

Hamilton Innovator

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Here's What Students Can Look Forward To Next Year!

Kindergarten- We are looking forward to an awesome group of Kindergarteners for the 21-22 school year. You will be learning how to be a reader, writer, mathematician, researcher, scientist, engineer, and technologist. We hope you are ready to think like an engineer! We will be designing and building bridges, rollercoasters, trash collectors and much more! Get ready to have fun learning!

First Grade- First grade students' reading skills will grow by leaps and bounds as we move from decoding words to becoming fluent readers! Our engineers will be hard at work solving real world problems like **creating** a shelter for a dog that needs protection from the sun, **imagining** ways to **improve** the quality of polluted water, and **planning** and creating a class playground! We will also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, concepts of time and money, and learning many strategies to add and subtract. We can't wait to see you in first grade!

Second Grade- Welcome to 2nd Grade! In our Elementary is Engineering (EIE) projects, students will be able to produce a windmill that "generates" electricity, and test/use materials that would best represent a frog's membrane. We will also complete an integrated unit on weather. Integrated units teach your student about a specific topic through all subjects! Students will be adding and subtracting up to 4 digits. We will read various stories, research topics and write, too. We have a lot of learning to do, and we cannot wait to get started!

Third Grade- Get ready for a great year! We will dive into novels such as *The Wild Robot* and *Home Sweet Motel*. We will be engineers and build robots, towns, and light mazes to solve problems and explain how things work! Students will use math to solve real world problems. They will learn how to round, multiply, divide, and more! Third grade is filled with wonderful opportunities to learn in the most fun ways!

Fourth Grade- Fourth grade has lots of fun and exciting things to learn about. In ELA, students work on their essay writing skills. In addition to writing, we work on author's point of view, comprehension, and comparing texts. In math, it is very important that you learn your multiplication tables. We will be working on two-digit by two-digit multiplication and long division as well as adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. In science, we study rocks, the environment, energy, plants and animals. Fourth graders will work on interesting EIE units such as cleaning up an oil spill and designing hand pollinators. Students will read the book *Spin the Golden Lightbulb*, to use an inspiration for an engineering challenge!

Fifth Grade- We look forward to starting the year with a new set of 5th grade leaders. The expectations in 5th grade for behavior and academics are extremely high, and we work as a team to provide the best 5th grade experience as possible. As a 5th grade leader, your child will set the tone as a role model for children in the younger grades. It is very important that they take this leadership role seriously and do their part in having the best year yet! To help your child avoid summer learning loss, we recommend that they read at least 20 minutes every day and practice the multiplication and division facts daily. 5th grade is an exciting year filled with rigorous curriculum units, meaningful activities, and memorable traditions at the end of the year. It's going to be a great year!

Upcoming Events

June 7 - July 1

Summer Learning Camp @ Pine Crest
21st Century Summer Program @ Hamilton

July 19 - July 29

KinderCamp @ Hamilton

August 6

Kindergarten Parent Night 5-6PM

August 9

Meet the Teacher 2-4PM

August 10

First Day of School
Boo Hoo, Woo Hoo Breakfast (K parents)
Title 1 Meeting

August 26

APT #1/Curriculum Night Grades 3-5

August 31

APT #1/Curriculum Night Grades PreK-2

September 6

No School, Labor Day

October 8

No School, Teacher Work Day

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

CALLING ALL FUTURE HAMILTON INNOVATORS! Please be sure to register your child(ren) for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration is open NOW. See page 2 for specific information required. Do not delay!

2021-2022 SUPPLY LISTS

Supply lists are available on Hamilton's website, at the front office, and available at all local retailers. You can view the supply list on the SCPS website:

<https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/elementary-education/>

News and Notes

School Hours: The first bell will ring at 8:30 a.m. and school will start at 8:35 a.m. Dismissal begins at 3:00 p.m. Breakfast will ONLY be served from 8:05 – 8:30 a.m. Students will be considered tardy after 8:35 a.m.

