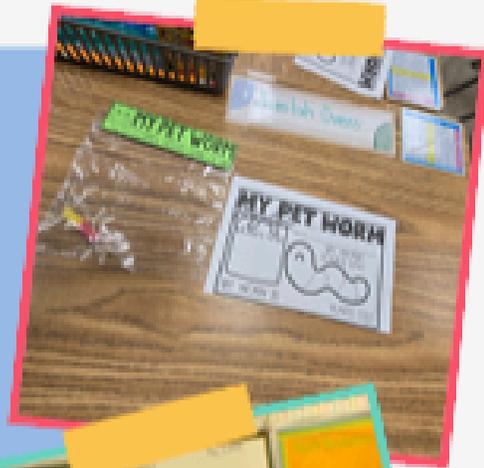


SECOND GRADE NEWS

Learning looks like....

We're Ready!

Second graders are on a mission to be the BEST in everything we do. Our first kickoff activity was learning about earthworms and becoming pet owners. Each student received a pet worm for which they had to name, determine its age, and create an identification card for just in case it was lost. Students determined the needs, life cycle, and how earthworms contribute to the ecosystem. It was their first venture into becoming scientists.



Making Our Mark!

The second graders began their reading journey by engaging with the book *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. Students learned the importance of maintaining a growth mindset and believing in their own potential creativity even when they are afraid of trying. After reading and discussing the book students made their mark by creating original paintings using water colors.

Motivation

Remember, every challenge you face is an opportunity to grow stronger and smarter. Take a deep breath and believe in yourself. You have the power to achieve great things, even if it seems tough. Keep pushing forward, and don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. Your potential is limitless, and your dreams are within reach. Stay focused, stay positive, and never give up!"



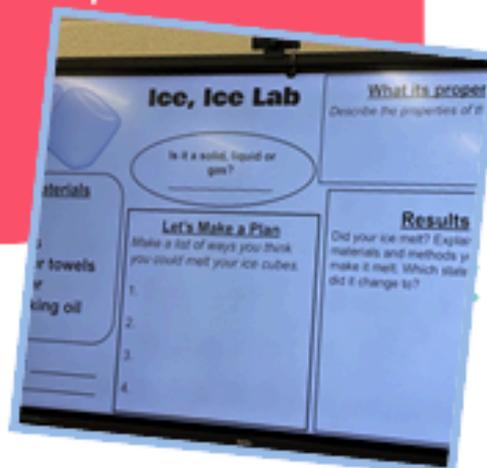
Upcoming Events

Projects

- Matter Scavenger Hunt
- Place Value Art

Activities

- Reading logs begin week of September 2
- Data sections of binders begin September 2



KMES FAMILY LITERACY

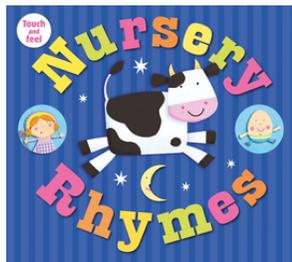
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SEPTEMBER 2025

Nursery Rhymes

Sing nursery rhymes with younger students. This helps them practice their rhyming skills, which are important early literacy skills for all students.



Read Alouds

Read books together as much as possible. Take turns being the reader. It is important that your student practices reading books on their level out loud. It is equally important for them to hear higher level books being read to them to expose them to new vocabulary and build background knowledge.



ROAR CAFE BOOKS

Students in grades K-6 visit the Roar Cafe each week to check out books. During these visits, students will check out 2 books on their independent reading level. These books should be at the perfect level for your child to be able to independently read the words, as well as discuss what happened in the book. Students have zippered bags to keep their books safe. These books can come home with your child to help them practice reading at home. Please take very good care of the books and bags! Students will not be able to check out new books each week unless they have returned their prior books. The bags should come to school every day to ensure students have independent reading materials in class as well.



ONLINE RESOURCE

[Daybydaysc.org](https://www.daybydaysc.org) - This website has daily literacy activities for families. It includes book suggestions, videos, songs, and activity ideas.



