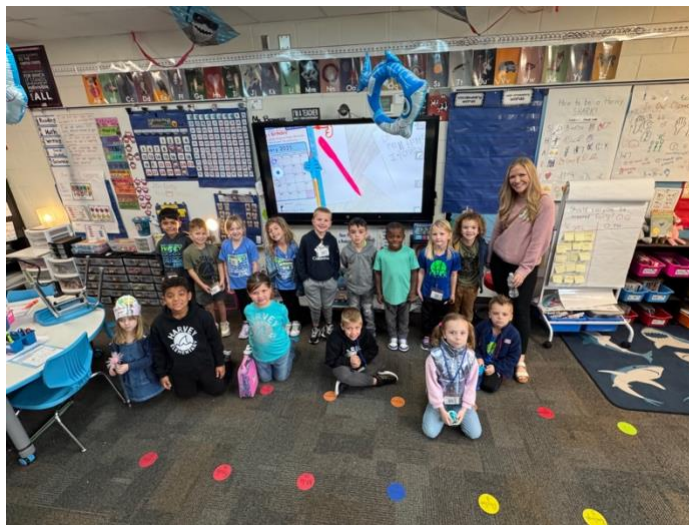


Sunday Shark Update 2.3.25

Happy Sunday Sharks! We have a BUSY week this week! Make sure to read our update carefully so you are aware of all the happenings taking place. It is sure to be a fun week!

Welcome Mrs. Luther!

We are so excited to welcome our student teacher for the next 12 weeks, Mrs. Luther! Mrs. Luther will be with us every day learning how to be a teacher! She will begin teaching some lessons under my supervision and getting to know our Sharks. We are so excited to have her. She was able to meet our Sharks a few weeks ago.



February Calendar Preview

Below is our Feb. Calendar that will be in folders tomorrow. Calendars will now be in the BACK of your child's Communication Binder. It is easier to put them in this way!

Keep this inside your child's folder and sign every night.
If you need to write me a note then you will draw a star inside the box for the day and use the notebook paper in the back for your message.



February 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 100 th Day of School! Dress like you are 100!	4	5	6 ZooTampa Field Trip! Read "Know Before You Go" Carefully!	7
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
10	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day! See Flyer for details!
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12
17 NO SCHOOL President's Day	18	19 Class Picture Day! Flyers Coming Soon!	20 PTO/SAC Meeting	21
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
24	25	26	27	28
Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9



Please snuggle up with me **EVERY** night and read with me.



Please have your child wear shoes that are appropriate for days that they have P.E.

