

Welcome to the
2024-2025 School Year!



Ms. Kaluza's Class

Grade 2



Meet Ms. Kaluza

Teaching

I have been teaching at Flint Hill Elementary for 6 years. This will be my 6th year of teaching 2nd grade.



Outside of School

In my free time, I love spending time with my family and friends.

I love cheering on Penn State, going to the beach, and anything Disney!





Meet Ms. Hoffman

Teaching

This is my 4th year teaching at Flint Hill ES and 8th year as a teacher.



Outside of School

In my free time, I like to read, weight lift, spend time with my family and friends.



Daily Schedule

2nd Grade Daily Schedule 2024-2025

(8:35) Arrival

(9:00-9:20) Morning Meeting

(9:20-10:20) Math

(10:20-10:50) Lunch

(10:50-11:20) Recess

(11:20-12:00) Social Studies/Science

(12:00-1:00) Specials

(1:00-1:30) Falcon Time

(1:30-3:30) Language Arts

(3:35) Dismissal

Ms. Kaluza's Specials Schedule

Monday: Library/Music

Tuesday: PE/Music

Wednesday: Art

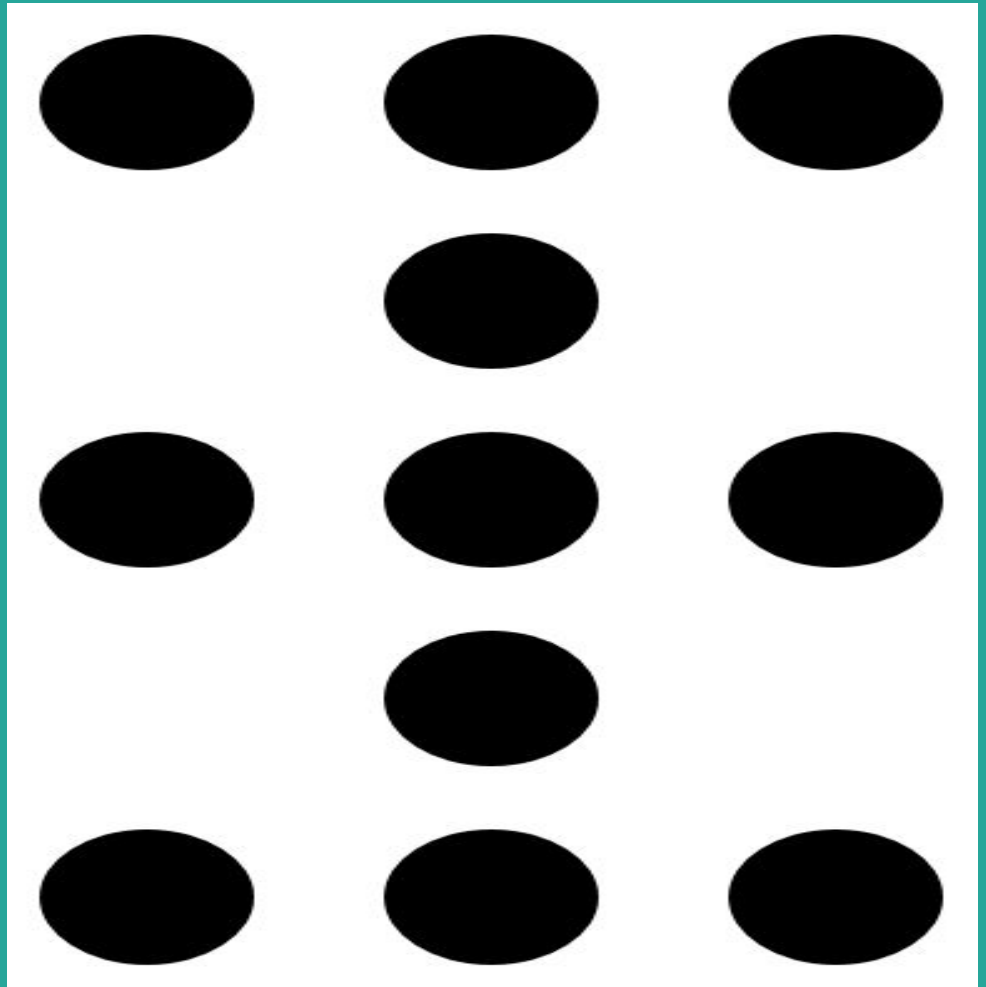
Thursday: PE/Music

Friday: Spanish

This
year we
will focus



Number Sense Routine

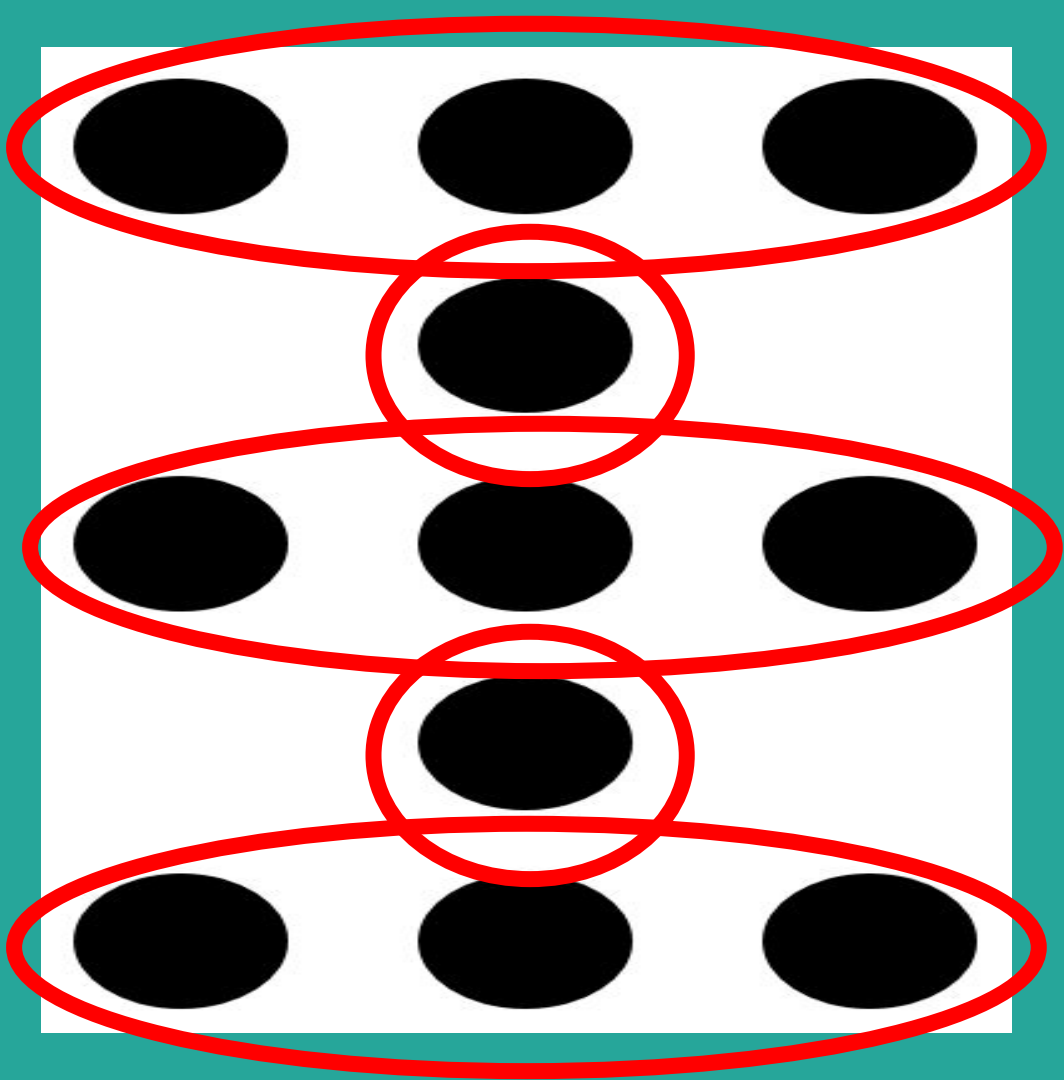


How many did you see?