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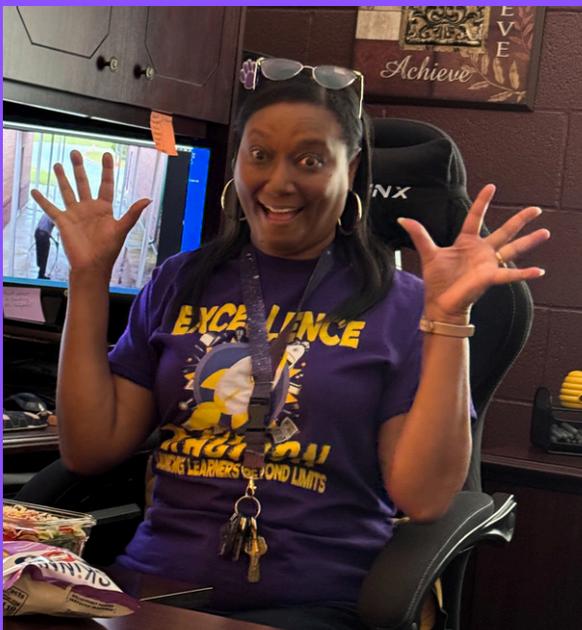
LIBRARY

MEDIA CENTER

BeanStack is Back!!!

We're super excited because Kelly Miller Elementary students will be participating in the BeanStack reading incentive program again this year! Students will read everything they can and track the minutes read in BeanStack. Our school and the Fairfield County Library host the BeanStack app. Students earn electronic badges or actual prizes for tracking the amount of minutes they read.

Our CD - 6th grade students have a community goal - read for 250,00 minutes so that they can see Principal Woodard pet a snake! Whether students are reading individually or being read to as a class for a read-aloud, all minutes count!



Principal Woodard

Getting ready
to pet a snake

SCASL Children's and Picture Book Award Nominees

Our KMES readers are helping children across the state of South Carolina choose which is the best book in their respective categories. So much fun! Children received bookmarks listing titles and authors. Feel free to read titles at home with your child.



Lunch on the Lawn at the Public Library

We're excited because all of our kindergarten - 6th grade students are invited to the Fairfield County Library for lunch, games, books and a tour! In celebration of National Library Card Month (September), students are going to the public library! Lunch and transportation are provided. Children should bring their public library cards with them if they'd like to borrow books when we visit. Please be sure to return the permission slip so that your child may attend.

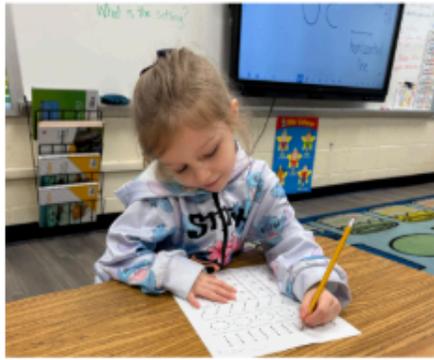


Kindergarten

HARRISON

Kindergarten is off to a wonderful start! We've been practicing routines, procedures, and trying hard to master our letter and number formations. We play hard, but work even harder. From letter recognition to counting to 100, we are getting it done but making it fun! Thank you parents for making our journey enjoyable thus far. We ask that you continue to support us as we learn new and exciting ideas and concepts. As we make our way through the first quarter, we will continue to work on counting, addition and subtraction strategies, mastering letter sounds and blending them into words, and comprehension skills such as asking and answering questions, analyzing characters and setting, and using context clues. We are looking forward to a year of incredible growth where our learners will be launched beyond limits.

Kindergarten



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H I J K L M N
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NURSE

MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE

WELCOME BACK TO A BRAND-NEW SCHOOL YEAR! HERE IS SOME INFORMATION ON KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE, HEALTHY, AND READY TO LEARN. AS WE BEGIN THIS YEAR, HERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO HELP YOUR CHILD HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AND HEALTHY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE:

DAILY HEALTH HABITS

MORNING CHECK: PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD EACH MORNING FOR ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS (FEVER, COUGH, SORE THROAT, UPSET STOMACH). IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK, KEEP THEM HOME UNTIL THEY ARE SYMPTOM-FREE FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS AND FOLLOW UP WITH A DOCTOR OR SEEK EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.

HANDWASHING: ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO WASH THEIR HANDS OFTEN—ESPECIALLY BEFORE EATING AND AFTER USING THE RESTROOM.

HEALTHY EATING & REST: A BALANCED BREAKFAST AND AT LEAST 7-9 HOURS OF SLEEP HELP STUDENTS STAY ALERT AND FOCUSED IN CLASS.

MEDICATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS RECORD

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL: ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN, IN THE ORIGINAL LABELED CONTAINER, WITH A DOCTOR'S MEDICATION ORDER. STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER CARRY MEDICATION IN THEIR BACKPACKS.

PLEASE BRING IN AN UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORD TO THE SCHOOL NURSE TO PUT ON THE STUDENT'S RECORD.



ALLERGIES & MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- IF YOUR CHILD HAS ASTHMA, DIABETES, SEVERE ALLERGIES, OR ANY OTHER HEALTH CONDITION, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NOTIFY THE SCHOOL NURSE.
- NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND THE NURSE ABOUT ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.

WORKING TOGETHER

YOUR PARTNERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE! TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERY STUDENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO ME.

HERE'S TO A HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

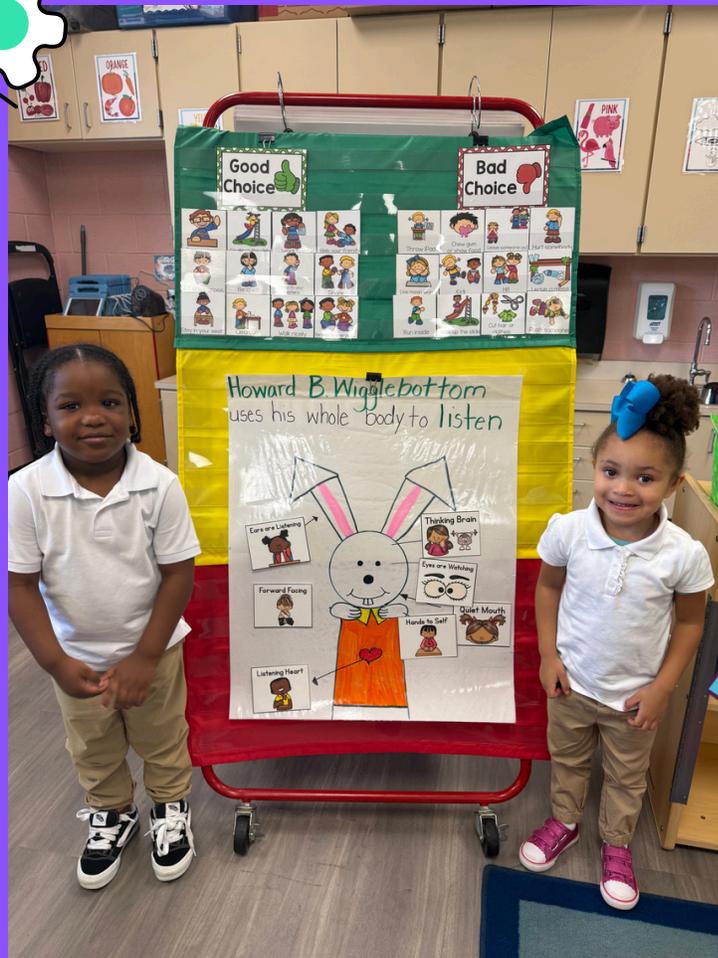
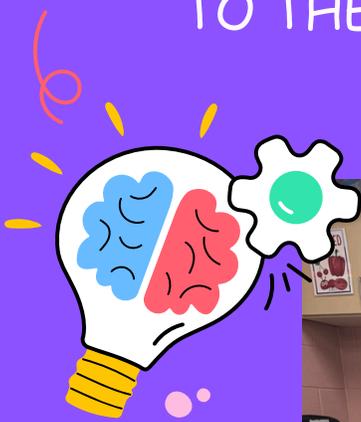
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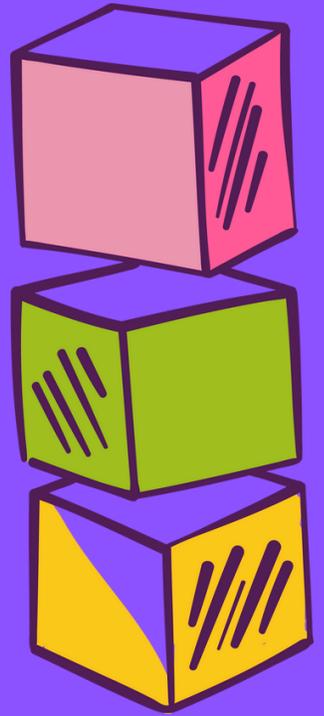
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MS.
ALSTON

WE BEGAN THE YEAR BY INTRODUCING OUR CLASSROOM RULES AND PROCEDURES. THE STUDENTS SHARED THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND LEARNED HOW TO LISTEN WITH THEIR WHOLE BODIES WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD CHOICES. THEY ARE ADAPTING VERY WELL TO THE CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS.

