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School of Math and Science principal receives leadership award



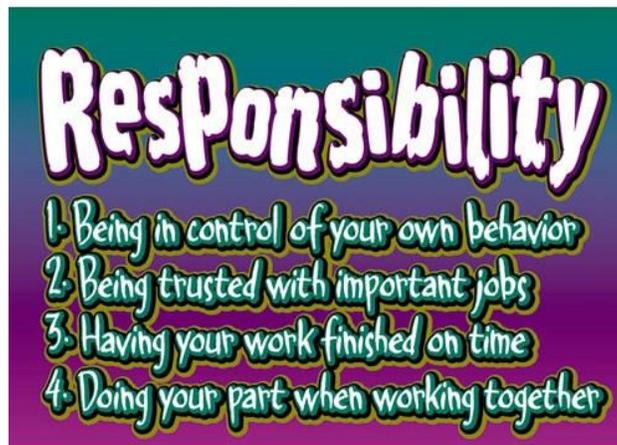
Tallahassee School of Math and Science Principal Ahmet Temel was recently honored with a 2017 Principal Leadership Award (PLA) from Florida TaxWatch. The PLA program, which was established in 2013, identifies principals around the state who have had the greatest impact on their students in K-12 public schools where educational success can be transformative. Temel was one of nine principals in Florida – and the only principal from Leon County – to receive the award.

“I am incredibly honored to receive the Principal Leadership Award from Florida TaxWatch, as it is a testament to our school’s philosophy that educational success can only be realized when the student-teacher-parent triad is established and maintained,” said Ahmet Temel, principal of TSMS. “I look

forward to building on our school's progress through continued collaboration and individualized attention to each student's unique learning style."

Full article can be found at: <http://www.tallahassee.com/story/life/chronicle/2017/10/23/school-math-and-science-principal-receives-leadership-award/791607001/>

TSMS Character Education: Character Trait of the Month- **RESPONSIBILITY**



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- *Do what you are supposed to do*
 - *Plan ahead*
 - *Be diligent*
 - *Persevere*
 - *Do your best*
 - *Use self-control*
 - *Be self-disciplined*
 - *Think before you act*
 - *Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes*
 - *Set a good example for others*
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TSMS Student of the Week: Joshua Woodbridge



Joshua shows his responsibility by always having his class materials and getting his bell work, classwork done on time. He also helps the other students who need help.

--Mr. Gunerhan

TSMS Teacher of the Week: Mr Froemke



We would like to thank Mr. Froemke for all of his hard work and dedication to our school!

Red Ribbon Week at TSMS



TSMS taking part in the Red Ribbon Week Campaign wearing RED to bring awareness to drug prevention!! We also invited Sheriff Deputy Crump for coming to TSMS and educating our students on "The Truth About Drugs"! [Leon County Sheriffs Office](http://www.leoncountysheriffs.org)

The Cucumber Crunch! Comes to TSMS



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TSMS students celebrated National Farm to School Month this week by participating in the 2nd Annual Florida Cucumber Crunch! Our K-8 students were served fresh, Florida-grown cucumber coins in the cafeteria and led by Chef Paula Kendrick from the Florida Department of Agriculture Farm to School Team to taste their cucumber slices simultaneously with a big “1, 2, 3, CRUNCH!”

TSMS partnered with agents from the University of Florida Extension Family Nutrition Program to produce 2-minute videos with local farmers about the Farm to School movement, which were shown during Morning Announcements. A big thank you! goes out to Ocoee High School in Apopka, FL for donating their delicious Florida-grown cucumbers, which were hard to find due to the impact of Hurricane Irma. An equally big thank you! goes to SLA Management for transporting the cukes to Tallahassee and to our wonderful SLA kitchen staff for preparing them with Chef Paula.

The kids had a fun time learning how to be good tasters and about the benefits of eating fresh raw healthy foods!

TSMS Connect: Parent Portal



Dear parents,

We are excited to announce a great new feature added to TSMS Connect: Parent Portal.

Until now, parents have been using student accounts to gain access.

