

The mission of Hampton County School District 2 is to provide a rigorous, personalized environment of academic excellence that prepares Each child, Each Day and in Every classroom to be **college/career** and **citizen ready** with no excuses.

HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

September 2, 2019



Julia Lee, Principal

Reading Comprehension Strategies

Re-read the Text more information = more understanding	Activate Prior Knowledge 	Use Context Clues
Infer Meaning 	Think Aloud 	Summarize the Story
Locate Key Words 	Make Predictions 	Use Word Attack Strategies rereading re · read · ing (prefix) (root) (suffix)
Visualize 	Use Graphic Organizers 	Evaluate Understanding



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Pictured with Principal Lee, the Ladies from **Patrick Henry Academy** (on the left) and the Ladies of **Delta Sigma Theta** (on the right) donated supplies for our students.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



Upcoming Events

Monday, September 2, 2019

- Labor Day – No School

Friday, September 6, 2019

- National Grandparent's Day from 10:30 am – 1:15 pm
-Schedule will be in the Baby Gator News
- League of Leaders Meeting during their Related Arts -Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th

Friday, September 13, 2019

- League of Leaders Meeting during their Related Arts -1st, 3rd, and 5th
- PBIS Celebration

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

- SIC- 6:00 pm/PTA – 7:00 pm Meetings (Let's Pack the Cafeteria)

Friday, September 27, 2019

- ½ Day – Dismissal @ 12:30 pm (Club Day)



Kudos to Our Related Arts Teachers - Betty Bowman, Cathy Hayles, Eugenia Gordon and Margaret Sparrow for working with students from K – 5th grade who are struggling with Math and Reading.

Lexiles - Help Improve Your Child's Reading!

LEXILE MEASURES FOR BOOKS A Lexile text measure tells you how challenging a text is to comprehend. Over 100 million books and articles have Lexile measures. Lexile measures assess text characteristics (such as vocabulary and sentence length) and do not consider age-appropriateness or prior knowledge.

Matching Readers With Text



A Lexile reader measure describes your child's reading ability. Your child receives a Lexile measure from STAR 360 reading and SC Ready ELA assessments. Choosing books in your child's comprehension "sweet spot" (100L below to 50L above your child's reported Lexile measure) provides an ideal level of challenge for independent reading. To see how your child's reading ability compares to other students at the same grade level, visit Lexile.com/parents/grade-ranges.

HOW TO USE LEXILE MEASURES

Step 1: Ask your child for their Lexile number. Lexiles can also be found on their SC Ready ELA 2019 Spring report.

Step 2: FIND "JUST RIGHT" BOOKS Use our free "Find a Book" tool (fab.lexile.com) to find books that match your child's interests and reading level. Lexile measures are also widely available in bookstores, classrooms, libraries, and online.

Step 3: MONITOR GROWTH Lexile measures allow you to track growth from year to year. To be ready for the reading requirements of college and career, research says that high school graduates should be reading around 1300L.



Shout out to our students and staff for an awesome first two weeks of school!



COMING SOON

STAR 360 Fall Administration Dates Math	6 th Grade - September 3, 2019 7 th Grade- September 4, 2019 8 th Grade- September 5, 2019
Estill vs Colleton in Colleton	Thursday, September 5, 2019
College Week	September 9-13, 2019
Estill vs Hardeeville in Estill	September 11, 2019 at 6p.m.
PTO/SIC Meeting	September 17, 2019 at 5 p.m. Please join us, we need your support!
Literacy Night	September 17, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Town of Estill-Talent Show	September 30, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Bull Durham Building Students can sign up with their homeroom teachers.
Estill vs Allendale in Allendale	September 19, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Read! Read! Read!

Congratulations to Merkita Drayton, Ja'Meah Wiley, and Paris Carter for completing the reading challenge posed to all students at EHS! Each student received a gift card to a merchant of their choice.



STAR 360

We have begun our STAR 360 assessments, and we are excited to gather the data to drive instruction. What is STAR 360? STAR 360 is a comprehensive pre-K–12 interim and formative assessment that delivers valid, reliable screening, progress monitoring, and student growth data needed to make informed decisions. The assessment guides greater student growth as we lead students toward mastery of state-specific learning standards for reading, math, and early literacy.



Tailgating 2019!! Inside slots will be \$70.00 which includes two game entry tickets.

- Outside slots will be \$50.00.
- Game entry for all spectators will be \$7.00
- Parade October 4, 2019 beginning at 4:00 pm combined with the Estill Fall Festival Kiddie Parade
- The parade route will change this year!!!
- Line-up will begin at the old Tison Ford Motor Company and travel down Hwy. 321 to the traffic light, and then proceed to the nature trail.

Homecoming 2019 will be held Oct. 4, 2019. In conjunction with the festivities that will be taking place for the Estill Fall Festival, we are looking for Alumni Classes to sign up to play kickball. Please contact the Estill Town Hall to sign your team up for \$5.00.



September 6, 2019

Football: Estill vs Wade Hampton 7:30 p.m. (Away)

September 10, 2019

Volleyball: Estill vs North 5:30 p.m. (Away)
Football: Bye Week

Congratulations to our Varsity Football team on their win against Allendale Fairfax on August 23, 2019!