MRS. ALSTON





6th

Grade

6TH GRADE STUDENTS "DIG" INTO GEOSCIENCE! SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS YEAR EXPLORING THE EXCITING WORLD OF GEOSCIENCE THROUGH HANDS-ON LABS AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES. FROM BUILDING EDIBLE ROCK LAYERS OUT OF PUDDING AND COOKIES TO USING PLAY-DOH TO MODEL EARTH'S PROCESSES, OUR SCIENTISTS ARE LEARNING THAT SCIENCE CAN BE BOTH FUN AND MEMORABLE! IN OUR GEOLOGY LABS, STUDENTS CONSTRUCTED EDIBLE MODELS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND CONCEPTS LIKE SUPERPOSITION, FOSSILS, INCLUSIONS, AND CROSS-CUTTING RELATIONSHIPS. THEY ALSO ROLLED, FLATTENED, AND STACKED PLAY-DOH TO SIMULATE HOW ROCK LAYERS SHIFT, FOLD, AND CHANGE OVER TIME. THESE ACTIVITIES GAVE STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO "SEE" EARTH'S HISTORY IN ACTION.



MOST IMPORTANTLY, OUR YOUNG SCIENTISTS ARE LEARNING HOW TO THINK LIKE GEOLOGISTS— ASKING QUESTIONS, TESTING IDEAS, AND MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MODELS AND REAL-WORLD SCIENCE. THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND CURIOSITY HAVE MADE OUR CLASSROOM A PLACE OF DISCOVERY!

MATH CORNER: UNDERSTANDING INTEGERS, ABSOLUTE VALUE, AND RATIONAL NUMBERS

IN SIXTH GRADE MATH, STUDENTS ARE STRENGTHENING THEIR NUMBER SENSE BY EXPLORING INTEGERS, ABSOLUTE VALUE, AND RATIONAL NUMBERS ON A NUMBER LINE. INTEGERS ARE THE SET OF WHOLE NUMBERS AND THEIR OPPOSITES: ..., -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ... STUDENTS LEARN TO RECOGNIZE SITUATIONS WHERE INTEGERS ARE USED IN REAL LIFE—FOR EXAMPLE, TEMPERATURES BELOW ZERO, GAINS AND LOSSES IN A GAME, OR MONEY OWED VERSUS MONEY EARNED. ABSOLUTE VALUE TELLS US THE DISTANCE A NUMBER IS FROM ZERO ON THE NUMBER LINE, NO MATTER WHICH DIRECTION. RATIONAL NUMBERS ARE NUMBERS THAT CAN BE WRITTEN AS A FRACTION (LIKE $\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{3}{4}$, OR $\frac{7}{3}$).



IN CLASS STUDENTS USED THE FLOOR TO CREATE NUMBER LINES. THEY HAD TO PLOT DIFFERENT RATIONAL NUMBERS. ON THE NUMBER LINE, STUDENTS PRACTICE PLACING BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FRACTIONS AND DECIMALS BETWEEN WHOLE NUMBERS. THIS SKILL HELPS THEM VISUALIZE HOW NUMBERS RELATE TO EACH OTHER AND STRENGTHENS THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF OPERATIONS WITH FRACTIONS AND DECIMALS.





4th

GRADE

MS. ISAAC

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week of 8/25-29

Spelling Words

skill
crime
grind
tonight
brick
flight
live
chill
delight
build

ditch
decide
witness
wind
district
inch
sigh
fright
remind
splice

Upcoming Dates

8/29-ELA Test
8/29-Addition Quiz
8/22-Types of Energy Quiz

To Do

1. Practice the spelling words each night using choice board.
2. Complete one page of math homework each night.

What We're Learning

ELA-Retelling a Story, Point of View, Author's Craft
Writing-Personal Narratives
Math-Addition Strategies
Social Studies-Road to the Revolution
Science-Types of Energy

Reminders

- Be sure to check student folders each night for homework and any forms.
- All homework is due on Fridays.
- No School on Monday, Sept. 1st



Third Grade



Third Grader STARS

Third grade is starting off with a blast! Third graders have been on a journey to become writers, inquisitive scientists, expanded math experts, and navigators. They have also been practicing responsibility and class care by performing class jobs to maintain our class community!