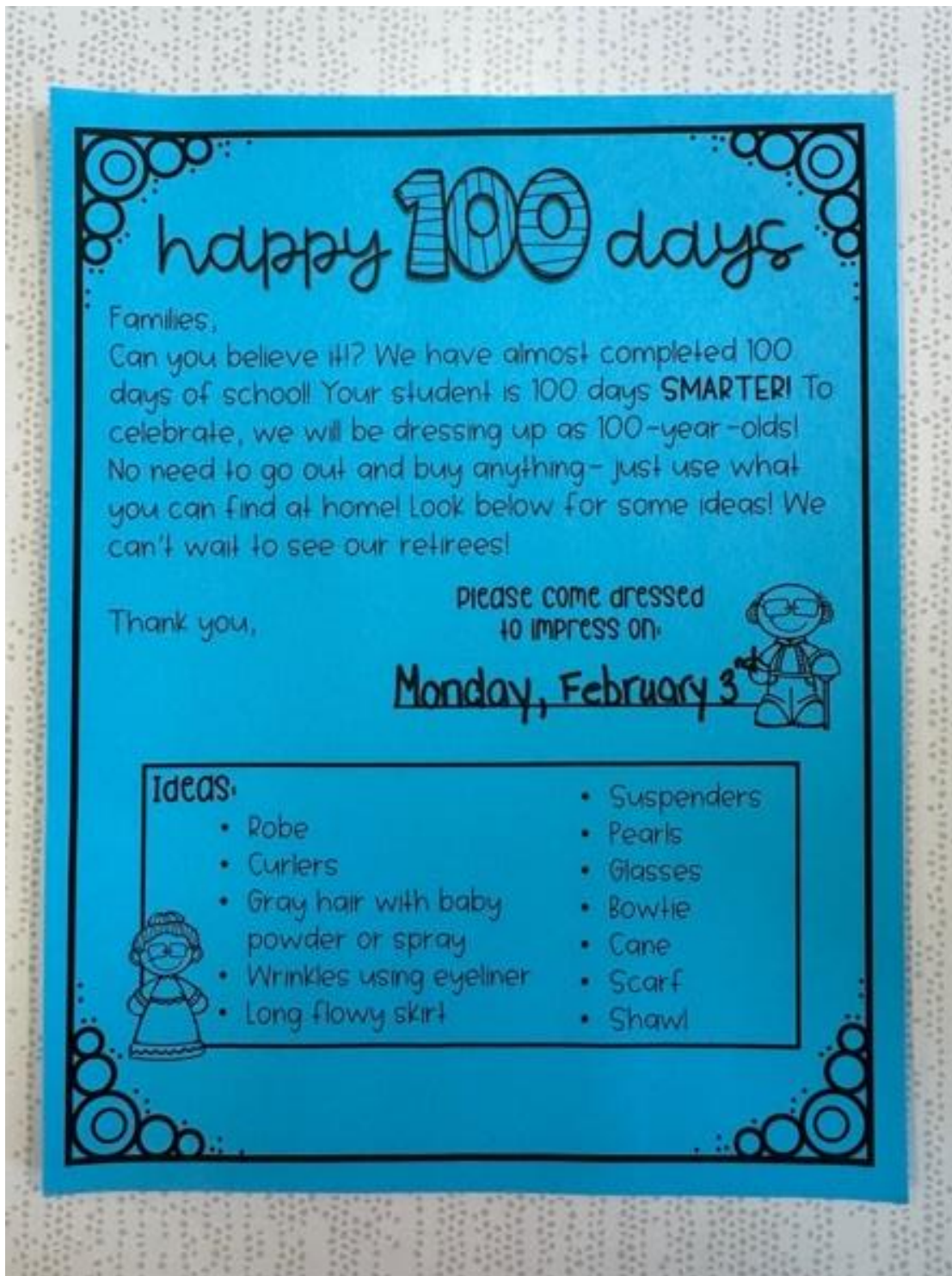
Day 1 – Music
Day 2 – P.E. 1- Lim
Day 3 – Media
Day 4 – STEM
Day 5 – P.E. 2- Weider
Day 6 – Art
Day 7 – Music
Day 8 – P.E. 3- Shaw
Day 9 – Media
Day 10 – P.E. 4- Haan
Day 11 – Lab
Day 12 – P.E. 5- Arevalo

100th Day of School!

The 100th Day of School is tomorrow! This is a special day in kindergarten, and we will be celebrating by doing everything 100! Check out the SignUpGenius link below if you would like to volunteer to help us celebrate or donate items. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACA92AAAF4C34-54525226-100th>

Don't forget your child is invited to dress up like they are 100! It is sure to be a fun day!



Know Before You Go- ZooTampa Field Trip info.

PLEASE read the Know Before You Go below and attached carefully! This is all the info you need to know for our trip to ZooTampa! This document is for ALL PARENTS including Chaperones.

Your child needs to be to school on time (no later than 8:20am), dressed in their field trip shirt (coming home on Wednesday), comfortable bottoms and sneakers. We will be having lunch at the zoo, but if you would like to send your child with money for snacks or souvenirs you may (I suggest no more than \$20). If you are not attending the trip with your child, they will be responsible for holding their own money.



