

# The Dolphin Wave

Oceanair Elementary School Monthly Newsletter

## A Message From Principal Rountree-Price's Desk

Dear Oceanair Elementary Families,

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, we welcome October with excitement! This month is filled with engaging activities, important updates, and opportunities to strengthen our community.

### Important Reminders:

- Each Friday is Pinktober, students and staff can wear pink to raise awareness and educate people about breast cancer.
- I also want to inform you that our school will be conducting safety drills on a monthly basis throughout the academic year. These drills are an important part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff. The drills will vary, including fire evacuations, lockdown procedures, and weather drills. Our goal is to ensure that all students and staff are familiar with the procedures and can respond confidently in case of an emergency.



Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, we can create a nurturing environment for our children to thrive.

## Koonce's Corner-News from OUR Assistant Principal

Attendance – If your child is out of school or going to miss school, please remember to let the teacher know so that your child will be marked excused. There are multiple ways to let the teacher know. You can send a note with your child, send a message via email or class dojo, call the teacher, and/or call the main office. Attendance Matters – Check with child (ren)'s teacher to additional information.

Parents and Guardians – As we head into the fall season please review with your child our PBIS expectations about what it means to be safe, responsible, and respectful. PBIS expectations can be found on Oceanair Elementary's Website. For additional information on student conduct, behavior, and consequences please visit NPS's [Code of Conduct](https://www.npsk12.com/Page/1349). <https://www.npsk12.com/Page/1349>

Drop-Off – Reminder: The bus ramp opens at 8:40 for drop-off. Keep your child safe by utilizing the bus ramp for drop-off. Please do not drop your child off on Dudley Avenue and have them cross the street. It is unsafe to drop your child in the street and have them cross two lanes of traffic and then the bus ramp. Remember to use the bus ramp or the park in the parking lot, please help us keep your child safe upon arriving at school

Arrival – The tardy bell rings at 8:55 AM. Your child is not late unless he or she arrives to school after the tardy bell rings. Reminder: The school building does not open until 8:40 am. Helps us maintain a safe and secure environment by arriving at 8:45 am. This will help avoid the crowd and will still give your child plenty of time to get breakfast and walk to class. Please do not send your child to school early or drop them off unattended before 8:40. This is a big safety concern.



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"Home of the Dolphins"

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Mrs. Rountree-Price,  
Principal

Mr. Koonce, Asst. Principal

## Upcoming Events

October Spirit  
Fridays-Pinktober

October 16-Unity Day-  
wear orange



October 24-Reading Night



October 28-District-Wide  
PD/Teacher Workday



October 31-Halloween



# October

## Math Highlights



How can I help my child at home:

- Be sure students arrive to school on time and stay all day
- Review homework with your child and ask what they did today
- Revisit each grade levels focus and ask your child questions about it.

Kindergarten has completed their VKRP assessment. Be on the look out for your child's report and ways to help at home.

Grades 2-5 have completed their math STAR assessment. Data will be used to group students. Students will work with a University Tutor to address their needs to ensure student growth.

Upcoming:

Math+Art Club will meet October 1, 15, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Students must be picked up at 4:25 from the front of the school. IDs will be required for pick up.



### **KINDERGARTEN:**

**Welcome October! We are excited about this month and all of our October activities. This month we will be working on the following sight words: go, the, see, we, like and I.**

**We will also be working on Sorting attributes In Math.**

**Remember to complete homework each night, It is a review of what we are learning In class.**

- **October 30th-Kindergarten students will go on a fieldtrip to Hunt Club Farm.**
- **Daily Reading:** Please continue to read with your child each night for 15 minutes. It's a great way to build their love for reading!
- **Weather:** As the weather gets cooler, please remember to make sure students have a jacket in case we are having outside recess.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

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### **PREKINDERGARTEN**

The two Oceanair PreK classes started the school year strong! We have learned so much about the social-emotional needs of others and look forward to practicing the critical thinking skills taught in the classroom. We have finished our first study of Creative Curriculum: Beginning the Year. We will now begin the Creative Curriculum Study: Trees.

**Along with the Creative Curriculum, our next month will be busy with beginning-of-the year assessments.**

1. EMAS – Early Mathematics Assessment System

A research-based assessment of early mathematical thinking.

2. CBRS- Child Behavior Rating Scale

A Social-emotional component of the VKRP assessment.

3. PreK LLS - PreK Language and Literacy Screener

A screening that measures early literacy skills.

In the fall, these screenings give the teacher baseline data on where each child is functioning in the areas of mathematics, social and emotional regulation, and phonological and literacy skills. This data is used to drive instruction. The PreK LLS is also administered mid-year (Jan.), and a final screening will take place in the spring.

This assessment gives parents and teachers a glimpse of how each child is progressing.

**\*\*Parents will get the results of the fall PreK LLS, mid-Year PreK LLS, and the spring PreK LLS.**

**\*\*PreK students do NOT receive grades and/or report cards.**

We want to thank parents for all their support- donating supplies, keeping sick children home etc.

# News You Can Use...



## 1ST GRADE

Our first graders are an awesome group this year! They are such hard working kiddos. We are working on reading stories and identifying the characters, setting, and beginning, middle, and ending. We read a great story called Wolfie the Bunny. Ask your child about it! In Science we are learning about the four seasons and what plants and animals do during each one. Coming up in Social Studies we are starting Virginia State Symbols. We will learn about the Dogwood, the Cardinal, and the VA State Flag. In math, we continue to work on addition with number to 10. This month we have spirit days on Friday - wear Pink! Unity day is October 16th- wear orange!

