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# The Lockard Letter

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## Principal's Message

### Policy: Promotion and Retention Kindergarten

Kindergarten promotion will be determined by the kindergarten teacher and the school principal based upon the mastery of core skills as indicated by BOTH of the following:

- mastery of at least 70% of the core competencies listed in the Sunflower County Consolidated School District Curriculum Structure for that grade level in reading, language arts, and mathematics
- mastery of Overall Reading Placement skills as indicated by an iReady scale score of at least 344 during either the MOY (Middle-of-the-Year) iReady testing window or the EOY (End-of-Year) iReady testing window.

Failure to meet either of the criteria above *may* result in student retention in Kindergarten, if the student does not successfully complete the above requirements and a Mandatory Summer School Session.

### Promotion Policy (Grades 1-2)

In order to be promoted from one grade level to the next in grades 1-2, a student must have demonstrated BOTH of the following:

- mastery of at least 70% of a course's competencies and received a passing yearly average in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies  
The yearly average shall be determined by averaging the two semester's numerical grades.
- mastery of Overall Reading Placement skills as indicated by the iReady scale score of:
- at least 416 during either the MOY (Middle-of-the-Year) iReady testing window or the EOY (End-of-Year) iReady testing window for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- at least 471 during either the MOY (Middle-of-the-Year) iReady testing window or the EOY (End-of-Year) iReady testing window for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Failure to meet either of the criteria above *shall* result in student retention in Grades 1-2, if the student does not successfully complete the above requirements and a Mandatory Summer Session.



## Lockard Vision Statement

*Lockard will be the best school ever by being a safe, inviting, positive place in which all are engaged and showing growth every day.*

## Monthly Calendar March

4<sup>th</sup> – Community Walk

4<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Nine Weeks Test

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

27<sup>th</sup> – Data Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> – Unified Teen Dating Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> – Good Behavior Bash



### Jackie Thompson

Mrs. Thompson is a 15 year veteran kindergarten teacher. She is dedicated and does whatever is necessary to ensure that her students show growth. She loves her job!



### Jaylan Johnson

Jaylan is a very mild mannered student who is always eager to learn new skills. He has shown lots of growth throughout the school year.



### Tenise Worship

Mrs. Worship is very compassionate about education. She is also a great supporter of her grandson's classroom.

Spotlight

### Counselor's Corner ~ Mason's Memo

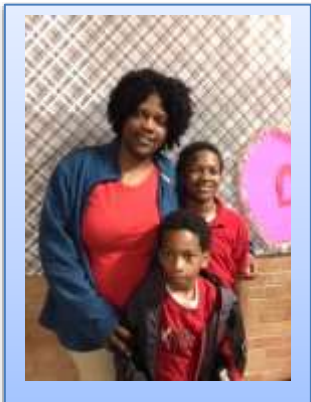
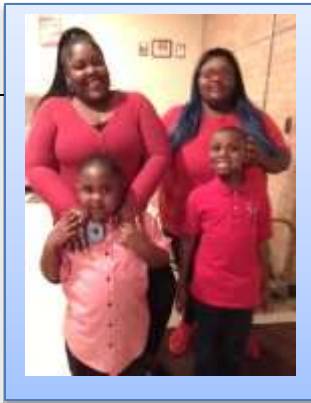
"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb"

The old saying "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" is usually referring to the crazy March weather but it could also describe this time in our school year. Spring Break signals that the busy testing season is on its way, along with the many other activities included on our school calendar.

This can be a very fun but stressful time for teachers and parents as well as our children. As parents, we play such an important role in how our children deal with the stress and busyness of this time of year. If we have a good plan or schedule for the school week our students will see much more success and less stress.

Listed below are a few reminders that might help you and your child deal with the "March lion".

- \*Have clothes and backpack ready before bedtime.
- \*Make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep.
- \*Try to make homework time and mornings as stress free as possible.
- \*Make sure that your child gets to school early to eat breakfast.



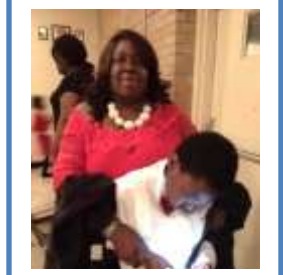
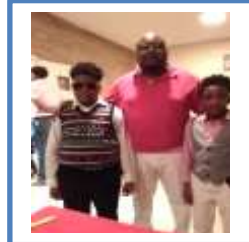
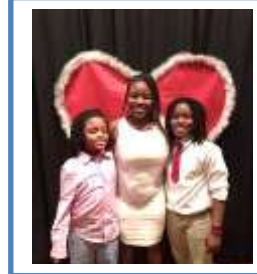
### Literary Corner

Notes from the library:

- We are celebrating Seuss week and literacy week the 4th- the 8th of March. Look for special visitors (the Cat in the Hat himself!) and crazy new looks around Lockard campus.
- Students receive a new RIF book of their choosing and a new bookmark to celebrate literacy week.

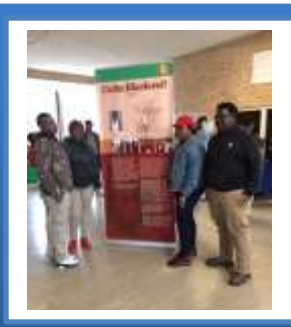
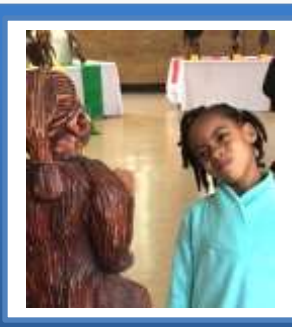
Happy reading from Lockard's library!

Mrs. Burkett



**ABSENTEEISM and TARDINESS is a problem!**  
Staff, students, parents lets strive for "NO" absentees in March!

Linda Rule, Parent Liaison



### Mckinney Vento Act

Provide activities for, and services to, homeless children, including preschool-aged homeless children, and youths that enable such children and youths to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school, or, if appropriate, in preschool programs. [www.nationalhomeless.org](http://www.nationalhomeless.org)