Know Before You Go

Reminders for ZooTampa at Lowry Park

Chaperones, be sure your driver's license has been scanned by the front office to ensure you are in our Raptor system. You will be required to wear your visitor sticker while on the trip. This must be done ahead of time, prior to the day of the field trip. On the day of the field trip, your child's teacher will provide you with this sticker badge. Once you drop off your child to school, you will begin driving and meet us at ZooTampa. Once you have entered the park, you will meet us in the round courtyard at the front of the park. Here, we will take a class picture, then split up into chaperone groups. After this, you are free to explore the park with your group. You are expected to fulfill your duties for the full duration of the trip, unless a medical or family emergency requires your early departure. Please plan to stay for the full day.

Students must wear their blue Harvey kindergarten shirt and comfortable sneakers, and must be at school no later than 8:15 before the first bell rings. We will need to get a head start on using the bathroom prior to boarding the bus at 8:45 a.m., as well as reviewing field trip expectations with our students. Be sure your child either eats breakfast at home, or arrives early enough to school to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Backpacks will need to be left at home, and students will not need to bring anything with them except a disposable water bottle. While we know that an hour may seem like a long ride, the friendly conversation of peers and entertainment from teachers will provide plenty of distraction and help the time on the bus pass quickly.

Your child's teacher will let you know the best way to communicate with him/her for the duration of the field trip. Please be sure you are regularly checking your phones in case we need to get ahold of you, and do not hesitate to reach out if you have a question or need assistance. We are always happy to help! ☺

Chaperones must remain with their groups at all times, and are responsible for the students in their group. Chaperones are also expected to supervise students entering and exiting the restroom. Chaperone groups are welcome to and encouraged to join together and tour the zoo together. Per district policy, siblings are not permitted to attend if you are chaperoning. This is because full, undivided attention must be given to the students you are supervising. If siblings are in attendance, students will be reassigned to other groups, and you will be relieved of your chaperone responsibilities. You and your children will still be permitted to join other groups and tour the zoo together.

We want everyone to have fun on our trip as we learn about the different animals at the zoo. Students are expected to conduct themselves with integrity, and please keep in mind that running, pushing, and shouting scares the animals. Students may not feed the animals, throw things into the exhibits, and must remain outside of all safety barriers and fences. Following these guidelines helps to ensure the safety of our students and the animals we are visiting.

While the weather is expected to be mild on the day of the field trip, please apply sunscreen to your child prior to bringing them to school. Hats are permitted to be worn if your child wishes to do so to help keep eyes

shaded and cool. Teachers and staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen to your child. Students and chaperones are encouraged to bring a disposable water bottle. There are water fountains throughout the park, and water bottles can be refilled throughout the day as needed. Please do not send in your child's regular water bottle because we do not want these to get lost or left behind at the park. Outside food and drinks are not permitted (excluding water bottles). As stated, students must wear their blue Harvey Kindergarten shirts for the field trip. This will help designate our group. Students may not wear bathing suits or bring towels, and will not be getting wet, soaked, or playing in any splash zones/areas of the park.

Students may bring money to purchase souvenirs from gift shops if you wish for them to do so. Chaperones must accompany students if visiting the gift shop. Students are responsible for their money. Please do not expect teachers or chaperones to hold or manage your child's money or souvenirs.

Apart from animal exhibits, ZooTampa features rides for children. Chaperones are required to stand and maintain visual contact of students at the ride loading/unloading area for all rides to ensure the safety of students. Chaperones must accompany students for the Safari Ride if you choose to participate in this experience. Please remember that students are not permitted to play in any splash zones or areas.

Lunch is being provided by ZooTampa and was included in the admission price of the field trip. Lunch will be served at 11:30 - 12:00 for Lunch Group 1 (Phillips, Bernaert, Grant, Dressel, & Gleason), and 12:00 - 12:30 for Lunch Group 2 (Carpenter, Naylor, Pescuma, Light, & Smeralda) in the Saunders Pavilion, located near the front of the park where we all met upon arrival and took pictures. Please be on time. Chaperones should plan to purchase their lunch before or after the student lunch that will be served in the event pavilion. Seats will be limited and chairs are reserved for students only, however, you are more than welcome to take your lunches with you and find alternative seating nearby around the zoo if preferred.