From now on, parents will have separate login accounts and have ability to do following ;

- Send messages to teachers within the system
- Access information easier (grades, assignments, discipline, attendance, report cards, standards reports)
- Parents of multiple students have access to all their children's info from one account
- Update contact information via their accounts
- Submit volunteer hours (will be added soon)

Please look for an email from Mr. Aktas soon about instructions to set up your parent portal account.

Thanks

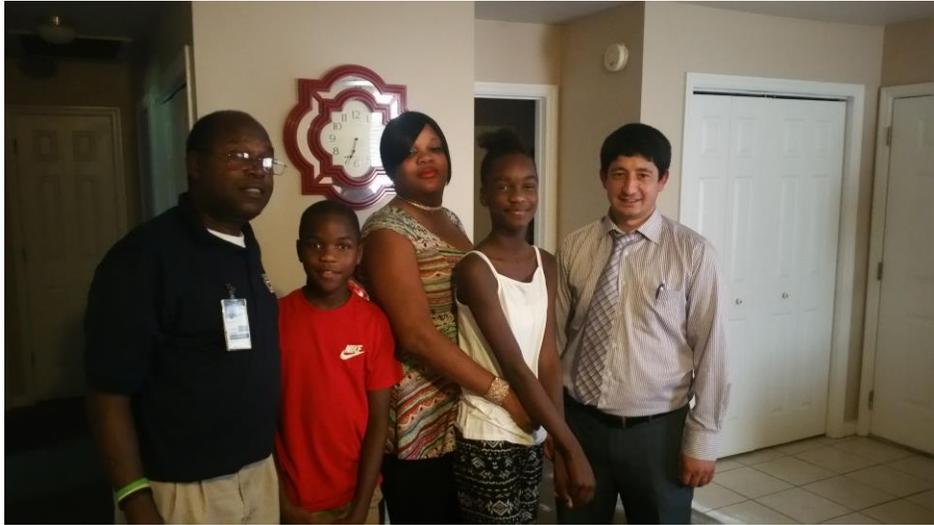
Did you know, your teachers are coming to your house today?























Dear Parents,

We would like to visit the home of our students to see the students and their families as a way of getting to know them better, and bridging the gap of communication between the parents and the school.

Researches show that

- Home visits help with both academic and behavioral performance of students.
- The interaction with student's family at their home is a very effective way to help his or her progress.
- Home visit is an effective way for teachers to get parents involved in their child's education and to inform parents and children on how much they care.

For this reason, our teachers would like to have a short visit to your home at a time that is convenient for you.

[Please fill out home visit request form here if you are interested.](#)

October Dress Down Days!

October Dress Down Days at TSMS

*Dress down guidelines on the back

Monday 10/2 students may dress down in BLUE to participate Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention™ An initiative of STOMP Out Bullying™, to help raise awareness of bullying prevention.



Wednesday 10/4 we will have a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Students can pay their homeroom teacher \$1 to participate in wearing PINK. 100% of money raised will go directly to the American Cancer Society. Feel free to donate more than \$1.



Tuesday 10/24 students may dress down in RED to celebrate RED RIBBON WEEK. Students will take the National Red Ribbon Campaign pledge, and promise to do their part in creating a drug free America. *"Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free."*



Tuesday 10/31 students will dress up for BOOK CHARACTER DAY. A flyer will be sent home from each teacher, explaining the book characters your student's will be dressing up as. This is also the day of our FALL FESTIVAL. FALL FESTIVAL cost \$1 for students to attend. We would love to have parent volunteers. Please see our Sign-Up Genius on our website.





11/14/2017 PVO MEETING

Parent Volunteer Organization

Come join us for our first Parent Volunteer Organization meeting

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria from 6-7pm

*We will provide supervision for TSMS students



Come learn
about...

School Events

Teacher Wish List

PVO Board

Fundraising

TSMS

3434 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303

<http://schoolofmathandscience.org>

TSMS FALL FESTIVAL!!



