



# Knighly News



## Message From The Principal: Tracy Wainwright

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our students and faculty! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and spending time with your families. The month of December was full of fun times at ULP, and we appreciate all of the participation from students, parents, and staff. If you have not already joined our Facebook page, please 'like' us and check out all of the wonderful memories being made with your child(ren).

I'd like to encourage all parents to take a few moments to complete a survey to help us in planning for school improvement. We value your input! Please use the link below to take the survey.

**Georgia Parent Survey:**  
<http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>

**Parent Tip:** To help your child with the important skills being taught, please be on the lookout for the parent letters that are provided at the beginning of each new unit. These parent letters will let you know what critical skills will be taught in the unit and will give you ideas on how to help prepare your child for how they will be assessed on those skills.



## Kindergarten



### Kindergarten News (Class of 2032)-

Happy New Years!! We hope you all have had a wonderful holiday break! Our kindergartners are continuing to learn their letters and sounds and beginning to blend to make words. We are reviewing the sight words we have already learned and are adding new sight words approximately every three weeks. The students are learning to use these words, letters, and sounds to create great writing papers. In math, students will be starting a new unit about number pairs. This is starting addition and subtraction of numbers. Kindergarten is such an exciting place to explore and learn new things. Later in the month, we will be learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his many accomplishments. Our students have come a long way with their academics so far this year. We look forward to watching their progress and teaching them for the remainder of the year.



## First Grade

### First Grade News (Class of 2031)-

Wow! It's hard to believe we are about to begin our 3rd nine weeks of first grade. We have a very busy winter ahead of us! Please continue to review the rules and behaviors with your 1<sup>st</sup> grader. Students should be studying spelling words and sight words every night. We are working hard to become better readers! In math, we just finished up our place value unit and we will begin working on sorting, ordering and comparing (length and measurement). In social studies, we will be learning about inventors in American History and in science we will be learning about light and sound! Please keep reading with your child every night and encourage your child to always do his/her best!



## Second Grade



### Second Grade News (Class of 2030)-

It's hard to believe we are halfway through this school year. We are almost ready for third grade. We enjoyed going to the fine arts building to watch a Christmas movie and to also watch some of our teachers and staff members perform. It was fun watching them be silly at our annual Christmas program. In math, we are learning about adding and subtracting two- and three-digit numbers. In social studies, we have learned about the Creek and Cherokee: Georgia's First People. We are looking forward to improving our reading, writing, and math skills. Don't forget to read with your child every night!



## January

### Upcoming Events:

- 1/10: ULPS Literacy Days Contest
- 1/15: Report cards go home
- 1/16: System Literacy Day Contest
- 1/18: Snowball Fight
- 1/20: School Holiday
- 1/23: 2nd Grade Glow Dance
- 1/30: 100th Day of School
- 1/31: PBIS Bus Incentive Fun Friday

**NEW SEMESTER – NEW EXCITEMENT FOR LEARNING!**

From: Michele Daniel, Family Engagement Coordinator

It is a new semester, and your child has the opportunity to **improve** and **make progress**. It is NEVER too late! When parents are involved, kids experience more success in school. Be sure they are getting good direction and practice at home.

Try these tips:

- Talk with your child. Ask open-ended questions that require communication skills, not “yes” or “no” questions. Example: “What was the best thing that happened today?”
- Make sure your child is doing homework. Be close to guide, but **DO NOT** do the work. Encouragement and support are the main things needed. Provide a quiet place and time to do homework without interruptions. Let the teacher know if your child is struggling with assignments.
- **READ! READ! READ!** Read together with your child every night during the week. Listen with full attention. Read with expression so that your child can model your reading.
- Praise any progress! Example: “Wow, you got 3 words correct.”
- To be engaged with your child’s education means to establish a relationship with the school/teacher and communicate often.

**Literacy Workshop coming soon!**



This is an online library of over 1000 children's books. Check it out by going to our school homepage. The link can be found under student resources.

Don't forget we also have access to My Capstone Library. To enjoy some great ebooks, you may also visit [My Capstone Library](#) on our school webpage under student resources.

Username: **upsonprimary**

Password: **school**



# Knight Time Stories

ULPS Media Center presents “Knight Time Stories!” These bedtime stories are available on our Facebook

page. The bedtime stories are read by ULPS faculty and staff members to our students. Please like and share these videos, so all our students will be able to enjoy these wonderful stories.



# CAMP News

Coding-Art-Media-Media Art-Music-PE

Hello and Happy New Year from CAMP! Hoping that everyone is ready to get back into the swing of things! In visual arts, we will be finishing projects for both Kids Kreation, our art fundraiser, and for our second grade art show coming up in February at TUAC. The reception is on Tuesday night, Feb. 25th from 5:30-7:00 pm. In media arts, students are drawing seasonal pictures on the Chrome-books and supplementing science and social studies content by completing some fun activities to enhance these subjects. In kindergarten music, our students are learning the five senses songs to correlate with standards. In first grade music, the students are clapping and playing instruments to rhythm patterns. Our second graders are discussing how instruments are made by machines using push and pull mechanisms. In PE, we are continuing to measure height and weight for health stats and also working on basketball skills for winter sports. In coding, Kindergarten students are working on letter location on the

keyboard. First grade students are learning that an algorithm is step by step instructions given to the computer or robot to complete a task. They also used the Code-a-pillar to create and execute an algorithm. Second grade students are using the WonderWorks Go app and Dash robot to experiment

with push and pull, a second grade science standard. Students made a prediction as to how many blocks the robot can push/pull and then tested their hypothesis to see the actual number.



### Kindergarten

**Back** - Ailani Madison, Taylor Tarver, Kaylei Homman, Ke'Moni Kendall, Harmony Meadows, Maxwell Cochran

**Middle** -Jolee Burke, Lillian Burket, Kali Robinson, Ja'Quan Mitchell

**Front**- Ella Kate Teal, Kynsleigh Williams, Charleigh Jones



### First Grade

**Back**-Layla Swanson, Katelyn Pope, Orel Willis, Cadence Harrell, Jacey Taylor

**Middle**- Sean Hanson, Jeremiah Colquitt, Mardel Gray, Malaysia Searcy, Ryder Carol

**Front**- Marlie Nixon, Vincent Siclari, Kayden Jackson



### Second Grade

**Back**- Cash Cantrell, Gabe Scroggins, Weston Johnson, TJ Jenkins, Marley Sparks

**Middle**- Christina Thompson, Brantley Casteel, Jacob Gross, Madyson Shaw, Kailee Pacheco

**Front**- Lance Lloyd, Sophie Craft, Lochlan Evers



**Second Grade Art Show will be at the Thomaston-Upson Arts Council from 5:30 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Art work will be on display until the end of March.**