Kindergarten Registration: Enroll your new kindergarten student today! To enter Kindergarten, students must be FIVE years of age on or before September 1, 2021. Required documentation needed to register includes 3 forms of proof of residence (Warranty Deed/Homestead Exemption/Lease, a utility bill, an auto registration, driver license, or voter registration), birth certificate (original), current physical (original, dated within the last year), DH 680 Immunization Form, and social security card, if available. **Register your child now and/or throughout the summer to avoid the first day of school registration with long lines and wait times.**

Teacher Requests: Hamilton Elementary does not accept specific teacher requests. As Hamilton continues to evolve exemplary instructional practices, we feel all of our students will be placed with an amazing teacher. General letters reflecting teacher traits that would best match with your child's learning/behavioral traits will be accepted and always considered. Please do not include a teacher's name on your request. Often, requested teachers may no longer be in a particular grade due to a variety of factors. Specific student characteristics or needs (Gifted, ESOL, ESE, health issues, 504 accommodations, learning styles, etc.) will be taken into account.

Student Medication Reminder: All medications must be signed out in the clinic by a parent or guardian on or before May 26, 2021. All remaining medication will be disposed of after that date. Medication Authorizations have been sent home if you plan to have medication at school during the 2021-22 school year. Authorizations may be turned in at Open House or on the first day of school. If you have any questions, call 407-320-6006.

Summer Programs and Schedules

SUMMER BREAK SPOT! Seminole County Public Schools will provide nutritionally balanced meals to children and teens during summer break. All children, 18 years old or younger, are invited to come and receive a free meal at Pine Crest Elementary, Starting June 1, M-Th from 10-10:30am.

Summer Learning Camp and AA/Geer: The program is for invited students ONLY. The program will take place at Pine Crest Elementary Mondays-Thursdays June 7-July 1. SLC 8:30AM-1PM, AA/Geer 8:30AM-1:30PM. Breakfast and Lunch is provided FREE.

21st Century Summer STEM Program: The program will be held Mondays-Thursdays June 7-July 1 from 8AM-2PM, at Hamilton Elementary. Breakfast and Lunch is provided FREE.

Kinder Camp: All incoming Kindergarten students are eligible to attend. The camp is FREE and includes breakfast and lunch daily. Camp will be from 8:15AM to 2:00PM, July 19-29 at Hamilton. For more information, call 407-320-0250.

Summer Office Hours: 7:30AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday. The office will be closed the week of July 4th. School resumes Aug. 10th.

Milty's Summer Reading Club: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am through Google Classroom. See below for details.

Title I Information

Families, we are planning for the 2021 - 2022 school year. We welcome your input for the following documents: School Improvement Plan, Family Engagement Plan, and School-Home Compact. These documents are located on our school web site (www.hamilton.k12.fl.us). You may request a hard copy for your review. Send your comments to Adrian_Fuller@scps.us.

Curriculum Update

Dive into summer adventures by participating in our SCPS Summer Programs! Let your imagination take a vacation through the many books offered on the **Let's Read Seminole Big Red Bus @ Hamilton every Tuesday from 8:30-10:00**, SCPS OverDrive, or at your local library. Investigate math in the real world by participating in the **MathQuest** Summer Challenge. Prove you have the "write" stuff by "scrib"ing throughout the summer by participating in the **ScribED** writing challenges. Visit <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/summer-programs/> for info!

MORE MATH IDEAS: Continue to practice math skills over the summer in fun ways! Play multiplication games to keep fluent with math facts or incorporate real-life use of math such as helping to plan parts of a family vacation or estimating costs of back-to-school supplies and clothes while looking at newspaper ads. A favorite place to teach math is the grocery store. Review numbers while choosing groceries. Examples include adding the quantity of apples, looking at prices to reinforce decimals, and even doing simple number recognition while standing in line. Using these simple tips for summer math learning will keep kids occupied and get your child ready for school in the fall.

KEEP READING! We encourage students to visit the public library to check out books that interest them and READ. Then, read some more! Be sure to have your child sign up for **Milty's Reading Club**. This is open to all students and will take place every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am. Students who join the Google Classroom/Google Meet will get to participate in live read alouds by teachers and administrators as well as other activities that we hope will keep your child reading all summer long. Students can join through Google Classroom at **2e7zie2**.

Parent Corner

Hamilton is looking for several parents who would like volunteer to participate on an advisory council to the principal. In the position, the principal will look to you for advice to improve our school and to spend our budget wisely. The principal will also keep all members informed with the most current information about education and Hamilton. Please contact Michael_Pfeiffer@scps.us if you are interested.



Recent Highlights

21st Century Egg Drop

Students in our 21st Century program had a little help from SFD Tower 31 Truck for our annual Egg Drop Engineering Challenge. Packages were dropped from 65ft in the air! Many of our future engineers were successful and saved the eggs!



Want to see more highlights?

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Have you checked out our newly revamped website lately? www.hamilton.scps.k12.fl.us