3rd Annual Fall Festival

Tuesday, October 31 2017

8:30-10:30am (K-3rd Grade) 12:45-2:15pm (4th-8th Grade)

Kona Ice*

2 HUGE Bounce Houses

Face painting

Relay Races

Music

ALL THIS FOR \$1



*****Don't forget that this is also Book Character Day*****

Questions? Please email Info@tsmas.org

Would you like to help? Please sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aafab2da1fe3-fall>

*Students will need to bring extra \$5 to purchase Kona Ice

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET IN HOMEROOM BY 10/30

PVO Breakfast 11/2



Please help us celebrate our very special teachers with a special edition of our monthly teacher appreciation breakfast - Thursday, November 2nd

If you can participate in bringing in one of the following items (or any of your choosing), this would sure help us to make it a successful event.

Breakfast starts at 7:30am, please have all items brought to the front office by 7:15am on the day of or you can drop them off the day before (just put a note on them for Thursday's breakfast please).

We currently have 45 staff members at TSMS.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090844aaa722aafd0-tsms8>

PVO Giftcard collection



This is a sign up for \$5 Walmart gift cards DUE ON 12/1. We will distribute them to the TSMS staff members according to how many we receive. Last year we were able to give each instructional staff \$40, and paraprofessionals \$20 each! These giftcards were used to purchase items for the classrooms.

PVO funds will be used to fill in any gaps and augment.

The school's administration will also be giving a gift to the teachers to join with the giftcards.

Thanks for everything you do to let our teachers know how much they are appreciated!

WE LOVE OUR STAFF AT TSMS!

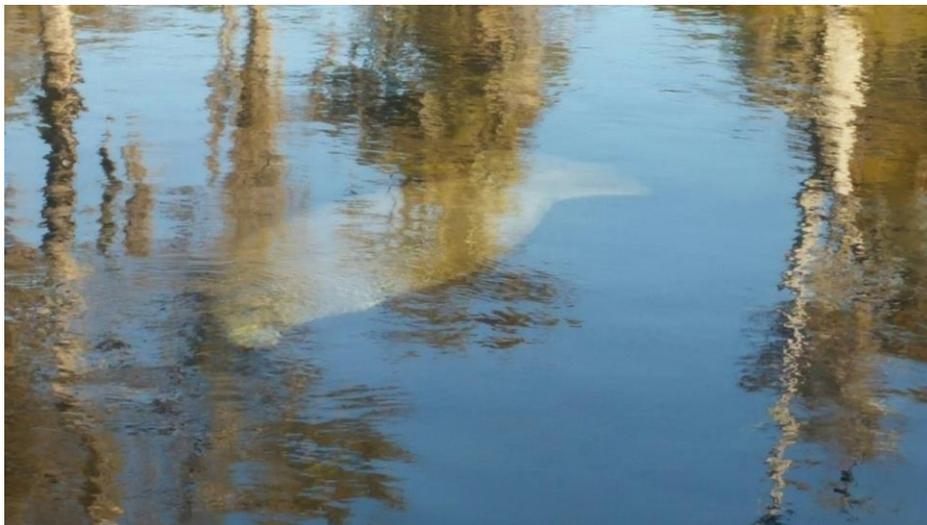
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Staff Spotlight



"Mrs. Pagozalski, our Assistant Principal, is a Tallahassee native. She grew up on the east side of town where she attended; Buck Lake Elementary, Swift Creek Middle School and Lincoln High School. She went on to major in Social Science Education at the University of Central Florida. She couldn't be pulled away from Tallahassee long, and soon received a master's degree from Florida State University. She enjoys time outdoors with her husband, Brian and son, Blake. You can often find her and her family on the weekends at St. George Island, or tailgating for the Seminoles. She has a eight month old son, Blake, who is the light of her world. Did you know? Mrs. Pagozalski represented UCF at the National Collegiate Rock, Paper, and Scissors Contest at Madison Square Gardens in NYC? If you see her, try to beat her! Mrs. Pago, as the kids and staff call her, is incredible proud of the accomplishments of her staff and students. Go Cheetahs! "

4th Grade Field Trip to Wakulla Springs!