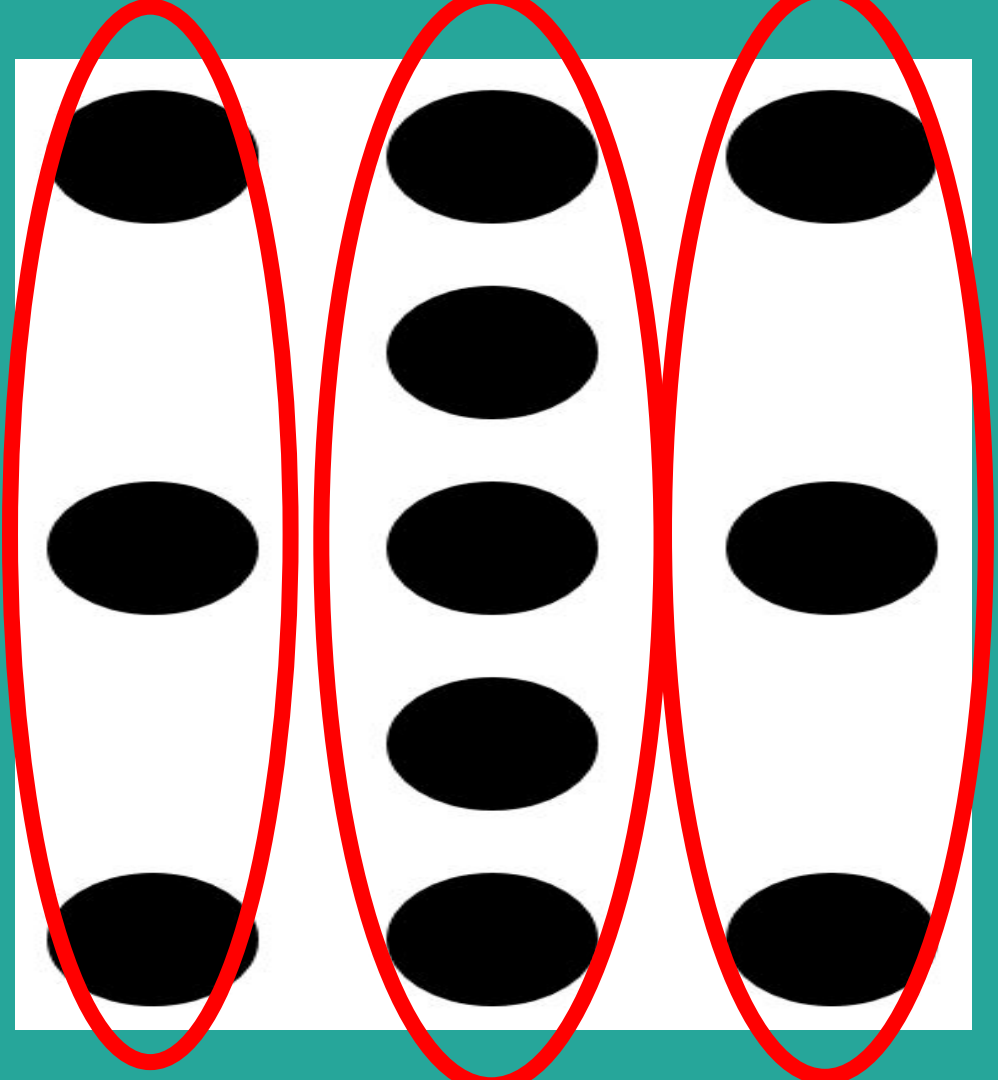
How did you see them?