At the conclusion of our field trip, all teacher and chaperone groups will meet at the front of the zoo entrance promptly at 3:00 in the circular courtyard. We will be reboarding the charter buses no later than 3:15 to come back to school campus. Chaperones, please plan to have students in your group use the restroom prior to meeting so that we can expedite the process of reboarding buses and getting back to school on time. Chaperones, if you wish to take your child home with you from the zoo, you will need to sign out your child with your child's teacher before leaving and sign a Release of Liability form. We will return to school by 4:30 p.m.

Once we arrive back at Harvey, students will get off the bus and be gathered in front of the school with their respective teacher. **Parents, please do not take your child until your child's teacher has dismissed your**

child to you. This is to ensure everyone has been accounted for and that your child's teacher does not have a panic attack. If your child is enrolled in the Reef aftercare program and will not be picked up immediately after the field trip, your child will be brought to Reef.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and memorable day at the zoo!












ATTENTION CHAPERONES

Dear Chaperones,

Hi! I am so excited that you will be joining us for our Zoo Tampa field trip on **Thursday, February 6, 2025**. Everything is planned, and we are looking forward to a fun and educational day!

Chaperone Assignments & Groups

Our class has eight students without a parent chaperone, so you will possibly have 1 student assigned to your group. I've made lanyard name tags for all students, each featuring a **lion** to help identify our group. If possible, I encourage you to stay together in small groups with other students from our class for part of the day so they can enjoy the experience with their classmates. I understand this might not work perfectly, and that's okay!

Important Times & Locations	Important Reminders:
<p> 9:45 AM -Arrival at Zoo Tampa</p> <p>- Buses should arrive during this time.</p> <p>-Meet us at the manatee statue (just past the entrance).</p> <p>-Please try to gather with other parents from our class.</p> <p>-Do not leave with your child or group until we take a class photo.</p> <p> 11:30 PM-Lunch at Saunders Pavilion- Near Entrance</p> <p>Please arrive on time. Our scheduled serving time is 11:30-12:00, and the pavilion has limited seating. We need to finish and clear out by 12:00.</p> <p>-Chaperones should plan to grab their own lunch either before or after our student lunch period.</p> <p>-Students will wear wristbands indicating their pre-ordered lunch choice:</p> <p>Blue = Chicken Tenders Green = Hot Dog</p> <p>*Zoo Tampa does not allow outside food or drinks.</p> <p> 3:00 PM-Meet at Entrance- Drop off students to me if you are taking your child home.</p> <p>-Please ensure students use the bathroom and complete any shopping before this time.</p> <p> 3:00-3:30 PM-Exit Zoo Tampa as a Group</p> <p> 3:30 PM-Buses Depart from Zoo Tampa</p> <p> 4:30 PM- Buses Return to Harvey Elementary</p>	<p> Save My Cell Number: (574) 329-4710. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I will also create a group chat for all class chaperones.</p> <p> Chaperones Are Responsible for Their Own Lunch - Only student lunches were pre-ordered.</p> <p> Taking Your Child Home from the Zoo?</p> <p>-If you plan to take your child home instead of having them ride the bus back to Harvey, you must inform me of when you leave. Please try to stay the whole day so all students can enjoy the day!</p> <p>I will complete the departure time once you notify me that you are leaving. Please do not take your child without completing this form and informing me you are leaving with your child. If you need to leave early, please text me so we can coordinate the return of any students who may be with you. I will also need to add the time you leave to your release form.</p>

I'm so thankful to have you join us for this special trip! Please text me any cute pictures throughout the day, I'd love to see them! 📷 Thank you, Mr. Bernaert & Mrs. Luther (Student Teacher) ❤️

Information specific to you is below! I will also send it in our group message!

District Writing Assessment

On Tuesday and Wednesday your child will be completing the district writing assessment. This assessment will show what your child knows about writing we have learned so far! There is nothing you need to do for this. We are seeing how your child is progressing!

