



THE COUGAR PRESS

February



From the Principal's Desk

Greeting Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and your family are doing well. The first half of the school year has been wonderful. Our students are working very hard in their classes. Progress Reports will be issued on Friday, February 9. The end of the Third Nine Weeks will be Thursday, March 15. Friday, March 16 is a Teacher Planning Day. The students will be back in class on March 19 and then Spring Break will be from March 26 through March 30.

Our Character Pillar for the month of February is Caring. We want to congratulate all of our students who were selected to represent their class for the character trait of Caring this month. We will recognize our Character Count students for Caring on Thursday February 22 at 9 am. Remember, parents and guardians, you must be cleared by the district to attend the honor roll assemblies and the Character Pillar recognitions. The School Access Form is located on our school's website at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>.

We were very happy to select two students through a drawing that won a free scooter! The students selected made growth from their initial iReady Test in the fall through the Winter iReady Test. We also chose a couple of classes who made the greatest growth in Reading and in Math for iReady. The classes participated in a "snowball fight" with the administration team. We all had fun and the students really enjoyed hitting us with the large marshmallows and water balloons filled with shaving cream! We want to encourage the students to continue working hard. We will have another incentive contest in the Spring.

The next SAC Meeting will be on Thursday, February 15 at 4 pm in the Media Center.

Our next PTO Meeting and School Spirit Night will be on Tuesday, February 20 @ Sonny's BBQ on US 1 from 5-8 pm. We hope you can join us! We will also have our PTO Movie Night on Friday, February 23.

We are also happy to share a new program with our families, called All Pro Dad. This is a national program endorsed by Tony Dungy. All Pro Dad is on a mission to help fathers and father figures love and lead their families well. All Pro Dad is a group of people passionately committed to bringing intentional focus to fathers around the world. Their message will inspire fathers to embrace who they are, give them tenderness of heart, and boldness of character as a dad and husband. They are consistently here for dads, to provide guidance and practical tips in raising their kids in a life giving way. Every child is invited, no matter what the circumstance is! We welcome fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, cousins, coaches, and any other male role model to bring a child and enjoy a monthly breakfast with them. Do you need a positive role model in your child's life? Let All Pro Dad help you. Join us at Otis A Mason Elementary School (207 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, 32086) on Saturday, February 17 at 8:30 am. You won't want to miss it!

Parents and Guardians, we need your support! Please ensure your students are in class by 8:30 each morning. Our students begin their day in their classrooms with their lessons at 8:30 and we wouldn't want your child to miss instruction. Thank you for your assistance.

School NEWS



PTO meeting 02/20/2018 at 6:30pm at Sonny's BBQ

Spirit Night @Sonny's BBQ 02/20/2018 5-8

Movie Ticket Sales Tues 02/20-Thurs 02/22 \$7.50

Movie "Ice Age 4" 02/23 3:15-5:30



Crookshank Families:

We are in need of recyclable materials that the students can bring in for the art room!

- Medium to large sized mens t-shirts (these will be used on paint days)
- Tissues
- Wipes

Ms. Hauber will have boxes in her room for easy drop off

PET FOOD DRIVE

Leader Patrol Drive

We are collecting Dog/ Cat items for the Humane Society Food Pantry this month. Additional information



will be sent out soon.



Releasing Students from School Early

*Parents this is just a reminder, per SJCSD
Policy:*

“If the person requesting the release of the student is a person other than a parent or guardian listed on the emergency contact form, we shall not release the student without the consent of the parent or guardian who is listed on the emergency contact form.”

**Also, due to heavy traffic issues,
no student will be checked out
after 2 p.m.
(1 p.m. on Wednesdays)**

Thank you for understanding!

Kiwanis K-Kids®

Young Leaders Helping Others



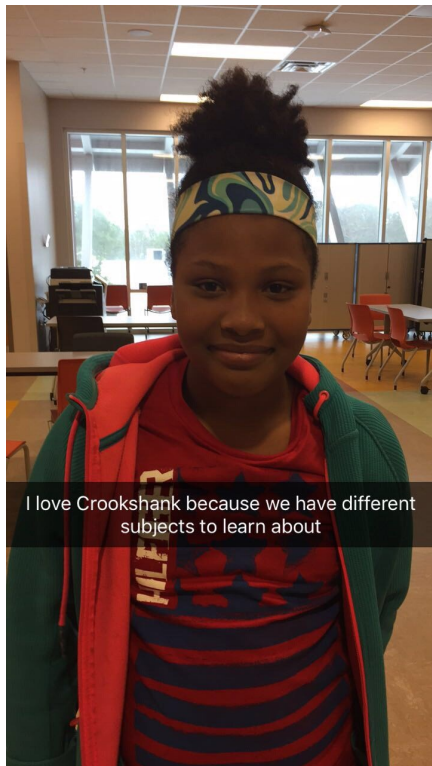
On February 10, 2018 the K-Kids volunteered at the Kiwanis Character Breakfast. With money raised during a Christmas ornament sale, they were able to purchase a bike to donate to the auction to raise money for charity.



