



# Graceville Elementary School

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Our character trait for the month of December is resourcefulness.

## Roundup In Learning

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
December 1	December 2 *Santa Pictures	December 3 *City Tree Lighting 5:30 Bay Line @ City Library	December 4	December 7

### “Paws-abilities” at GES

#### December

- 2 ~ Santa Pictures
- 3 ~ City Tree Lighting 5:30p.m. Bay Line
- 15 ~ AR Christmas Store 5:00 p.m. @ GES
- 15 ~ PTO Meeting 5:40 p.m. @ GES
- 15 ~ Christmas Concert 6:00 p.m. @ GES Gymnasium
- 17 ~ Church Visits
- 17 ~ Holiday Concert 1:30 GES
- 21-Jan.1 ~ *Christmas and New Year Holidays—NO SCHOOL*

#### January

- 4 ~ Students and Mrs. Slinker’s PreK Return
- 4-8 ~ PreK Home Visits
- 7 ~ Help Your Child with FCAT Writing 6:00-7:00 p.m. Parents of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders
- 11 ~ PreK Returns
- 12 ~ Chorus & Orff Resume Practice
- 13 ~ Guitar II Resumes Practice
- 15 ~ End of 9 Weeks
- 15 ~ Guitar I Resumes Practice
- 18 ~ *Martin Luther King Holiday—NO SCHOOL*
- 19 ~ *Teacher Workday—NO SCHOOL—Parent Conferences*
- 20-22 ~ Jackson County Writes
- 26-28 ~ FCAT Writing Camp 4th Grade Students
- 26 ~ Report Card Day

## Music News

GES students have had an exciting fall in music. They’ve experienced an additional teacher/intern this semester, Audrey Winings, who is graduating from BCF this semester. We all miss her!

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are completing assessments. Scores for these assessments will be reflected on progress reports. The assessments are very difficult and

indicate educational strengths and challenges. Help your child by encouraging these behaviors: following class rules, paying attention in class, and participating fully in every activity.

Fourth grade students are continuing the study of recorder. There are short and long term goals. The goal at this time is to earn orange beads by December 10. Check those recorders! If your child doesn’t have orange beads, he/she need additional practice.

Third grade students are learning note names in preparation for playing recorders the second semester. If internet access is available at home, please allow your children to play the note name games at [www.classicsforkids.com](http://www.classicsforkids.com). The Graceville Library also has internet access available to the community. All third grade students will need a recorder in January. (Hint: This would make a great gift! If you would like to purchase one, they are available in the music room for \$5.)

The GES Tiger Chorus will present a concert on December 15, at 6:00 in the gym. These students have worked diligently the entire semester and will surprise you!

Eight students from GES audition for the Florida Elementary All-State Chorus this year. Congratulations to *Sierra Ennis, Brianna Henderson, Kaitlin Jordan, Satin Salaam, Rachael Stickle, Sarah Stickle, Ziah White and Ariel Wyatt* for completing the rigorous audition process. These girls rehearsed after school for several weeks. Two of the students were selected by state adjudicators to participate in the All-State Chorus in January. *Sierra Ennis and Ziah White* will be traveling to Tampa the first week in January for the experience of a life-time! They are already learning their music for the concert which will feature 215 of the best 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade singers *in the state*.

## Fitness: Get Little Couch Potatoes Moving

“Tiny tykes can be tough to keep up with, so they must be super-active, right? Wrong. A recent study found that, contrary to conventional wisdom, preschoolers don’t move around much. In fact, 89% of daytime “activity” occurred while kids were sitting or barely moving. Those who could go outdoors, with balls and sports gear available, tended to be more active.

Whether your child is in kindergarten or ready for college, one thing is certain: All kids should get at least 60 minutes of activity every day, even if it’s not consecutive.”

*USA Weekend—Nov. 6-8, 2009*

## Box Tops for Education

Help your school library by collecting Box Tops for Education. During the next several weeks Tuesday Tracks will feature a list of products that have Box Tops points printed on the package. Cut out and collect Box Tops to purchase books for the library.

- Nestle® Juicy Juice®
- Nestle® Juicy Juice® Harvest Surprise®
- Hefty® Clear Colors Disposable Cups
- Hefty® Crystal Clear Disposable Cups
- Hefty® Crystal Clear Plates
- Hefty® Diamond Deluxe™ Paper Plates
- Hefty® Easy Grip® Disposable Cups
- Hefty® Elegantware® Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Everyday Foam Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® EZ Foil® Pans
- Hefty® Hearty Meals™ Plates and Platters
- Hefty® Superweight™ Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Supreme™ Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Zoo Pals® Cups
- Hefty® Zoo Pals® Funtensils
- Hefty® Zoo Pals® Plates and Bowls

## Worth Quoting

You can always find a capable hand at the end of your own sleeve.

*Zig Ziglar*

## Resource for Parents

The Florida Partnership for Family Involvement in Education  
[www.floridapartnership.usf.edu](http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu)

## Cool Websites for Kids

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/>  
[www.graceville-elementary.com](http://www.graceville-elementary.com)  
[www.kboutonsmusic.com](http://www.kboutonsmusic.com)



<http://www.dcmi.com/peanuts/Photo4.html>



## Peanut Allergies: Stay Tuned for a Cure

There has been a rise in food allergies for many children in the last several years. Peanut butter, once a staple in most homes, is avoided in many due to allergies to peanuts.

Now, a potential cure is in sight according to *USA Weekend*. “A small study found that kids exposed to daily doses of peanut flour over an extended period of time seemed to develop a tolerance for the food. Researchers are hopeful that the technique will help develop a cure. In the meantime, keep your child away from nuts if he’s allergic.”

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