$$3 + 3 + 3 + 1 + 1 = 11$$

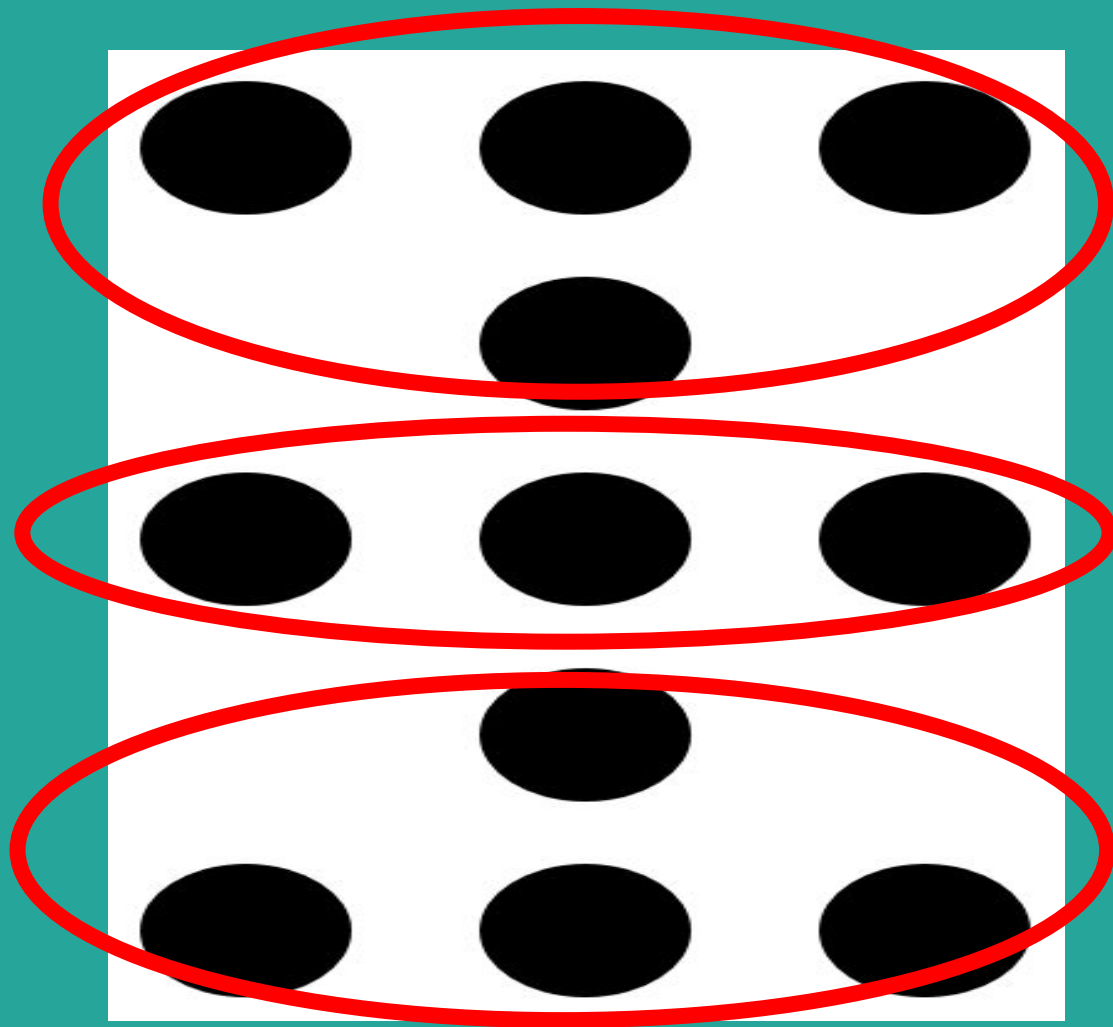
$$3 \times 3 + 2 = 11$$



$$3 + 5 + 3 = 11$$



$$4 + 3 + 4 = 11$$

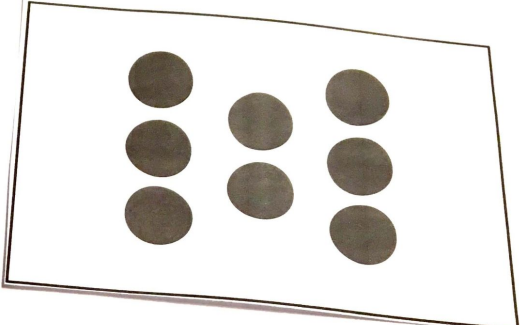


Math

3
4
5


2+2

Julia
:0:} 8
6 and 2
6+2



Jessie
:000} 8
3 and 2 and 3
3+2+3=8


Robbie
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
8
counting by 1s



"I'm thinking about the solution."



"I have the solution and one strategy."



"I have the solution and two strategies."



"I agree!"


































