Uniform Policy

Please be sure that you are aware of our uniform policy that can be found on our school website under the “parents and students” tab. As we have entered this last half of our school year, we are seeing students getting lax about following our policy. If students are not in uniform, and do not have a NUT Day pass, they may be asked to change clothes. We have a uniform closet with gently used uniform items for any family who may need it. Please inquire at our front office if your child needs additional uniform compliant clothing.

Mystery Reader

A Mystery Reader is a surprise reader that comes to our class on a day that fits your schedule! You choose a children's book to read to the class and plan a craft/activity that goes along with the book! I am happy to help you! You will be responsible for planning the book, craft, and materials for 19 students. However, I have LOTS of materials so before you purchase anything, reach out to see if I have what you need. I will be there to help the whole time and will help facilitate. Sign up for a month and let me know a day that works for you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACA92AAAF4C34-52301403-mystery>

Classroom Website

Important links, documents, information, etc. can be found on my classroom website! Please let this be your first go to for information! Bookmark it on your phone!

www.mrbteaches.com

Class Snack Amazon Wishlist Link

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/25TYVOSAEIAV8?ref=wl_share

Parent Report Card Guide

https://www.manateeschools.net/cms/lib/FL02202357/Centricity/Domain/1130/Kinder_Parent_Guide_2023-2024.pdf

Dismissal

Reminder that Dismissal changes are due in PMK by 2:15 PM!

Important Dates:

- *2/3-100th Day!
- *2/6- ZooTampa field Trip
- *2/14- Valentine's Day- Information coming soon

Academics for this Week

Phonics & Handwriting

This week we are learning how to sound out CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words as well as build these words! We are learning how to identify the beginning, middle, and ending sounds!

Red Words (high frequency words)

had- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s23bIFRvrEs>

got- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvLHBF-5K2E>

Reading Workshop/Guided Reading

We will continue exploring non-fiction text about animals we will see at the zoo!
We will be learning how to identify the topic and multiple details from the text.

Writing

We are learning what writers do! Writers:

1. Think
2. Draw
3. Label
4. Write

We are now learning that writers write sentences! Writers write sentences by:

- Sound out words by saying them slow like a turtle. Then write the sounds they hear.
- Put a finger space between each word
- Begin the sentence with an uppercase letter and end it with a period.

We will continue our Zoo Animal informational books! This is one of my favorite units! We will learn about animals we will see at the zoo and then write about the animal. This unit will take us a few weeks, I will send home their books once they are done!

Math

- This week will begin mixing up addition and subtraction problems because they can be “related facts.” This means we use the same numbers but with different symbols. We will be using Gus the Plus and Linus the Minus! We will learn:
 1. How to differentiate an addition and subtraction problem.
 2. How to draw a picture to help us solve the problem.
 3. How to use our fingers to solve the problem.
 4. How to identify if we are adding or subtracting BEFORE we begin solving.

Science

In Science, we will explore living and non-living things.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we will continue with US Symbols and learn about why patriotic holidays are important.

Sunday Call-out from Administration

Good evening, Harvey Shark families,

Hopefully, you're enjoying our beautiful weekend! Coming up this week at Harvey, our students will be taking a writing assessment to demonstrate their writing skills. Testing days vary by grade level so look for more information from your child's teacher.

On Wednesday, February 5th, we are celebrating our school counselors. We appreciate all the support and encouragement they provide to our students and staff.

Then, on Friday, February 7th, we will recognize our crossing guards. We have six crossing guards who work hard to get our Sharks safely to and from school each day. If your child is a walker or bike rider, please give our crossing guards a word of thanks when you see them!

Lastly, if you find yourself in need of some Girl Scout cookies, a few of our Sharks will be hosting a drive through cookie booth in Harvey's parking lot next Friday evening, February 7th, from 4:00-8:00pm. Pull through and get a treat, if you need one.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your evening, Sharks!