

# Bobcat Bulletin

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2021 \*Virtual\* FLORIDA PTA LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE. Turning our Passion into Action! LegCon will include informative guest presenters, talking points for your meetings, and networking opportunities. We are all virtual this year. Virtual doors will open at 6 PM on Sunday, March 21st. On Monday, March 22nd, virtual doors open at 7:30 AM. **Who should attend?**

Parents and other caregivers, teachers, students, Council and local unit PTA leaders, and other child advocacy allies and community members who are concerned about the education, health, safety, and well-being of all children. Don't miss out on the opportunity to connect with PTA members and child advocates statewide! Students attend FREE!! Register [TODAY!!!](#)

## Mark Your Calendar

### March

8<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dads Meeting  
 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Spring Break  
 24<sup>th</sup> PTA Board Meeting

### April

1<sup>st</sup> Bobcat Bash Remix Dance Party with your Teacher

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## Will You Join Our 2021/2022 McKitrick PTA Board Next Year?

Our PTA Nominating Committee is in full recruitment mode to identify SUPER STAR & FUN candidates to be on our McKitrick PTA Board for next school year.

### PTA Board Volunteer Perks

- Be the first to know & stay informed on what's happening at school
- Build strong relationships with other volunteers, teachers, and school administration.
- Feel good about the contributions you made to help our school be an amazing place for children to learn & have fun too!
- Your child's excitement to have you involved in their school activities.



### Don't know what to volunteer for?

Our Nominating Committee will help you find the right position that best fits YOUR skills and time commitment!

### Don't want to go in it alone?

That's OK.. you can have a friend or another parent co-chair with you.

### How do I inquire?

[Complete this McKitrick PTA Nomination Google Form by Friday March 12th](#) and a member of our Nominating Committee will be in touch to discuss volunteer opportunities with you!!

## Quick Links

[McKitrick PTA Website](#)

[McKitrick PTA Store](#)

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# Parents' Guide to Student Success

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## KINDERGARTEN

This guide provides an overview of what your child will learn by the end of kindergarten in mathematics and English language arts/literacy. This guide is based on the new Common Core State Standards, which have been adopted by more than 45 states. If your child is meeting the expectations outlined in these standards, he or she will be well prepared for 1st grade.

### Why Are Academic Standards Important?

Academic standards are important because they help ensure that all students, no matter where they live, are prepared for success in college and the workforce. Standards provide an important first step — a clear roadmap for learning for teachers, parents, and students. Having clearly defined goals helps families and teachers work together to ensure that students succeed. They also will help your child develop critical thinking skills that will prepare him or her for college and career.

## English Language Arts & Literacy

### A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Kindergarten

- Naming upper- and lower-case letters, matching those letters with their sounds, and printing them
- Comparing the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories, such as fairy tales and folktales
- Retelling familiar stories and talking about stories read to them using details from the text
- Using a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to describe an event, including his or her reaction to what happened
- Stating an opinion or preference about a topic or book in writing (e.g., *My favorite book is . . .*)
- Taking part in classroom conversations and following rules for discussions (e.g., learning to listen to others and taking turns when speaking)
- Speaking clearly to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas, including descriptions of familiar people, places, things, and events
- Asking and answering questions about key details in stories or other information read aloud
- Understanding and using question words (e.g., *who, what, where, when, why, how*) in discussions
- Learning to recognize, spell, and properly use those little grammatical words that hold the language together (e.g., *a, the, to, of, from, I, is, are*)

### Talking to Your Child's Teacher

#### Keeping the conversation focused.

When you talk to the teacher, do not worry about covering everything. Instead, keep the conversation focused on the most important topics. In kindergarten, these include:

- Using knowledge of letters and letter-sound correspondences to figure out how to spell words as they sound
- Reading and understanding a story designed for early readers
- Ask to see a sample of your child's work. Ask the teacher questions such as: Is this piece of work satisfactory? How could it be better? Is my child on track? How can I help my child improve or excel in this area? If my child needs extra support or wants to learn more about a subject, are there resources to help his or her learning outside the classroom?

# Mathematics

## A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Kindergarten

- Counting objects to tell how many there are
- Comparing two groups of objects to tell which group, if either, has more; comparing two written numbers to tell which is greater
- Acting out addition and subtraction word problems and drawing diagrams to represent them
- Adding with a sum of 10 or less; subtracting from a number 10 or less; and solving addition and subtraction word problems
- Adding and subtracting very small numbers quickly and accurately (e.g.,  $3 + 1$ )
- Correctly naming shapes regardless of orientation or size (e.g., a square oriented as a "diamond" is still a square)

### TALKING TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

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When you talk to the teacher, do not worry about covering everything. Instead, keep the conversation focused on the most important topics. In kindergarten, these include:

- Counting to tell the number of objects (this will not be written work; ask the teacher for his or her observations of your child's progress in this area)
- Solving addition and subtraction word problems

## Help Your Child Learn at Home

Try to create a quiet place for your child to study, and carve out time *every day* when your child can concentrate. You should also try to sit down with your child at least once a week for 15 to 30 minutes while he or she works on homework. This will keep you informed about what your child is working on, and it will help you be the first to know if your child needs help with specific topics. Additionally, here are some activities you can do with your child to support learning at home:

### English Language Arts & Literacy

- Read with your child every day. Ask your child to explain his or her favorite parts of the story. Share your own ideas. To find more books for your child to read, visit [www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix\\_B.pdf](http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf).
- Encourage your child to tell you about his or her day at school. Have your child describe the picture to you.

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- Ask your child questions that require counting as many as 20 things. For example, ask, "How many books do you have about wild animals?"
- Ask your child questions that require comparing numbers. "Who is wearing more bracelets, you or your sister?" (Your child might use matching or counting to find the answer.)

For more information, the full standards are available at [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org).



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## Business Partner Spotlight: DeDomenico Orthodontics



DeDomenico Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry is proud to once again show their support for McKittrick Elementary. Both Dr. Matt DeDomenico & Dr. Dustin DeDomenico grew up in Tampa, attending the Academy of the Holy Names, Jesuit High School & Florida State University. They both graduated with honors from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Dr. Matt followed in his father's footsteps and received his certificate in Orthodontics from the University of Louisville. He is married to Dr. Alina de la Torre - a general dentist- and they have a 6 year old son, Tyler.

Dr. Dustin received his advanced training in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Louisville and Kosair Children's Hospital. He received a Masters degree in conjunction with his certification in Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Dustin & his wife Shannon have three children - Emma (12), Jack (9) & Luke (3).

It really is a family affair at DeDomenico Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Matt treats patients of all ages & recommends that all children be evaluated by age 7 for developing bite problems. More adults & teens than ever are getting Orthodontic treatment with Invisalign & Dr. Matt is a Premier Invisalign provider. His practice is unique in that he believes it's important to personally see every patient at each visit.

Dr. Dustin treats children of all ages & recommends that babies have their first dental visit by age 1. He offers a full range of services including laser surgery and sedation for children with anxiety or special healthcare needs. Dr. Dustin loves what he does, and his enthusiasm is contagious.

Both doctors are very active in the community & support local professional, high school & youth sports. They are avid fishermen & welcome any opportunity to share their "fish tales". They have three convenient office locations in Carrollwood, Lutz and Odessa. Please check them out on their websites at [www.dedoortho.com](http://www.dedoortho.com) & [www.dedomenicopedo.com](http://www.dedomenicopedo.com) and like them on Facebook at [DeDomenico Orthodontics & DeDomenico Pediatric Dentistry](#). Going to the dentist is fun & they cannot wait to see more smiling faces.





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