Our Fourth grade students had an awesome time at Wakulla Springs today! The students were in awe of the various animals they encountered and absolutely went wild when they saw the alligators up close. The students actually saw 6 manatees! It was amazing and we are so glad that they had opportunity to experience it today! [Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park](#)

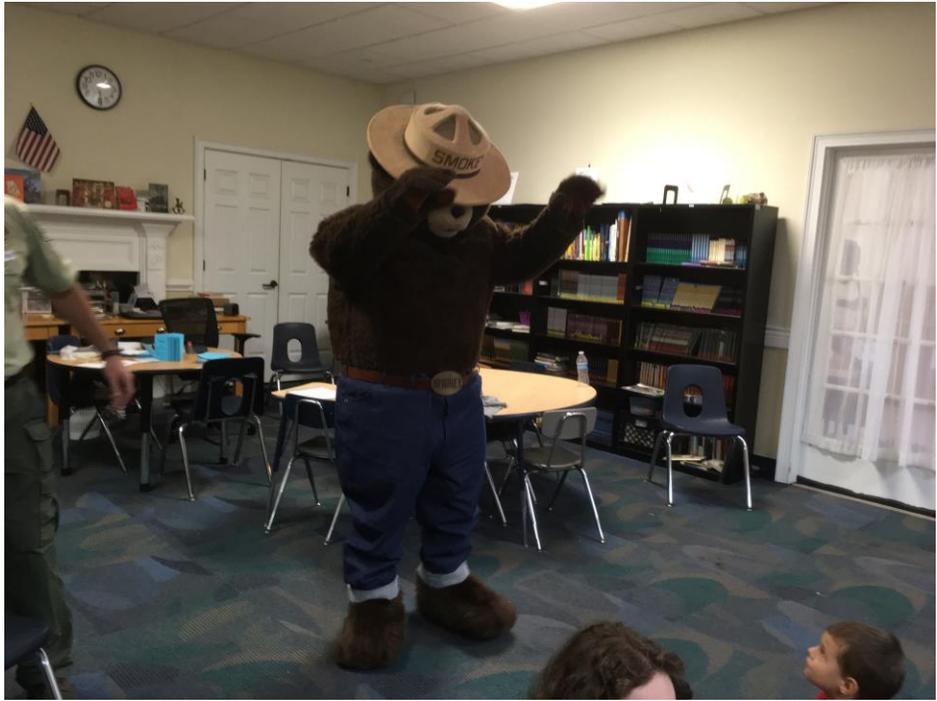
Smokey the Bear!!













TSMS was happy to have [Florida Forest Service](#) visit our students with Smokey the Bear!!

FSU Math Fun Day!!



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TSMS parents, students and teachers joined the FSU Math Fun Day this Saturday, October 14th at Love Building, 1017 Academic Way, FSU Main Campus, Tallahassee, FL 32306.

There were presentations, exhibits, and hands-on activities for the public, including students and teachers. Activities were available for all ages in grades K-12. TSMS students, parents, and teachers had a lot fun.