Family Fun Reading Night (Dr. Seuss Night) will be on Thursday, March 1st from 6-7:30 pm.

WHY WE LOVE CROOKSHANK

A few of our Crookshank students share why they love our school!



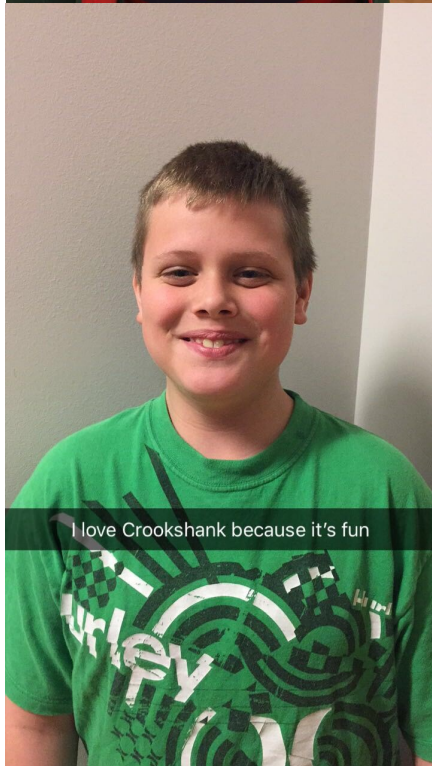
I love Crookshank because we have different subjects to learn about



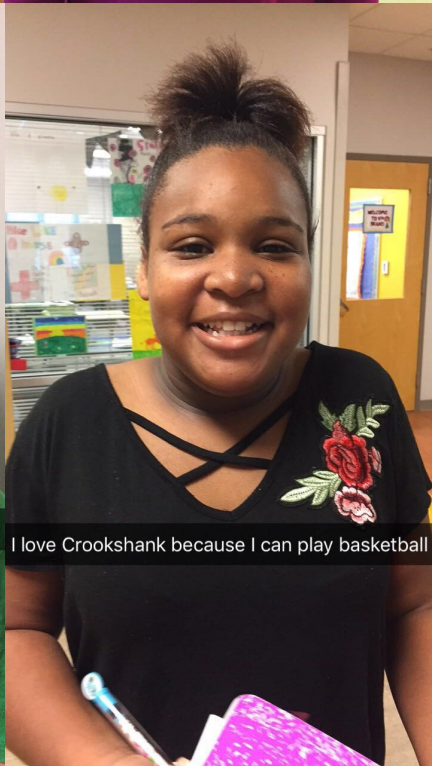
I love Crookshank because I love Math and iReady



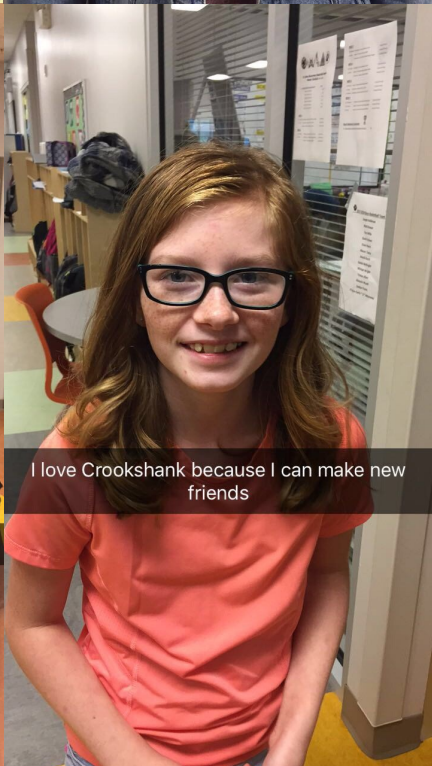
I love Crookshank because it's a good school