Reading and Writing

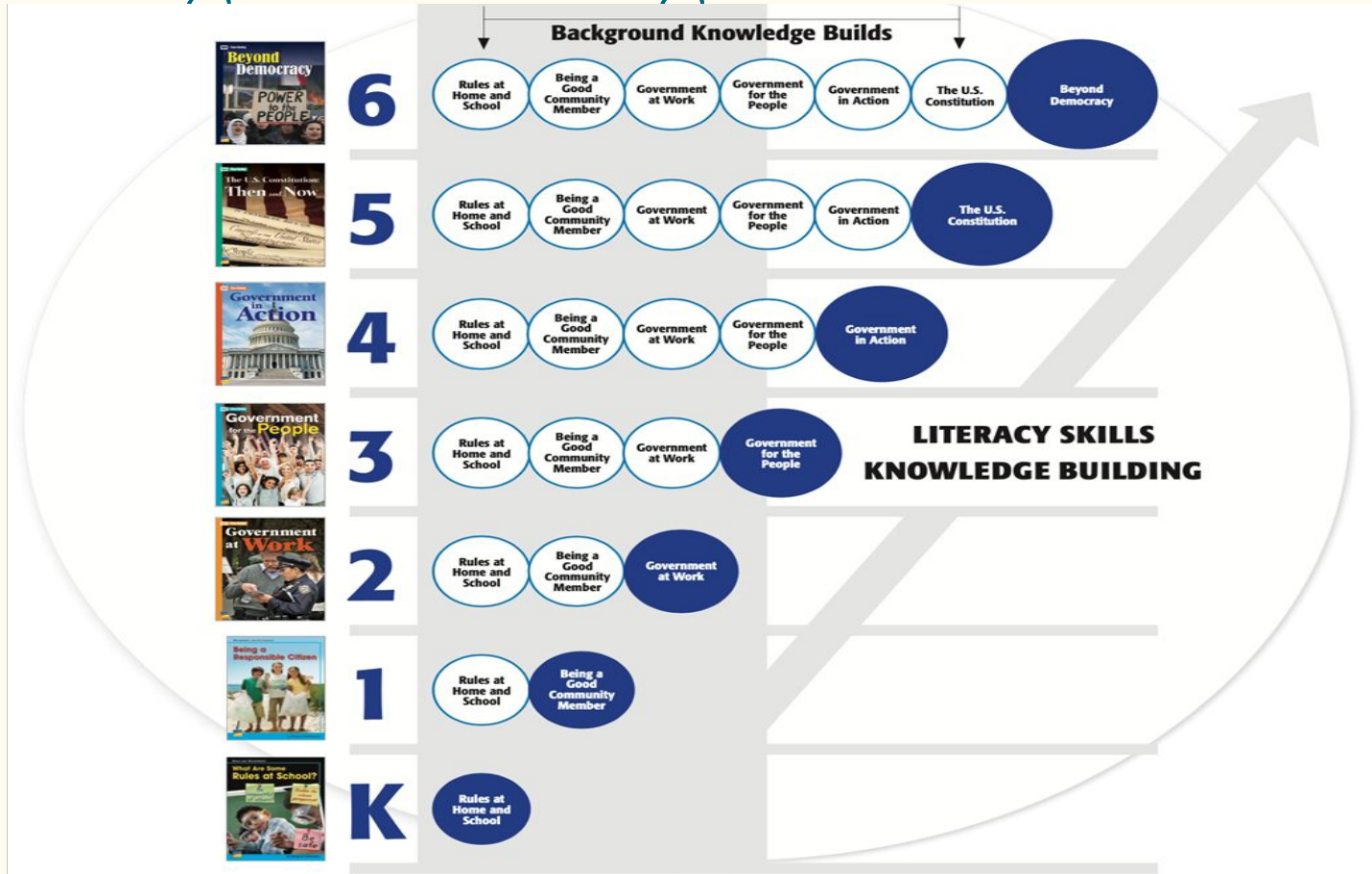
Our New Curriculum for K-6



Common Topics, K-6

Unit	Knowledge Strand	GRADES						
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Life Science							
2	Character Matters							
3	Government and Citizenship							
4	Perspectives in Literature							
5	Technology and Society							
6	Themes Across Cultures							
7	History, Culture, and Geography							
8	Earth Science							
9	Economics							

Growing Knowledge over Time



Essential Questions Get More Complex

Unit 1: Life Science

Plants and Animals Have Needs

Why do living things have different needs?

Kindergarten

Animal Adaptations

How do living things survive in their environment?

3rd Grade

Relationships in Nature

What roles can we play in the balance of nature?

6th Grade

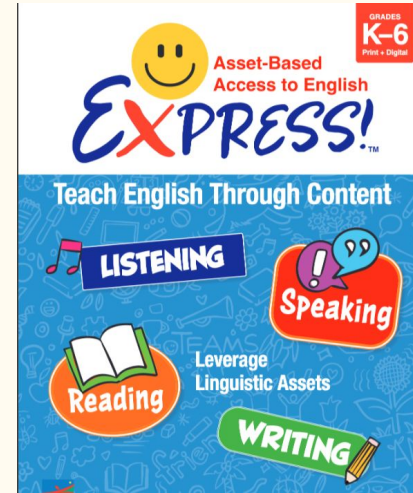
Core Instruction & SWD

Benchmark Advance has numerous scaffolds and supports to assist all teachers in providing core instruction responsive to the needs of students with disabilities.



Core Instruction & Multilingual Learners

Benchmark Express is the English Language Development curriculum that complements Benchmark Advance in providing tier 1 instruction for multilingual learners.



Benchmark Advance includes scaffolds and supports for multilingual learners.