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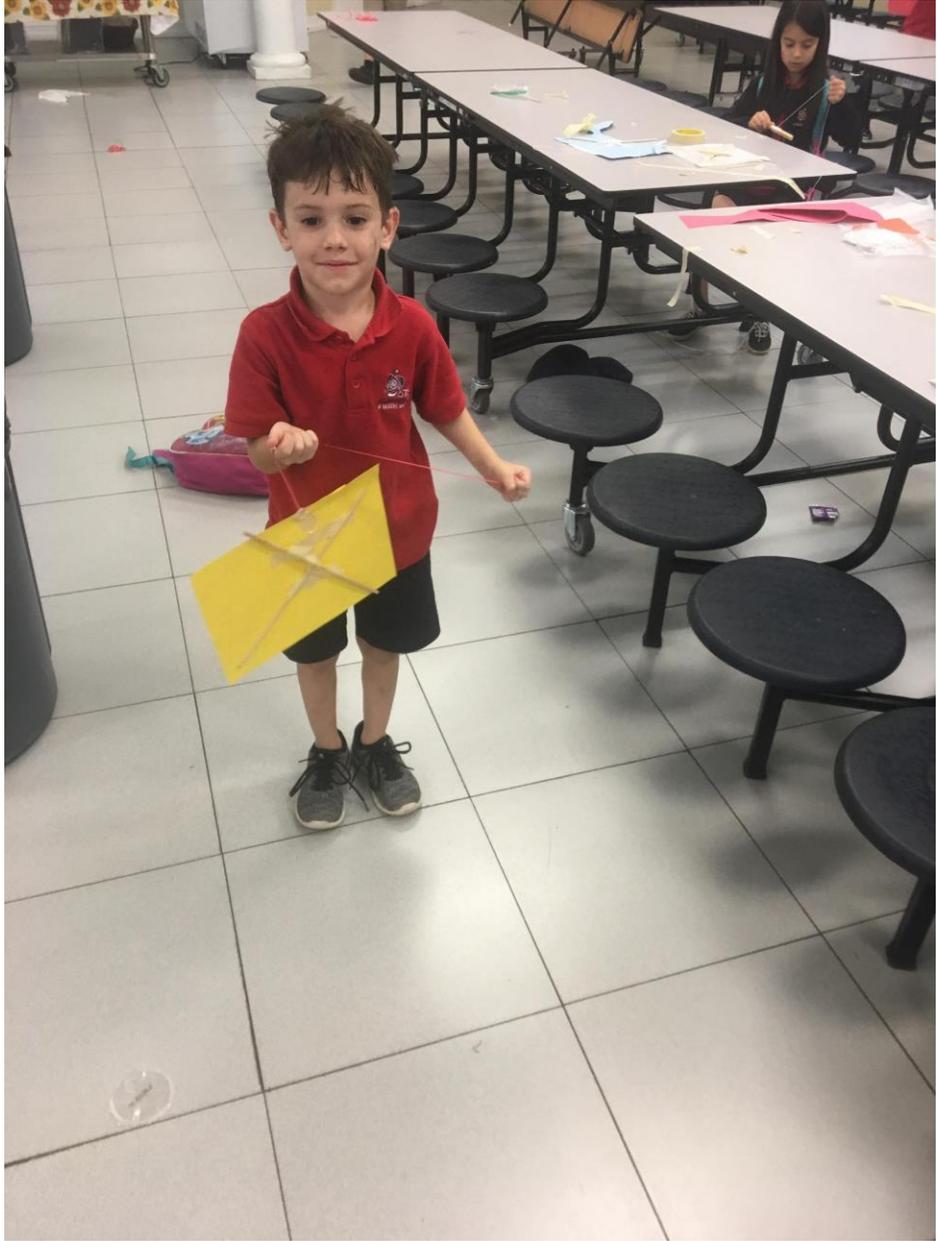
Mr. Gunerhan

Math Olympiad Sponsor

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EDP STEM Challenge!







This week, we learned about the forces that keep kites in the air, and then we built our own! The shape and the tail are both important. Once they were done, we went outside to the field and tested them out- what a great way to use wind power!

Ms. Burns Science Class!





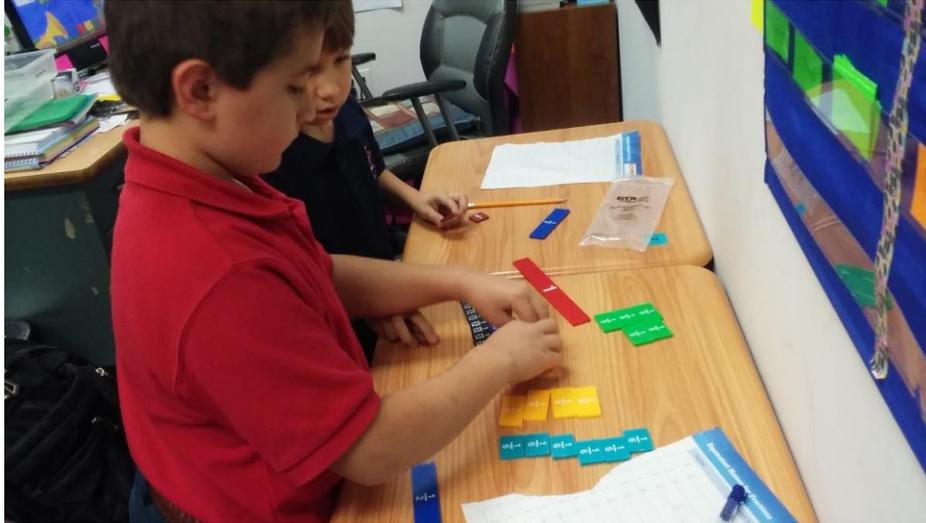


This week, we made models of the earth with clay, marbles, and aluminum foil. The different densities of the materials represented the densities of Earth's layers. The 8th grade biology class had a guest speaker come in and talk to us about the importance of forests and how we preserve these ecosystems.