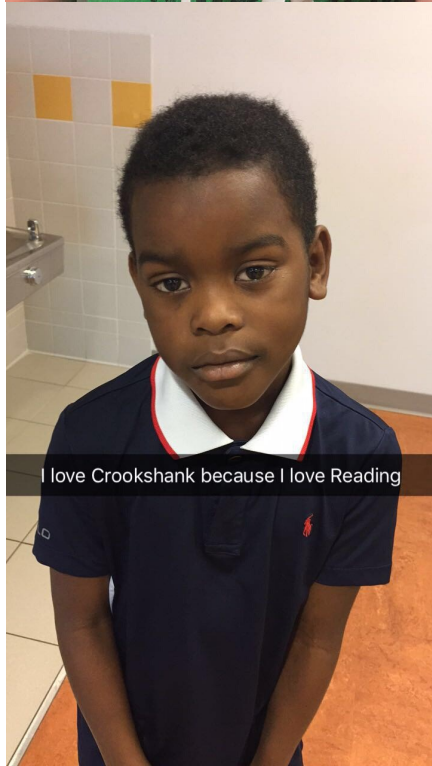
I love Crookshank because it's fun



I love Crookshank because I can play basketball



I love Crookshank because I can make new friends



I love Crookshank because I love Reading



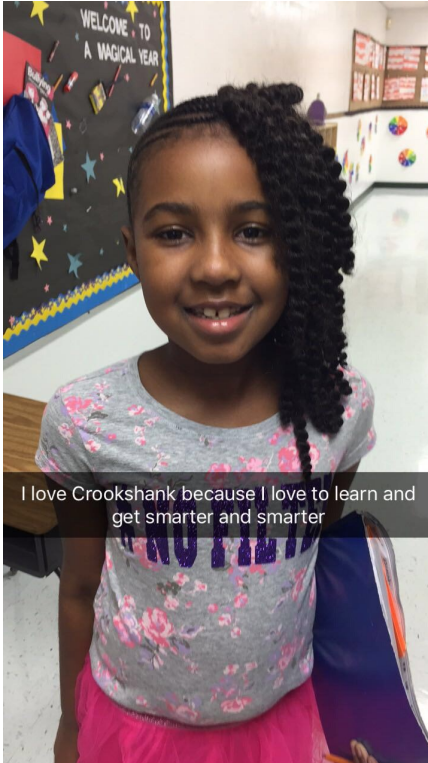
I love Crookshank I learn a lot



I love Crookshank because I love Mr. Matthesen

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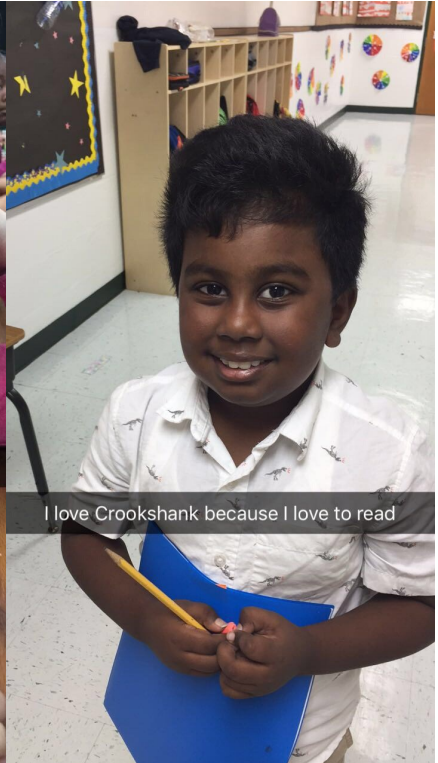
A few of our Crookshank students share why they love our school!



I love Crookshank because I love to learn and get smarter and smarter



I love Crookshank because we go out to recess



I love Crookshank because I love to read



I love Crookshank because it is fun and you get to learn



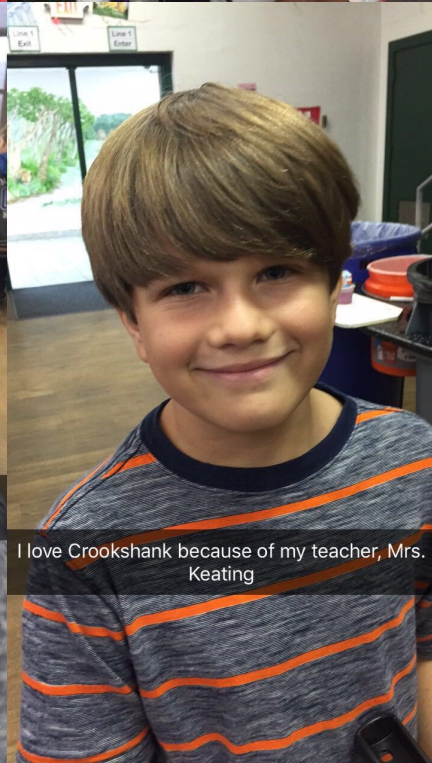
I love Crookshank because I love Mr. Matthiesen