ELA

Third graders have been putting in their best effort to rack up reading minutes and become story conversationalists by holding discussions and drawing meaning from various fictional text!



Science and Math

In math, we have been exploring and expanding the way we engage and think about numbers. Third graders have been working on representing numbers in a variety of forms: standard, word, and expanded form, and using their place value knowledge to help them round various numbers from the tens and hundreds place.

In science, we have been putting ourselves in the shoes of researchers and meteorologists, researching and tracking various weather conditions and patterns for cities in the East, West, and even in Alaska.



Social Studies

We have been practicing our cartography skills in social studies. We have been looking at various maps and using alphanumeric coordinates and latitude and longitude lines to track and identify various locations across the U.S. and internationally!



4th GRADE

MS. BEAUDOIN

4th Grade: Ms. Beaudoin's Class

Academics

ELA: We are learning different reading skills like retelling, literary elements, theme, author's craft, and so many more and applying it to new stories.

Science: We are learning all about energy, the types of energy, transferring energy, etc.

Math: We are learning lots of great addition and subtraction strategies for multi-digit numbers and perfecting our rounding abilities.

Social Studies: We are about to dive into the American Revolution.

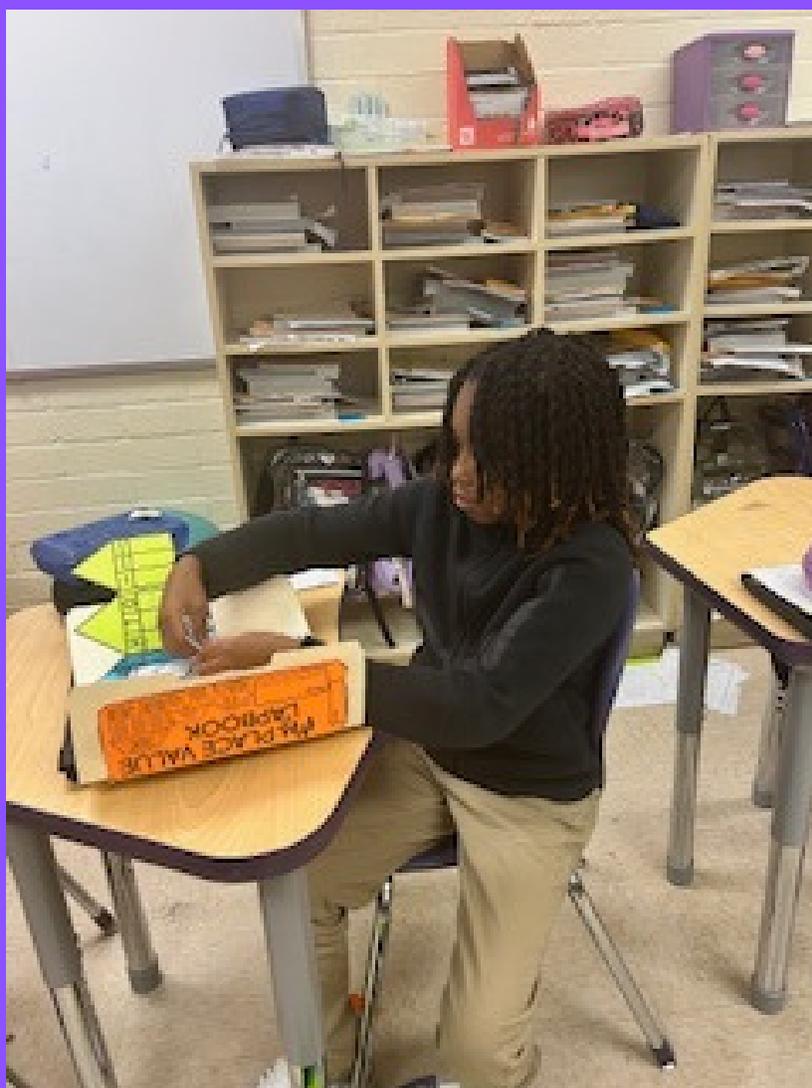


Lifeskill: Organization

Along with academics, our class has really been working on organization and making sure we maintain our personal areas like our desk and cubbies.