Greeting from Ms. Straubinger's class!







We have had a busy week learning about fractions, prime and composite numbers, and factors!

Just a couple reminders:

- Many students still do not have headphones to use during computer class. This will affect their learning! If you are having trouble getting headphones for your child, please let me know ASAP.
- Fall is here, and with it comes the morning chill! Please be sure that your child comes to school with a TSMS jacket or sweater. Non-TSMS jackets and sweaters are not permitted. Please contact me or Mrs. Moody if you have questions.

PE!



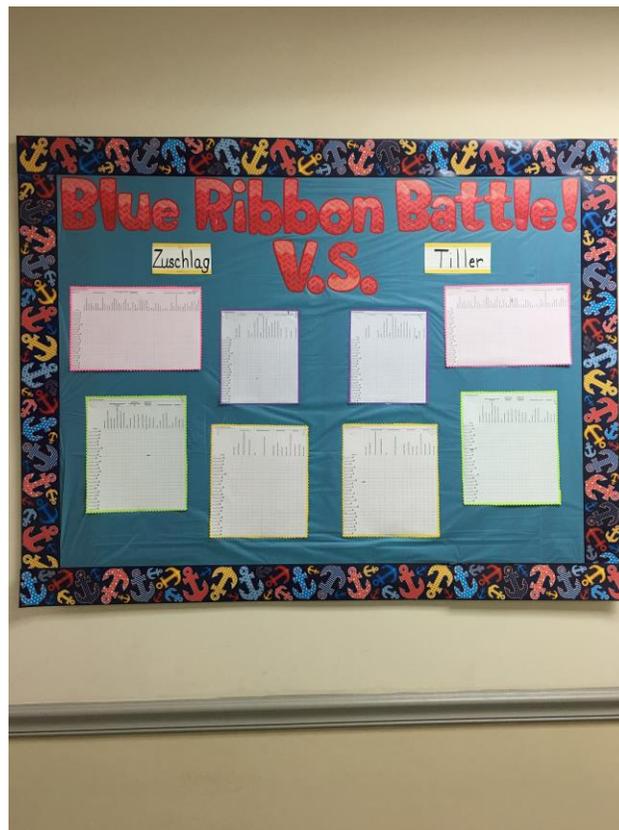
We are now finished with our Flag Football unit. These kids were fired up!! Now we are moving into Fitness. It amazes me how fast those children learn. Time flies when you are having fun. In Fitness, we are going to focus on the five components of fitness, practice our running paces and gain more insight into healthier eating.

The weather is cooling too finally, so please have them dress accordingly. It is required for 4-8th graders to have a PE uniform. Also, feel free to send your child to school with a water bottle on PE days. This will save us more time to play on focus on the activity. Have a great week!

Your partner in education,

Coach Waters

3rd Grade Blue Ribbon Challenge



Ms. Zuschlag and Ms. Tiller are in a heated competition!

We are trying to see whose class can earn the most Blue Ribbons. 3rd grade uses 4 subjects in Study Island so we are tracking the number of Blue Ribbons our students earn in Language Arts, Math, Science,

and Social Studies. (Since there are so few science and social studies topics in Study Island we have scheduled to start assigning them after the winter break).