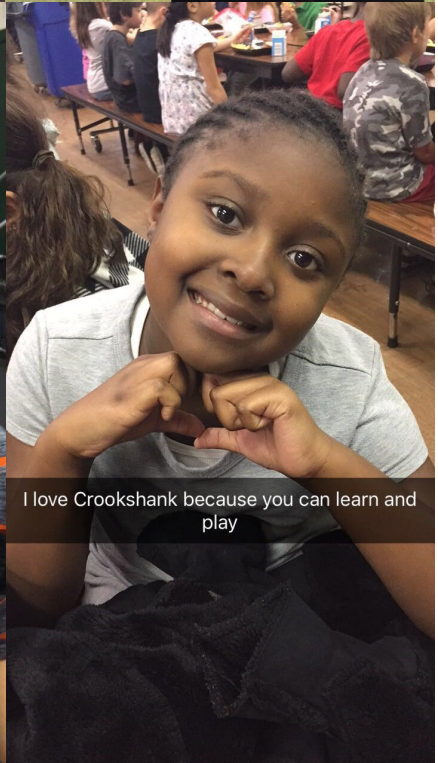
I love Crookshank because it has my family here



I love Crookshank because they have nice teachers



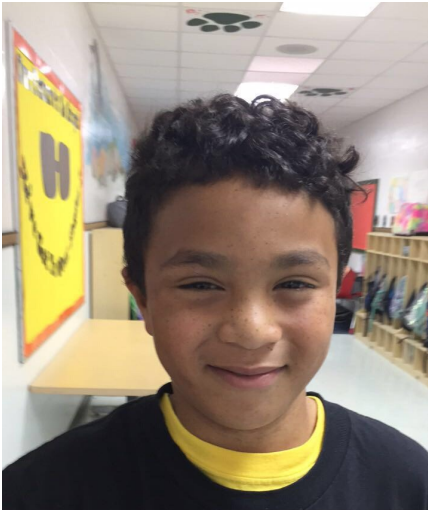
I love Crookshank because of my teacher, Mrs. Keating



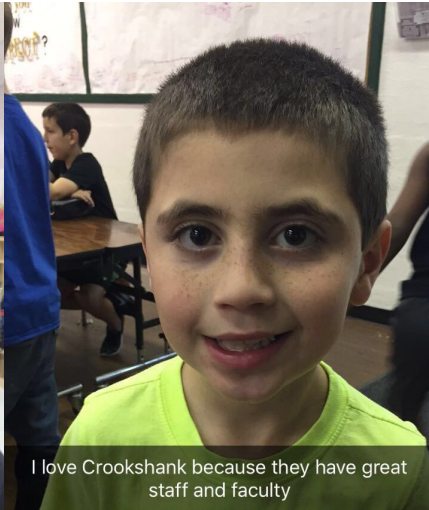
I love Crookshank because you can learn and play

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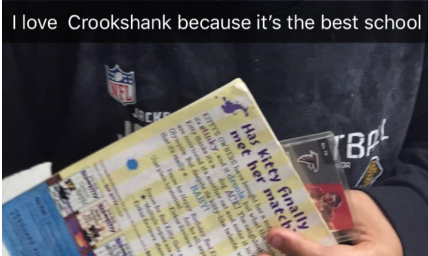
I love Crookshank because it's the best school



