



Tiger News

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10 Secrets to Great EOG Test Taking

1. Make it a regular day. Have a good breakfast and try to get sleep.
2. Read, read, read! Never assume you understand the question before it is asked. Read slowly and carefully.
3. Good news! The answer is right in front of you. Your job is to decide which one is the right one.
4. Use the calculator. Make sure you know how to use it.
5. Write in the test book. Underline important words and cross out the answer you know don't make sense.
6. Answer every question – the first time.
7. Don't compete or compare. This is not a race to see how quickly you can finish, work slowly, carefully and confidently.
8. Scan the answer first. If you read the answer before you read the question or passage, you have a good clue of what to look for.
9. and 10. Do your best and celebrate! That's all anyone can ask and it is the best feeling to finish knowing you worked your hardest and best.

Source: <http://www.carolinaparent.com/CP/Blogs/10-Secrets-to-Great-EOG-Test-Taking/>

Visit our Webpage: <https://www.halifax.k12.nc.us/Domain/8>

Message from the Principal

Welcome back from Spring Break!

We have 16 days before EOG testing begins. We have been working hard since August to prepare our students for academic excellence and we are confident that our students will excel on the end of year assessments. It is never too late to inspire and motivate students to be academically successful. Every minute of instruction is important. Please encourage your child to come to school and stay focused. Progress reports will be going home May 10, 2019. Please sit and review your child's progress report and set some academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Please reach out to your child's teacher(s) to see if there is anything that you can do to help them at home to become academically successful. It is our goal that all students are academically and socially successful.

As always, we thank you for your support.



Educationally yours,
M. Riddick



Tiger & Home Connection

By Jewel Marrow, Assistant Principal

This section will be dedicated to giving parents helpful tips that can be used with their children.

The EOG (End-of-Grade) assessment is an important test given to all third, fourth, and fifth grade students in the state of NC. The EOG is coming up and we want our students to be as prepared as possible. Teachers have been working with them on reading and math strategies to help them to be successful on the test. Here at Everetts, students have been using the UNWRAP strategy for reading and the CUBES strategy for math. Ask them to show you how they use it with their work. Please work with your children at home using these strategies whenever possible. Last Year our school was the only school to EXCEED growth and we can do it again this year. FOCUS!



UNWRAP

- U** Underline the title and predict the text
- N** Number the paragraphs
- W** Walk through the questions
- R** Read the text (1st time for fun, 2nd time for notes)
- A** Answer the questions and eliminate wrong answers
- P** Prove your answers

The Text

CUBES
A problem solving strategy

- C** Circle key numbers and units
- U** Underline the question
- B** Box math "action" words
- E** Evaluate and eliminate
- S** Show your work and check

"It takes a village to raise a child"

African Proverb



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

Nelson Mandela

Everetts School Safety Patrol

Everett's ESSA started its first core of School Safety Patrol Officers. School Safety Patrol Officers have to apply for the position, take a test, memorize a pledge, and take an oath. School Safety Patrol Officers help to monitor hallway traffic and noise levels. They have been given the authority to write citations for students observed as breaking school rules and horse-playing in the halls. The School Safety Patrol Program at Everetts is coordinated by School Counselor Jacqueline Harper.

Everett's 2018–2019 School Safety Patrol Officers are: Thelmaya Solomon, Silas Young, Aniyah Davis, Micheal Kee, Breasia Gatling, Tre'Nayjah Seldon, Simon Young, Brittany Ellis, Tristan Mandley, Destiny



Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to the following Tigers for winning the 2019 Halifax County School District Spelling Bee Competition held at William R. Davie Middle STEM Academy Auditorium on March 28, 2019. 3rd Grade La'Tavious Mason, 1st Place; 4th Grade Armani Edmonds, 2nd Place and Silas Young, 3rd Place.

Ms. Vanetta Grant, 4th Grade teacher served as their Coach. The event was organized by the AIG Team Ms. Yolanda Scott and Ms. Alexis Pittman. Spelling Bee is an annual competition for all elementary and middle schools in Halifax County School District.

Again, Congratulations to our winning Tigers!



Everetts Teacher of the Year



Ms. Margaret H. McGee, Pre-K teacher was voted for Everetts Elementary STEM Academy Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020. She has been with the Halifax County School District for 26 years and counting. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a Master of Arts In Education and hold a BK (Birth through Kindergarten) Certification Standard Professional II License. Her other experiences include Habilitation Technician for Halifax County Mental Health Group Home and the Willie M. Group Home Lutheran Family Services of Raleigh.

She is the youngest of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy L. Hawkins of Weldon, NC and married to Rodney L. McGee for 27 years. Congratulations Ms. McGee, We are very proud of you!

Tigers Celebrated Read Across America Week

Everetts Elementary STEM Academy celebrated Read Across America Week. This is a nationwide reading and literacy celebration that takes place annually on March 2 to commemorate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Across the county, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books.

Our scholars were very excited to listen to stories written by Dr. Seuss. Teachers of Pre-k and Kindergarten invited Dr. Chamblee, Mr. Barfield, Ms. Evans, Officer Williams, and Ms. Marrow to read in their classrooms.

The event was a success and everybody is looking forward to next year's celebration.