We have printed and posted tracking charts up on the bulletin board between our classroom doors. Since our students are assigned Study Island homework each week, we will be updating this board after homework is turned in (every 6 school days)

The first recording of our standings will be Wednesday, November 1. Stop by and see who is winning!!!! If you see any of our kids ask them what they are doing to help our class win the Blue Ribbon Battle! Ask them how many Blue Ribbons they have earned on their own? Give us some encouragements! Maybe even give us a shout-out or two on the morning show 😊

TSMS Winter Wear



It will soon be getting colder, students will want to bundle up when coming to school. Parents make sure to stop at All Uniform Wear to pick up the TSMS winter wear. These items are Uniform appropriate and may be worn throughout the school day.

As a reminder the dress code policy is as follows:

- Sweatshirts must be navy blue and the **school logo is required**. The sweatshirt is an economical alternative when students need to have additional warmth. When wearing a sweatshirt, the student

must still be wearing another TSMS shirt underneath the sweatshirt – the sweatshirt cannot be worn alone. Sweatshirt may not be worn (tied) around the waist.

- Long sleeve thermals layered under short sleeve Uniform tops are not permitted.
- Boots, Uggs, and high-heeled shoes are not permitted
- Socks, stockings, tights or hose may only be in solid school colors. Clear or skin-colored hose are also acceptable. Fishnet or other patterned stockings or hose are not permitted. Stockings, tights, or hose must cover the full length of the student’s legs and feet – leg warmers are not permitted.
- **All outside coats and jackets or hooded apparel may not be worn inside the school building**

All Uniform Wear 1989 Capital Circle NE

Tallahassee FL 32308

850-629-4144

www.alluniformwear.com

store28@alluniformwear.com

*Please refer to pages 25-29 in the Student Handbook for more information.

Parents For Charter Schools



[Tip of the Day \(Click Here\)](#)

[Consejo del Día \(Haga clic aquí\)](#)

Reinforce Math Skills With Magazine Picture Puzzles

Repetition is the key to learning math skills. Here's a way to make those same old math facts seem a little more interesting. All you need are some old magazines and some large index cards.

Choose ten pictures that will fit on 5" x 8" cards. Paste each picture on a separate card. Then cut the cards in half.

Next, mix up all the card pieces. Put them in a can or basket. Set a timer for five minutes, then give your child a math problem. If she answers correctly, let her draw a card. Give her another math problem. As she correctly answers problems and draws cards, have her put the two halves of pictures together. See how many complete pictures she can make in five minutes.

You can use the same idea to help your child study other facts. Compound words, antonyms, abbreviations or matching number words with numerals are all possibilities. When your child is done, everything fits neatly in a coffee can.

Refuerce las habilidades matemáticas con imágenes de revistas

La repetición es clave en el aprendizaje de las habilidades matemáticas. Aquí tiene una idea para hacer las matemáticas más interesantes. Todo lo que necesita son unas revistas usadas y unas tarjetas grandes.

Escoja diez fotografías que pueda poner en tarjetas de 5 x 8 pulgadas. Pegue cada foto en una tarjeta diferente. Después corte las láminas por la mitad.

Luego, mezcle todas las tarjetas y póngalas en una cesta. Ponga un cronómetro en 5 minutos, y dele a su hijo un problema de matemáticas. Si lo responde correctamente, deje que saque otra tarjeta de la cesta. Dele otro problema. A medida que responda correctamente y saque tarjetas de la cesta, dígame que una las mitades de las fotografías. Vea cuántas fotografías puede completar en cinco minutos.

Puede utilizar la misma idea para ayudar a su hijo a estudiar cualquier otra cosa. Palabras compuestas, antónimos, abreviaturas o unir los números en palabras con los numerales son otras tantas posibilidades. Cuando su hijo haya terminado, puede meter todo bien ordenado en una lata de café.

Contact Us

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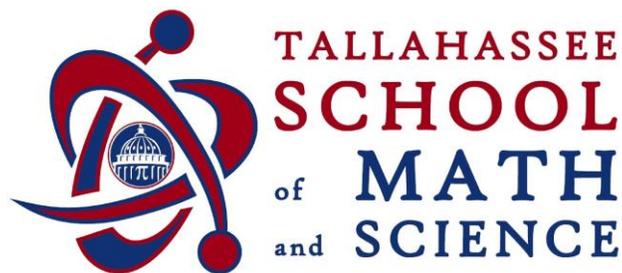
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