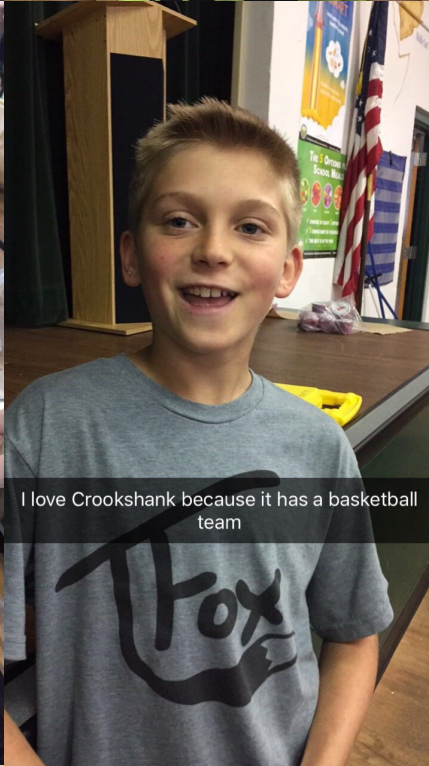
I love Crookshank because they have great staff and faculty



I love Crookshank because Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Hobbs are here



I love Crookshank because it's amazing and we can make a difference



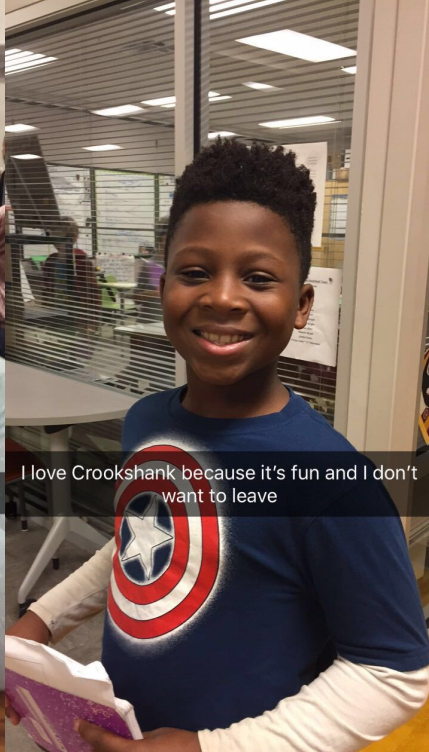
I love Crookshank because it has a basketball team



I love Crookshank because I like the new building



I love Crookshank because of our teachers



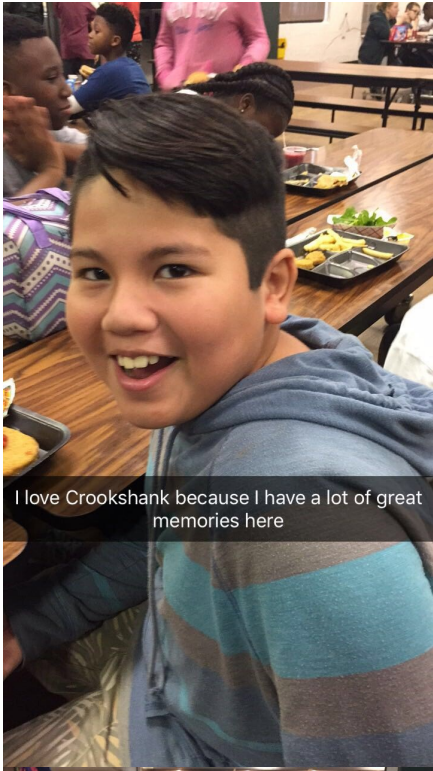
I love Crookshank because it's fun and I don't want to leave



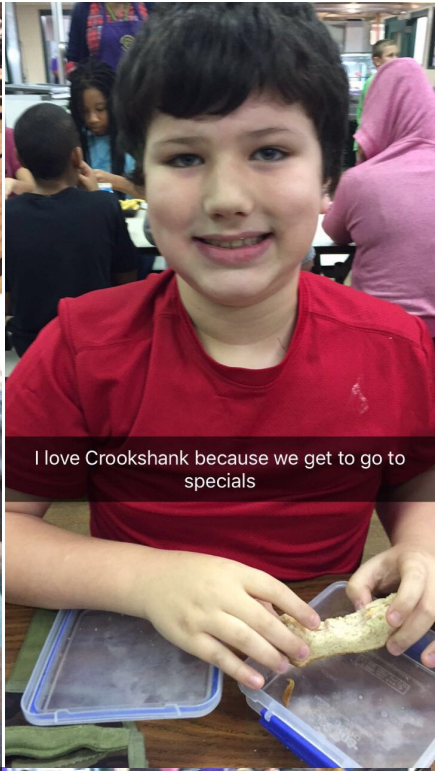
I love Crookshank because it's a cool school and it has really nice people in it and has one of the best principals

