

Message from the Principal

Egypt Lake Students and Families,

Summer 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are eager for this year to begin and we want to thank you for enrolling your child at Egypt Lake Elementary School. Our school is committed to providing high quality instruction, positive learning experiences and a safe environment for your child so he/she can thrive and reach their full potential. We stand committed and ready to meet your child's individual needs whether they return to our campus in person or choose to work virtually as an elearning student. The faculty and staff are excited about the unlimited potential this school year will bring!

Our faculty, staff and I believe the connection between the home and school is critical to student success. There are some simple, yet very effective ways you can support your child's learning as outlined below.

- Planning – Uniforms are laid out the night before school so there's no confusion in the morning and to start the day smoothly with less stress. Papers and planners are signed and backpacks are packed the night before for quicker access in the morning.
- Rest - A good night's sleep so the child is well rested and ready to tackle a new day of growth and learning.
- Nourishment - Breakfast in the morning (free at school for everyone) will help your child be ready for learning.
- Punctuality – School begins at 7:40 am. That means all students should retrieve their breakfast and be in the classroom before the bell rings.

Ensuring your child has an adequate area at home to do homework is essential in their education. This "Success Zone" can be a simple desk, a kitchen table or a quiet area in the home for doing school work. Your child may also utilize the Egypt Lake Partnership Library located directly next to our school. Please visit the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative website for a complete listing of their hours and activities.

Establishing academic routines such as readings and going over schoolwork daily will help your child be prepared and ultimately be successful in the classroom. It builds confidence and your child will always feel prepared.

Communication with the teacher is a key to a successful partnership. Feel free to share notes in the planner, leave a phone message in the front office or schedule a parent/teacher conference. You can always contact myself and our assistant principal as we are happy to help answer questions and assist your family.

We hope you can join us for Open House on Thursday, August 6th from 3:00-5:00. Each family will receive a personal ParentLink phone message with an email the week prior with more information about the name of your child's teacher and the room number. You will be able to see your child's classroom, meet the teacher, join PTA and buy spirit t-shirts at this event.

It is a pleasure to serve as your principal. I anticipate your involvement and support in our community as we look forward to a successful year! Our EAGLES are ready to SOAR

With warm regards,

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