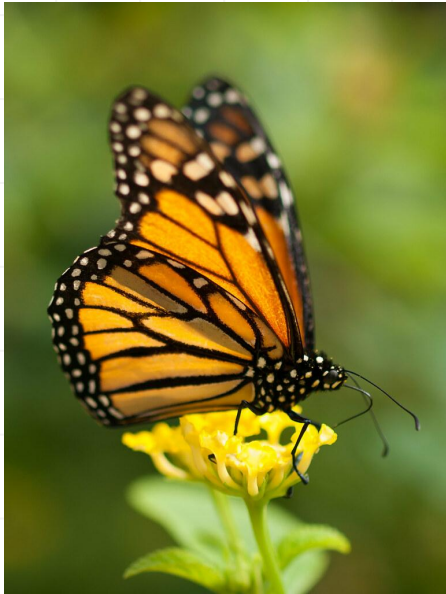
Core Instruction & AAP

All students receiving Advanced Academic services will participate in Benchmark Advance, which includes extensions for advanced learners. In addition to inquiry-based research embedded in Benchmark, each quarter will focus on at least one supplemental AAP ELA curricular resource to be used throughout that quarter.

Advanced Academic Programs (AAP)

Fairfax County Public Schools offers a continuum of advanced academic services for students K-12 that builds upon students' individual strengths and skills and maximizes academic potential for all learners.

Science



- Scientific Investigation
- Monarchs, Milkweed, and Mexico
- Weather
- Matter and Forces
- Life Cycles
- Habitats

Social Studies

- Being a Global and Ethical Citizen
- Symbols and Traditions
- United States Geography
- Native Americans
- European Exploration
- Economics: Resources
- Contributions of Early Americans
- Civil Rights Leaders
- Developments and Innovations in the U.S.



Responsive Classroom

We will promote an
academic, socially,
and culturally
responsive learning
environment for our
students.



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ONE Kind Act can change the world

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We are continuing our ONE
campaign and growing our
growth mindset.

You Belong Here !



Communication

Fill in with an
example of your
newsletter

Dear Families,

This week we focused on the following content, concepts, and skills. Please pick a question or two to ask your child and encourage your child to explain their thinking. For example, you could use a thinking routine. "[What Makes You Say That?](#)" As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Your Name

Reading	
Writing	
Math	
Science/Social Studies	

Weekly Newsletters
will be shared with
you this year via
email.

Conferences

- 15 minute slots
- Zoom, phone, or in person options available
- Throughout October and early November
- Sign-ups coming soon!



Report Cards and Standard Based Grading

Report Cards will be available in
ParentVUE on

Tuesday, November 12th @ 6am

*paper copies will be sent home for Q1

Elementary Progress Report Marks

4 Consistently demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter

- Frequency of behavior, **nearly all the time**
- Requires no support when demonstrating understanding
- Demonstrates a thorough understanding of content taught
- Makes no major errors or omissions when demonstrating concepts or processes taught

3 Usually demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter

- Frequency of behavior, **most of the time**
- Requires limited support when demonstrating understanding
- Demonstrates a general understanding of content taught
- Makes few major errors or omissions when demonstrating concepts or processes

2 Sometimes demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter

- Frequency of behavior, **some of the time**
- Requires moderate support in order to demonstrate understanding of concepts and skills
- Demonstrates a partial understanding of content taught
- Makes some errors or omissions when demonstrating concepts or processes

1 Seldom demonstrates concepts and skills of standard taught this quarter

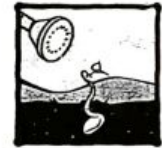
- Frequency of behavior, **seldom**
- Requires considerable support in order to demonstrate learning of concepts and skills
- Demonstrates limited understanding of concepts, skills, and processes taught
- Makes frequent major errors when demonstrating concepts or processes



Fully grown flower



Stem growing leaves



Seed sprouting



Seed planted in soil

Grade Level Events

- Star of the Week!
- Winter class celebration
- Field trips- TBD
- End of Year class celebration



Volunteer Opportunities

- How can you support our classroom and our school?

Class celebrations

PTA Participation

Field Trips

Community Event

Scholastic Orders

participation

Classroom Wishlists

“No significant
learning can occur
without a significant
relationship.”

~James Comer

3 Hour Early Release Days

We have **7** Mondays where the students will be released at 12:35pm to allow for teacher planning and professional development.

September 23

October 28

November 25

February 24

March 17

April 28

May 19





FLINT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

parent teacher association

Please consider joining, if you haven't
already!

The PTA supports our school by:

- Classroom Technology
 - Teacher Materials
 - Field Trip Expenses
 - Teacher Training
 - Community Building
- And so much more!

Questions?

Thank you for coming