## 2ND GRADE

We hope you are enjoying fall and the cooler weather. Take a walk with your child and point out the changes that occur as the seasons change. The students have been learning how plants and animals adapt to the changing seasons in science.

In math we will be skip counting by 5's, 10's, and 2's to 200. The students will also count by 25's. Then we will move into place value. The students will need to know the expanded form, word form, and models. They will need to know the value of each digit in a three-digit number. We will be comparing three-digit numbers with symbols and words. ( $>$  greater than,  $<$  less than, and  $=$  equal to.)

For social studies the students will continue to learn about Indigenous People from the Eastern Woodlands, The Great Plains, and the Southwest. The students will need to know the transportation, occupations, homes, and food for each tribe. The tribes they need to know are the Powhatan, Lakota, and Pueblo Indians.

Weathering and erosion are our science focus. The students will need to know the difference in weathering and erosion. Students will learn the causes of weathering and erosion. They will also learn about ways to prevent erosion.

## 3RD GRADE

**Reading:** Students are diving into fiction with understanding the difference between fables and poetry. We will compare and contrast plot events as well as understand how characters can shape stories.

**Math:** It's MULTIPLICATION TIME!!! Students are entering our next unit which is all about multiplication and division. They will learn strategies such as array, equal groups, repeated addition, and number line to solve word problems

**Social Studies:** Never Eat Soggy Waffles! Students are diving into map skills starting with North America and understanding geographic landforms helped shape our amazing continent.

**Science:** Have you ever mixed oil and water? What happened? Students will be investigating the states of matter and mixtures for our next unit in Science

**Writing:** Students will work through the writing process to write an Opinion paragraph. They will use adjectives and adverbs to bring their writing to life.

## 4TH GRADE

In Science, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will begin to explore the wonders of space! We will learn about the motions and characteristics of the Sun, Moon, & Earth, the phases of the moon, and the planets. In Social Studies, we will begin our unit on European Exploration. This will include learning about the navigation tools used, different groups of Europeans who settled in America, and how they survived.

During October, in Math, our 4th-grade scholars will work on mastering fractional number sense. Scholars will compare and order fractions with a denominator of 12 or less. The fractions will include proper, improper, and/or mixed numbers. Scholars will also identify equivalent fractions with or without models. In addition, students will determine the probability of an outcome.

In Reading and Writing, our scholars will be summarizing and comparing & contrasting!

## 5TH GRADE

It has been a wonderful start to the school year, and we are learning so much in 5th grade. Here is what is coming up:

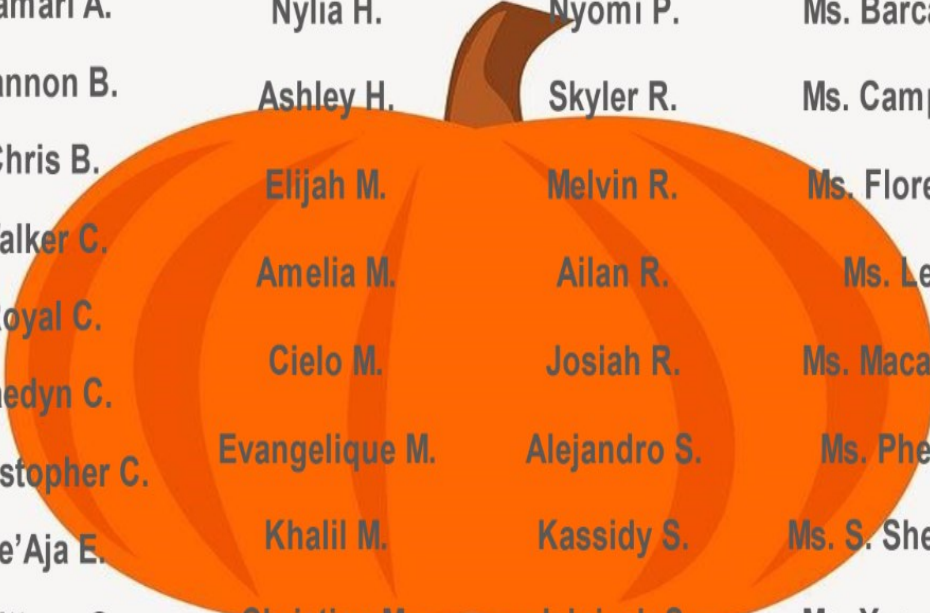
**Math:** We are getting ready to start working on word problems. Students will need to practice math facts at home. Please work with them on multiplication facts to 12.

**Reading:** We are currently working on Fiction skills (character development and plot). Ask your child about the plot and characters in the books they are reading at home. In a few weeks we will return to nonfiction practice. In writing, we will be starting an opinion piece.

**Science:** Right now, we are finishing up the unit on types of energy. In two weeks will start motion.

**Social Studies:** The settlement of Jamestown will be our next unit. Students will be bring home yellow workbooks to complete at home.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Camari A.	Nylia H.	Nyomi P.	Ms. Barcalow
Kannon B.	Ashley H.	Skyler R.	Ms. Campbell
Chris B.	Elijah M.	Melvin R.	Ms. Florence
Walker C.	Amelia M.	Ailan R.	Ms. Lee
Royal C.	Cielo M.	Josiah R.	Ms. Macasaet
Jaedyn C.	Evangelique M.	Alejandro S.	Ms. Phelps
Christopher C.	Khalil M.	Kassidy S.	Ms. S. Sheridan
De'Aja E.	Christian M.	Ja'niyah S.	Ms. Yusufova
Brittany G.	Axel P.	Jaziah T.	
Silas G.	Mateo P.	Taiji T.	
Nadiya G.			

*Happy Birthday*