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I love Crookshank because I have a lot of great memories here



I love Crookshank because we get to go to specials



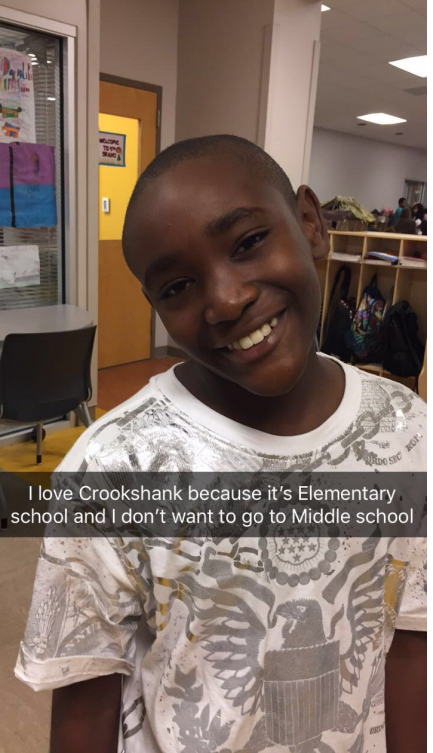
I love Crookshank because I have a lot of friends here



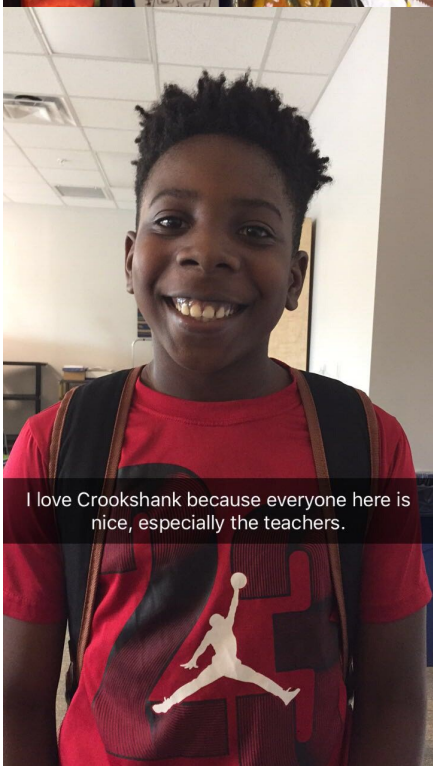
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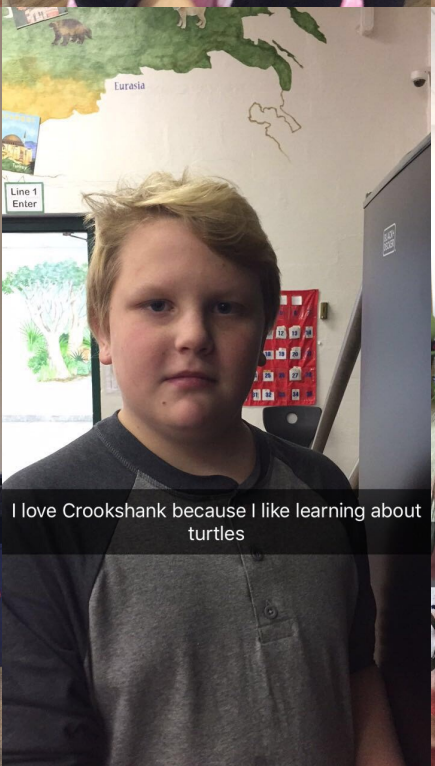
I love Crookshank because you make new friends and learn new things



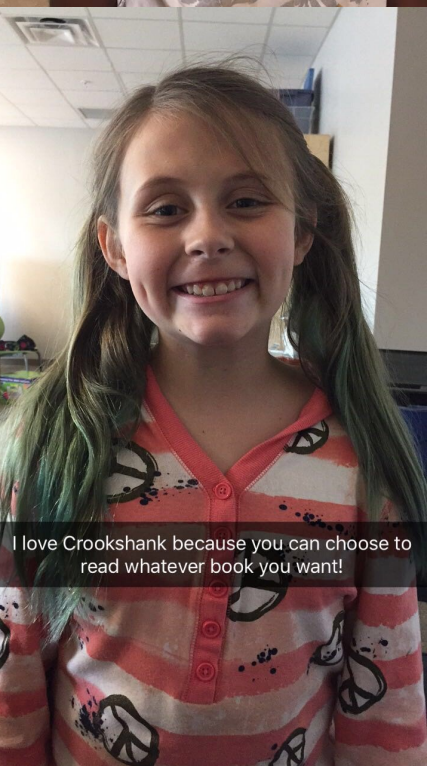
I love Crookshank because it's Elementary school and I don't want to go to Middle school



I love Crookshank because everyone here is nice, especially the teachers.



