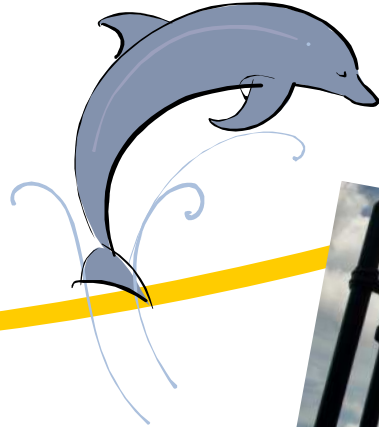


NCES Dolphin Splash



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Principal's Message

Greetings Families of North Charleston,

Who can believe that the end of the school year is here? It has been a rewarding school year and we have made many accomplishments that you will see highlighted in the Annual Report. One of the accomplishments that we are most proud of this school year is the academic growth that the students have shown through their MAP testing. Each grade level's students displayed greater than normal growth in Reading and Math for the school year. This is because of the hard work that the teachers and you have done to ensure our children are completing their academic work inside and outside of school. It is our hope that these results will show on this year's PASS test scores and that our school will move from an At Risk status based on our students' growth.

Also, this year, each grade level is sending home a summer reading list as well as a summer work packet. Please make sure that your child works on these needed skills throughout the summer so that when school begins again this fall, he/she will not have the "summer loss" of academic skills that prohibits teachers from moving full speed ahead into their grade level curriculum at the beginning of the school year. The public library also has summer reading programs to keep your children engaged in reading throughout the summer months and the programs are free!

Most importantly, we would like to thank you for entrusting your children to us this school year. We look forward to working with you again next school year and have a great summer!

Mrs. Vaughn-Brandon

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Special points of interest:

- Students will dismiss at 10:30 June 4th and 5th
- June 21st is Father's Day. Remember to do something nice for Dad.
- July 4th—Independence Day
- August 18th—First day of school

Teacher Tips for Summer Fun



Go for a walk on the beach! - **Ms. Asby**

Draw a map of your backyard. – **Ms. Noes**

Take a family trip to the beach, collect shells, count them, sort them by size and shape. – **Ms. Godfrey**

Help an adult "cook" a dessert for your family. Eat with your family and enjoy! – **Ms. Proctor**

Create a summer scrap book; take pictures of your family and friends! - **Mrs. Mastantuno**

Take a trip to the beach and be a science explorer. See how many living/nonliving things you can find. Splash around in the waves if you get too hot! Enjoy the outdoors. – **Ms. Thompson**

Move more. Walk, dance, ride a bike, roller blade- it all counts. Aim for at least 60 minutes everyday. – **Ms. Martin**

Point out colors and shapes in everyday life. – **Ms. Frier**

Keep a bug journal - When you see a bug while playing outside, record it in a notebook - Draw a picture of it, list the name if you know it, and write to tell where you found it. **Mrs. Cutchins**

Plant a pack of flower seeds (I love Zinnias), water them, and watch them grow! - **Ms. Bobo**

Make a sandwich. Cut it in half and then fourths, see if you can cut it into eighths. – **Ms. Smalls**

Go the Children's Museum. Sort the fish you catch on the Shrimp Boat or create an art project and write about it. - **Ms. Shelor**

Go for a walk. Try to find something on your walk for each letter of the alphabet. Ex. A-ants, B- Bikes.—**Ms. Blanton**

Nurse Martin's Summer Safety Tips

- **Check First and Check In** – always check with an adult when you are going anywhere or doing anything and check in with them periodically to let them know you are safe.
- **Take a Friend** – with you when playing or going anywhere. It's safer and more fun.
- **Stay Safe at Home** – keep the door locked, do not let anyone in the house that you are uncomfortable with, and have a trusted adult that you can call if you have an emergency.
- **Be Careful** – stay away from pools, canals, and other bodies of water unless you are with an adult. Do not play near busy streets or deserted places and do not take shortcuts that have not been approved by an adult.
- **Be Safe in the Dark** – or at dusk. Wear reflectors and light clothing. Always wear a helmet when riding your bike or skateboard.

