



Graceville Elementary School

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Our character trait for the month of February is initiative.

Roundup In Learning

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
February 16	February 17	February 18 *School Advisory Council 7:30 a.m. *Gulf Power Presentation— 4th Grade 9:00 a.m.	February 19	February 22

“Paws-abilities” at GES

February

Black History Month

National Dental Health Month

- 18 ~ School Advisory Council
7:30 a.m.
- 18 ~ Gulf Power Presentation—4th Grade 9:00 a.m.
- 23 ~ Dr. Bill Hudson Speaks to 2nd-5th Grades
- 25 ~ Graceville Town Hall Meeting w/
Superintendent, Mr. Lee Miller and the
Directors at City Hall 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March

- 1 ~ Dr. Seuss’s Birthday—Read Across
America Week
- 2 ~ Class & Group Pictures
- 9-17 ~ FCAT Testing
- 19 ~ AR Store
- 24 ~ End of 9 Weeks
- 29-April 2 ~ Spring Break—NO SCHOOL



I am so proud of the privilege to be the principal at Graceville Elementary School. I have found this to be a place of hardworking, caring, and experienced professionals; a place that has parent and community support; and a place that has the best students around.

I believe that a good partnership between school and home is vital to the success of students. GES needs and wants you to be part of our school. In the future there will be a variety of reading, writing, math, and other types of workshops sponsored by the school to help you help your children. I hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities. I look forward to meeting each of you and invite you to stop by anytime.

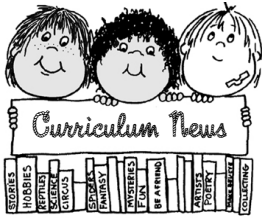
Academic excellence is my goal. Our faculty and staff will work diligently to provide a solid curriculum based on scientific research. Through whole and small group instruction, along with various projects and engaging activities, I hope our students will experience the joy of learning.

I also recognize the importance of character development in our students. GES is a Character First school and will continue to try and instill in our students the traits of responsibility, tolerance, initiative, patience, self-control, and creativity. I want our students to give their best effort everyday. Together we can help every child have a wonderful educational experience.

Worth Quoting

All achievement is the triumph of persistence.

John Rennie



5th Grade News

Fifth graders are continuing to work hard in preparing for 2010 FCAT. We will be tested in Reading, Math, and Science.

The Jackson County Quiz Bowl Competition will be held in Marianna on April 14, 2010. We will be competing against other teams of 5th grade students. Team members will be selected and begin practicing for this event in the coming weeks.

We are also excited about the upcoming 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Program which will provide students with knowledge and experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech. All students are encouraged to participate at the school level. Judges will select one winner from GES to compete at the county level on April 20th. At the county level, special awards will be given for: Most Informative Speech, Most Original Topic, Most Persuasive Speech, Most Humorous Speech, and most Inspirational Speech. Best of luck to all participants!

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.

- Pillsbury® Brownie Batter
- Pillsbury® Create 'n Bake® Cookies
- Pillsbury® Crescent Rolls
- Pillsbury® Crescent Rounds
- Pillsbury® Flaky Twists
- Pillsbury® Grands!® Biscuits
- Pillsbury® Grands!® Sweet Rolls
- Pillsbury® Pizza Crust
- Pillsbury® Ready To Bake!™ Cookies
- Pillsbury® Simply Bake® Bars
- Pillsbury® Sweet Rolls
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Fizzix™ Yogurt
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Yogurt
- Yoplait® Kids Yogurt
- Yoplait® Kids Yogurt Drink
- Yoplait® Trix® Multipack Yogurt

Famous African American Artists

W S M N Q F E E V I B C K T O O P Q W
 B I A X R X T E T E P S X V W H S C B
 W T L C B H Q A R L K J V S P E D T N
 S J P L K A Z W K I M A G D H N D O O
 B U W G I U U Q M Z U H Z K Y R N G V
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 J P W A W L B H M S C O K R Y S X Y I
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 V M G L E I W G B A R C S F N W S U L
 Z Y L B J O Q O J T O Y G A G A K X A
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 V Z A L S U S L A F J S M F E R Y O E
 Y H P C I U O H Y S L U D H O I B C N

Edward Bannister
 Henry Ossawa Tanner
 William Henry Johnson

Edmonia Lewis
 Augusta Savage
 Hale Woodruff

Good Luck Cookies

In Africa, sesame seeds, or benne, symbolize good luck. During African-American History Month, invite your kids to help make these crunchy sesame cookies.

2/3 cup sesame seeds	1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar	1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. cinnamon	1/4 tsp. salt

Toast the sesame seeds on a baking sheet in a preheated 350-degree oven for about 10 minutes. Stir occasionally to keep the seeds from burning. Set them aside to cool.

In a mixing bowl, cream together the butter and sugars. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract. Stir in the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Beat until well mixed. Fold in half of the sesame seeds. Shape the dough into 1-inch balls and roll them in the remaining sesame seeds. Place on a greased cookie sheet and flatten with the palm of your hand. Bake until golden brown (about 10 minutes). Makes 2 dozen.