I love Crookshank because I like learning about turtles



I love Crookshank because you can choose to read whatever book you want!



I NEED TO STAY HOME IF.....

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head with live lice or nits (lice eggs)	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM.....

FEVER	VOMITING	DIARRHEA	RASH	HEAD LICE	EYE INFECTION	HOSPITAL
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have also been evaluated by my doctor if needed	Must be treated and ALL nits must be removed. Student must be cleared by nurse to return. Student may not ride the school bus until cleared	Evaluated by my doctor to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.

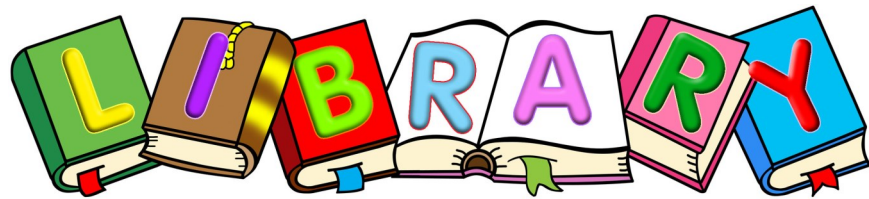
Any Questions?



Please call the clinic

(904) 547-7832

Library Lines



By Mary Linekin, Media Specialist

Brrrrr. We have had some cold days! But we are toasty warm in the library, reading many fine books. Our students take advantage of scheduled classes in the library, as well as times when they can come independently. Students are very proud when they learn they have moved up in their reading level, and now have access to different books. Their library cards are marked with their levels so they can track their progress and the students can use them as guides to find great books. We are fortunate to shelve 12, 000 titles in our Crookshank Library.



We celebrated Literacy Week with some special ac-



tivities. Along with school wide events. During literacy week, the library classes wrote what they liked about their school library and made decorations for our hallway and our interior walls. So many children wrote "I love to read." Some of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes explored a STEM activity and learned about building models to scale.

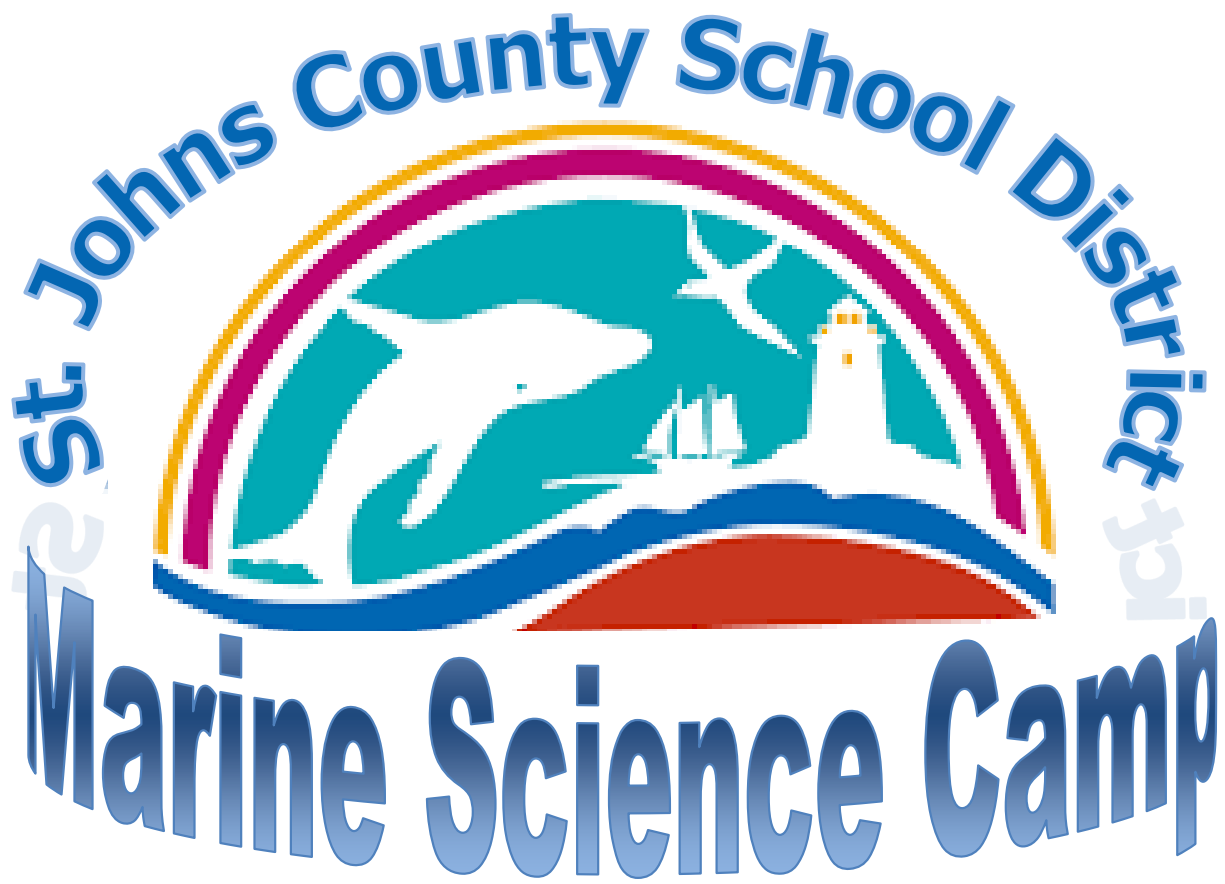
We used our beloved Lego collection, and used rulers to draw templates and to measure the length and width of the buildings.