Pre-K and Kinder Field Trip to RM Fire Station

Pre-K and Kindergarten students visited Rocky Mount Fire Station on April 11, 2019. Students were able to learn about the different equipment, how to be safe before and when a fire occurs. They had a chance to sit in the fire truck. They were treated to a lunch at K and W restaurant.

Ms McGee, Ms. Steele, Ms. Baker and Ms. Pittard organized the field trip. The students enjoyed their learning experience with the fire fighters.

Ms. Baker and Ms. Pittard's Class



Ms. McGee's Class

Ms. Steele's Class



Everetts 3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following scholars who made it to the 3rd Nine Weeks Honor Rolls:

Principal List 4th Grade: Adrianna Perez, Errin Wilson and Silas Young.

High Honors goes to: **5th Grade**—Semaj Graham-Pierce and Amber Green; **4th Grade**—Joe Barber, Jah'Niya Bell, Aniyah Davis, Armani Edmonds, Azaiah Harry-Davis, Cheyenne Herring and Ja'Vern Jones; **3rd Grade**—Jovannia Daniel, Bryson Hopkins and LaTavius Mason.

Honors goes to **5th Grade**—Reanda Batten, Victoria Bobbitt, Tristan Mandley, Ke'Asia Williams; **4th Grade**—Derek Blow, Aiden Boyd, Brittany Ellis, Chloe Faison, Kamari Harris, Amaryana Jarrell, Michael Kee and Simon Young; **3rd Grade**—Peyton Faulkner, Jamya Goode, Ja'Zayvion Taylor, Raynel Tindal, E'Moshia Whitaker, And Alaysha Williams.

Keep up the good work!



Pre-K received 3 Grants from Donors Choose

Congratulation to Ms. Camille Steele, Pre-K Teacher for receiving three (3) grants from Donor Choose for the month of April as follows:

Pre-K Making a Call for Phonemic Awareness: The materials for this project will be used for activities that stimulate phonemic awareness in preschool children. It's one sure way to get the children ready for reading! Students will learn to listen up by picking up on sounds, syllables and rhymes in the words they hear.

Rub-a-Dub-Dub-the Water Table a Learning Tub: Water play provides hours of rich and valuable learning experiences. It helps to develop children's creativity and imagina-



tion. In Pre-K, students learn through play. They will be able to develop their eye-hand coordination and work on math and science skills. It also enhances social skills and cooperation. They will be so busy at "play" that they will not realize they are learning.

Busy Tigers on the Move: The new resources like the hoops, balls, ribbons, bean bags, sidewalk chalks, juggling balls, and foam balls will be used for indoors and outdoors. Students have been using their locomotor skills (running, jumping, hopping, and galloping). Students also enjoy using their skills by throwing, kicking, and catching. They also have been using the latex gloves for sanitation in the classroom, lunchroom, outdoors, and during classroom activities.



"A child's life is just like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark"
Chinese Proverb

IT TAKES
a
big heart
TO SHAPE
a little mind

GCF Donated School Supplies

Goodwill Community Foundation donated school supplies to all elementary and middle schools in Halifax County School District. Ms. Stephenie McLean, foundation representative spoke before the scholars and personally handed bags of school supplies. The District is very grateful to the Goodwill Foundation for their generous donations. This was their second year of giving school supplies to our scholars. Thank you very much!



Pre-K received toys and books



Thanks to Halifax Co. Warren Smart Start for donating toys, games, and books to our Pre-K scholars. The students are really excited to use and play with them. Thank you for your generosity!

Students of the Month

March 2019

- Pre-K - Taveria Britt & Shyila Johnson
- Kindergarten - D'Yantae Jones & Zi'Yionna Boone
- 1st Grade - Dameion Taylor & Malek Ruffins
- 2nd Grade - Jaquavion Price & Eric Walker Jr.
- 3rd Grade - Emoshia Whitaker & Jovannia Daniel
- 4th Grade - Joe Barber & Brittany Ellis
- 5th Grade - Edward McNeil & Samantha Porch



March 2019

Congratulations to **Mr. Kendall Scott-Ridley**, ISS Coordinator at Everetts Elementary STEM Academy for being chosen as Employee of the Month for March.

Good Job!

Great job!

Students of the Month

April 2019

- Pre-K - Jada Scott
- Kindergarten - Selena Estrada
- 1st Grade - Ayden Jackson
- 2nd Grade - Destini Russell & Navaeh Foster
- 3rd Grade - Adrianna Sneed
- 4th Grade - Javern Jones
- 5th Grade -



April 2019

Congratulations **Ms. Falicia Whidbee**, Kindergarten Teacher Assistant at Everetts Elementary STEM Academy for being Employee of the month of April. She started to work in Halifax County School District in 2007 as a Substitute Teacher. She became a full-time employee on September 2018. Ms. Whidbee graduated from Northwest High School in 1994 and completed her Substitute Teaching Training and classes in 2007. She received her Early Childhood Applied Science Degree in 2012 from Edgemcombe Community College. She had worked with young students in day care and preschool prior to her employment here at Everetts. She attended numerous workshops, classes and obtain certificates to enhance her knowledge and skills in her chosen profession.

Ms. Whidbee is a native of Halifax County. She grew up in small town of Medoc Mountain and now resides in Roanoke Rapids. She had two sons ages 14 and 19. She enjoyed working with the students and help them grow to be a great leaders. She believes in striving for the best each day and making each day count. Again, Congratulations from your Everetts family!