5th GRADE

FIFTH GRADE IS OFF TO A GREAT START!
WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON PLACE VALUE
AND THE STUDENTS MADE A LAP FOLDER
TO HELP THEM REMEMBER THE WHOLE
NUMBER AND DECIMAL PLACE VALUE.

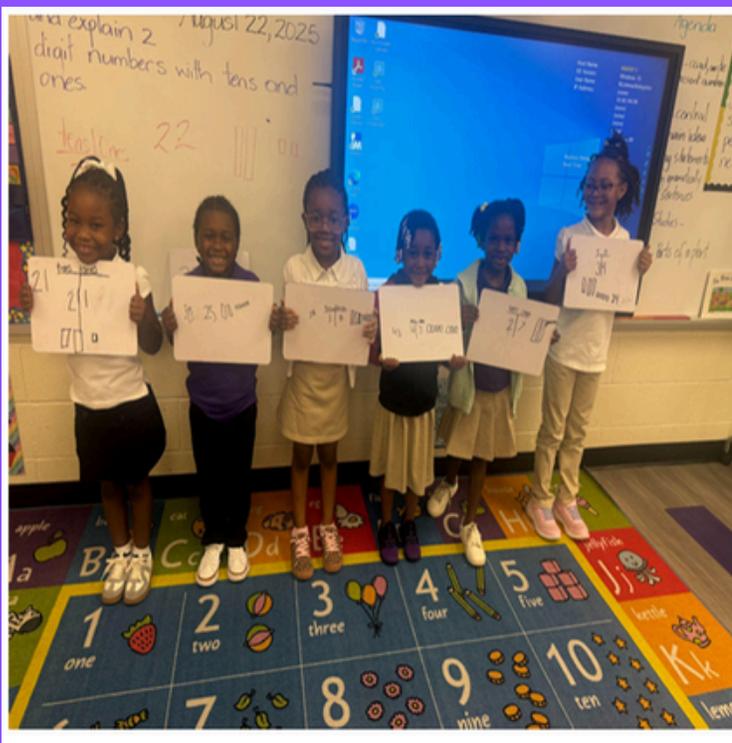


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VALUES

1st GRADE

Welcome to Mrs Coleman-Livingston's 1st Grade We have been doing amazing things in First Grade!!! First Graders have been investigating the parts of a plant in Science. ELA is fun as we explore different strands of language and read with Amira. In Social Studies we are learning about how communities in South Carolina have changed over time. Math is very engaging as we are exploring the value of two digit numbers using base ten blocks. I am excited about how much we will shine this year!!! Watch Us Shine!!!!





Kindergarten GINYARD

Our Kindergarteners took their learning to the Science Lab for some hands-on fun! Students explored how the Sun heats water on the surface of the Earth through an exciting experiment.

Our young scientists made predictions, recorded their observations, and discovered that water warmed faster when it was in direct sunlight. This activity helped students connect what they've been learning in class about the Sun's energy to real-life examples.

We are so proud of their curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm for exploring the world around them! Our future scientists are off to a bright start!





Royal G.E.M.S. By: Cori Minder Kely Miller Elementary School's afterschool mentoring group began meeting on August 25th. There are now 35 members with 16 new members. Our group is composed of girls in grades 3-6. This year we plan to revamp our program by implementing the "Big GEMS and Little GEMS" feature. We pair our older members (5th and 6th graders) with our newer members (3rd and 4th graders) to have a mentor/mentee relationship. We noticed that most of the girls would mainly communicate with their friends. We wanted to "shake it up" by pairing them with younger girls that they may not typically talk to on a daily basis. We will also begin bringing in speakers to help the girls with various topics such as: confidence, leadership, goal setting, and more. We will have our first speaker, Gervonder Brown, on September 8th to talk to the girls about public speaking and confidence. At our September 22nd meeting we will have Former Miss South Carolina Plus America, Rachele Rodriguez-Lee, who will also be talking about confidence and her title. During our first meeting the girls learned the expectations they must uphold as Royal G.E.M.S. The girls also wrote letters to their "future selves". In the letters, they talked about the goals they would like to accomplish, how they would be able to accomplish their goals, and who can help them achieve their goals. This year may be different but it will always be for the betterment of the group. Please stay tuned for all of the great activities we have planned for this school year!

