

Sunday Shark Update 8.18.24

We did it! We made it through our first week of school! I hope your Shark had the best first week and had lots of stories to share with you!

We had a great week learning classroom and school procedures as well as getting to know each other and becoming a class family. We will continue that this week and learn about the Harvey SHARKS Expectations. Stay tuned for a special video of our Harvey SHARKS Chant!

If you haven't yet, make sure to join our classroom Facebook Page to see all the pictures and videos of what we are doing during the day!

This weekend I caught up on LOTS of sleep! We also enjoyed an evening at Chart House on Longboat Key with our good friends!



Things I Love Project

On Friday, your child came home with a Things I Love project! This is a wonderful project for you to do together with your child. Projects are due this Friday. I have attached the directions to the email version on this update and they are also below. If you have misplaced the blank pages, and paper will work if it is 7 x 9.5 inches. This is so I can attach them to your child's learning journal.

Things I Love Project

Dear Families,

I am so excited our school year has begun! I want to help make your Sharks as comfortable as possible on their days away from home and the things that they have perhaps become accustomed to over the summer. To do so, I am asking that your student create a small poster/s (attached- please only use one side) filled with pictures of things they love! These pictures can be magazine clippings, images you find from the internet, real photographs, or even labeled drawings.

These pictures can be of big things (like places you like to visit or vacation, family members, hobbies/sports, etc.) or they could be small things (like favorite color, games, toys, bugs, animals, etc.) The possibilities are endless and the only requirement is that they are pictures of things that bring your little one comfort and joy.

On the back of this letter is an example of a small poster that I made of things that I love. Each of the things on my poster bring me comfort and joy when I look at it. I will be attaching these to your child's learning notebook as quick reminder of what is waiting for them outside of school.

This poster project will also be used during our writing time together. Students may look at their poster when they need of an idea for a writing topic. The more pictures you include the better (see my example).

Our projects are due on Friday, August 23.
Have fun! -Mr. Bernaert



Labeling Items

Our school is LARGE! Our lost and found will soon be overflowing with items. If you haven't already written your child's name on their jacket, lunchbox, and water bottle, please do so! This will help us return lost items to our students.

Summer Learning Activities

If our students have participated in any summer learning activities, they are going to want to bring documentation of their work to their teachers this week. We are making final plans for a celebration of summer learning for these students who chose to reach for extra and keep their learning going throughout the summer.

Snack

If your child is participating in class snack, please make sure to donate a snack for 18 students for the month of August! Additionally, if your child is bringing a snack from home, please make sure it is a healthy snack. Our snack wish list link is below!

Class Snack Amazon Wishlist Link

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

What Does Your Child Need this Week?

Your child needs all the same items from last week! Please keep the dismissal band on their backpack for the remainder of the year. We will use wrist dismissal bands one more week.

If you did not provide an extra pair of shoes in the extra clothes bag and a pair is available, please include them. I know not every child has an extra pair. I ask for this because in the event of an accident, shoes can also get wet/messy.

Supplemental Resource Supply Money

As part of our supply list, we ask for \$25 to use on supplies throughout the year. This money is used for transformations and fun events, etc. Please send your payment in as soon as possible! You can pay online using the QR code I sent home during Open House, or you can send cash or check (made out to Harvey Elementary School. The payment link is also available below.

<https://manateeschools.revtrak.net/r11#/f/harvey-es-kindergarten-supplemental-resources>

Dismissal

Your child's safety is very important. Dismissal is new and top priority. The PikMyKid app is very important and is needed to make any changes in your child's daily mode of transportation. Please ensure that your child wears their shark fin necklace and dismissal bracelet this week. The backpack bracelet will remain on your child's backpack all year. All students are assigned a primary dismissal, if at any time this needs to be changed, please contact me and I will have it changed. If you need to change your child's dismissal for the day, you will need to do so in PikMyKid by 2:00pm. Your patience and flexibility are appreciated in the dismissal process.

Important Dates:

Aug. 22- SAC/PTO Meeting

Aug. 23- Things I Love Project Due

Academics for this Week:

Our second week will be filled with activities focused on:

- Classroom community building.

- Our class is a family
- Getting to know one another.
- Routines and procedures
- Spelling, writing, and reading our own name, classmates names, and Mr. Bernaert's name.
- Stamina building (It is a long day!).
- Getting to know our school and its staff.

Phonics & Handwriting

We will begin to recognize rhyme as well as break words into their syllables and put syllables together. Additionally, we will be learning how to write the letters in our name correctly.

High Frequency/Sight Words

Reading Workshop/Guided Reading

We will continue to read back to school stories, focusing on parts of the book and how to take care of our books. This week we will make our class contract which will state our classroom expectations for the week!

Writing

We will be working on writing our first names the proper way. We will discuss that the first letter is the only capital letter, and the rest of the letters are small.

Math

We are going to learn about our math tool kits and how we use manipulatives such as counters, number lines, 100 charts, and 5 frames to help us with our math skills.

Science

We will start with what a scientist is and what they do. We will look at some of the tools scientist can use as well

Social Studies

This week we will focus on how to be a good citizen and what that looks like in our community and in our classroom.

I am SO excited for a great week with our Sharks! Remember, if you need anything, please reach out!

Sunday Call-out from Administration

Good evening, Harvey Elementary families,

Our 24-25 school year is off to a great start! I hope your children came home excited about school last week and are ready to come back on campus tomorrow. Our K and 1st grade students should continue to wear their teacher name necklaces and dismissal wristbands at least one more week. If they need a new one, we'll have them available in the morning.

If you haven't already written your child's name on their jacket, lunchbox, and water bottle, please do so. This will help us return lost items to our students.

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This Thursday, August 22nd, we have our first PTO and SAC meetings of the year. The PTO meeting will begin at 6pm in our media center and our SAC meeting will begin immediately afterwards. Come hear about the activities our PTO has planned for the year and learn about school operations during our SAC meeting.

As expected, the speed of our arrival and dismissal process has improved each day

and you can help us continue to get faster. If your child is a car rider in the afternoon, please be sure to have your blue car rider tag displayed and visible to our staff members who work in the car line. If your child is a walker, we ask that in the afternoon, you arrange a location to meet your child and have your child walk to you. When parents start entering the crosswalk or crowding the corner where the children need to walk, it creates congestion and impedes the ability of our crossing guards, staff, and students to cross. Remember that signing your child up as a walker, means that they can walk off campus independently. If you are not comfortable with this, you will want to consider making your child a car rider and using the car rider loop for pick-up.

Please be sure that if your child is being dropped off or picked up as a car rider, you use the car rider loop to do so. It is not safe and it impedes traffic flow when students and parents are walking through the car rider lanes unnecessarily. You will see some select parents and students walking to and from our back door entrance. This entrance is for students in our self-contained ESE classrooms. Please be mindful of these families crossing in our crosswalks and leave the crosswalks open so they can utilize these to safely get to and from their cars.

We'll be posting pictures of what's happening in our classrooms and across campus, so if you aren't already following us on Facebook, please do! That all for this week!

Enjoy the rest of your evening, Harvey Sharks!