Students in grades 3-5 have been reading Sunshine State books and we will begin to see which of those students are interested in being on the school's Battle of the Books team. Students will study the 15 Sunshine State Reader books vigorously so that they know details about the books inside and out! It is quite a challenge! Our elementary school battle will be held on May 10th.

As we enter February, we will honor Black History month with special readings from historical fiction and biographies.



**Happy
Reading
to All!**



SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

Parents,

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 12th. Applications will be due back to science teachers by March 5th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 13th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29st through June 7th, June 11th through June 21st, and June 25th through July 6th. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc. Specific grade level activities and curriculum are attached to the applications and are also available from the website.

More information about the program can be had by emailing Kristina Bransford at marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

CHOCOLATE AND BEYOND - A SWEET WAY TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Chocolate and Beyond, an exciting celebration of chocolate, desserts, and other culinary sensations, is coming up Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 2 - 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, 2980 Collins Avenue in St. Augustine. Guests will sample chocolate and other delicious creations from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops, while enjoying contests and a silent auction. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the event!

Samples of chocolates, desserts, and savory fare will be available from some of the area's finest culinary artisans. Guests will also cast their vote for the People's Choice Award winner. Great items such as restaurant gift certificates and tickets to fun attractions will be available for bid at the silent auction.

This event is hosted by RSVP of St. Johns County, and proceeds assist the program in recruiting, placing and recognizing volunteers 55 years and older as they mentor and tutor students in the St. Johns County School District, and as they assist in preschool reading in the Head Start program and local child care centers. Last year over 600 students received assistance from volunteers.

Tickets for Chocolate and Beyond are \$20 per person (\$10 for children under 12), and can be purchased online (www.rsvpstjohns.com) or at Whetstone Chocolates (139 King Street, St. Augustine, FL, 32084, and 13 Anastasia Blvd, St. Augustine, FL, 32080). Tickets will also be available at the door.

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25th Chocolate & Beyond 2018

Silver Anniversary



February 24, 2018

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

First Coast Technical College

2980 Collins Avenue

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Tickets \$20 each

www.rsvpstjohns.com , Whetstone

Chocolates King St & Anastasia Blvd,

or at the door

DELICIOUS FOODS
CULINARY ARTISANS
CULINARY ARTISAN CONTEST
SILENT AUCTION
ENTERTAINMENT
FUN

A benefit for
The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
(RSVP) of St. Johns County

REMINDERS:

SCHOOL BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8:30 AM

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY:

STUDENTS ARE TO BE PICKED UP BY 3:15 PM

NO STUDENT CHECKOUTS AFTER 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS:

NO STUDENT CHECKOUTS AFTER 1:00 PM

STUDENTS ARE TO BE PICKED UP BY 2:15 PM

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