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## September 2021

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## Pack Your Baggage

**"A mind once stretched by a new idea never returns to it's original dimensions."** -Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Dear MAJ Families,

Well....summer's over and we are back to our regular schedule of school, extracurricular activities, homework, dinner, and, finally, bed?

In the month of September, we have a couple of parent & family activities that I know you will definitely want to be a part. September 14th, we will host our VIRTUAL Open House activities beginning at 6:00 with our annual Title I meeting. At 6:15, you'll have the chance to see the "day in a life" of your child. We also encourage you to participate in our School Advisory Council

Did you know that your child's online learning is available AFTER SCHOOL? Go to [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org), click on "Blended Learning". The only username and password that

your child needs is their laptop log-in. Many of them know their password, but if you need it, please let your child's teacher know. Very soon, we will send out the Acaletics Math Portal information for our 3rd-5th graders and Reflex Math password information too.

Finally, please make sure that you are CHECKING your child's red home folder daily. We are trying to use this tool to communicate homework, dismissal changes, announcements, etc. Your part is critical!

Educationally yours,  
Marianne G. Lee  
Principal



## Dates to Remember...

Sept. 6	No School—Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 7	Mask Requirement Begins
Sept 13	Progress Reports Go Home
Sept 14	Virtual Open House @ 6:00 pm
Sept 20	School Advisory Council 4:30 pm
Sept 23-24	Acaletics Scrimmage (20% is the goal)
Sept 29	Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm

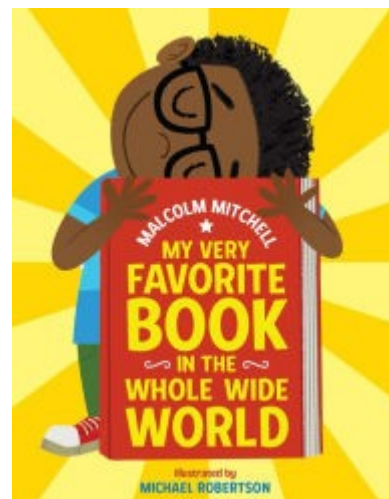


[www.duvalschools.org/majones](http://www.duvalschools.org/majones)

## September's Book of the Month

Henley's run into some trouble. His teacher asked the class to bring their very favorite book into school so they can share it with the other students. Henley's problem? He doesn't like reading all that much. Some books are too long. Others don't have pictures. Even cookbooks makes him think. "How many grapes can I fit in my mouth?" What will Henley do? With some wise advice and creative thinking, he knows just what to do. He'll write his own book. Malcolm Mitchell, Super Bowl champion and literacy crusader, helps reluctant readers find the joy in reading.

-Barnes and Noble Website



*Get the tissues ready! This special story is written by a NFL Super Bowl Star who loves to read and wants to share that joy with children!*

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2021-2022



Please drop off your child's supplies, if you haven't done so already. We always have students who need supplies throughout the year. Please consider donating extra supplies or sponsoring a student this year.



**Join PTO! Only \$5.00**

**We all types of participation levels...from donations to classroom support.**

### MASK REQUIREMENT

#### STARTING SEPTEMBER 7th!

Families can visit [www.duvalschools.org/facemask](http://www.duvalschools.org/facemask) to view information on obtaining a medical opt-out form, student discipline associated with the new resolution, and updated athletic and student performance guidelines.

The emergency mask mandate is set to go into effect Tuesday, Sept. 7 for a 90-day period. According to the new policy, students must wear a face covering over both nose and mouth while inside a school or administrative facility. Students who do not follow the guidelines – and do not have a completed medical mask opt-out certification form – may be charged with a Code of Student Conduct infraction and be subject to the appropriate consequences.

For more information, visit [www.duvalschools.org/facemask](http://www.duvalschools.org/facemask).



# Full Service Schools Counselor



Please welcome Ms. Clarissa Benitez to Mamie Agnes Jones as our Full Service Schools Counselor. Ms. Benitez is here on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Clarissa Benitez holds a Masters' Degrees in Social Work from University of Illinois at Chicago; She holds credentials as a Registered Clinical Social Work Intern and is in the process of becoming fully Licensed as a Clinical Social Work in the State of Florida. She has worked as a Domestic Violence Counselor for victims and survivors of violence and as a Child Therapist for children birth to five years of age in Chicago. Clarissa is now a Clinical Counselor for Full Service Schools with Family Foundation of Northeast Florida.

Clarissa has a passion for working with children and their families but when she is not working at our schools, you can find her spending time with her daughter and family, watching every show on Netflix and attending and serving at her Church.

You can reach Ms. Benitez by calling the school at 266-1214 ext. 999945

## September's Character Trait of the Month

Responsibility is our September Character Trait of the Month. This means doing something because it's morally the right thing to do. Here are some behavior traits of responsible kids:

- Be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes
- Plan ahead
- Persevere....Keep Trying!
- Strive to do your best!

**SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITY**

**CULTURE OF CARE**

**MESSAGE TRAILS**

- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- Plan ahead
- Persevere...Keep Trying!
- Strive to do your best!
- Set a good example for others

**ELEMENTARY**

Week	Announcement
1	Our character education trait of the month is RESPONSIBILITY. Responsibility is defined as doing something because it is morally right.
2	Don't forget our character trait of the month is RESPONSIBILITY. Take a moment and think about this quote from Billie Holiday: "There's only one way you can feel and that is to feel."
3	In remembering our character trait of the month, RESPONSIBILITY, consider this quote: "You are responsible for how you act, no matter how you feel."
4	As we remember our character trait of the month, RESPONSIBILITY, keep in mind that the best preparation for tomorrow is to do all you can today!
5	As we close out the month with our character trait RESPONSIBILITY, remember this: "The reward you take responsibility for everything in your life is the least you can change anything in your life now."

**Conversation Starter(s)**

- A priority is something that is very important and must get most of your attention. Everyone has different priorities. For example, one of the president's top priorities is the safety of the American people. A very low priority for him would be dinner. But if you are having an important game soon, what's for dinner can be a fairly high priority. What are some important priorities in your life?
- Think about a difficult situation you found yourself in. What did you do? Did you act responsibly or irresponsibly? Explain why.
- Don't put off tomorrow what you can do today. "What does this priority mean to you?" What would happen if everyone put off until tomorrow?

**Related Reading**

- K-2 • I Just Forgot by Mercer Mayer
- 3-5 • Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

## THANK YOU!

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.—Omega Zeta Zeta Chapter is at it once again! This time they are donating snacks for our first Acaletics Green Party! Their goal is to help celebrate academic achievement for students who are just returning to school.



THANK YOU PARENTS & FAMILIES for an AMAZING Book Fair! This year, we met and exceeded the goals we set for our school. In addition, we were able to have our largest sale EVER! What is most important is that books are in the hands of our students! The more students read, the more the vocabulary they learn and the more they understand what we call the 'sense of story' which helps them later on when they are writers!





# Check This Out!...

## check this out!

Make sure you check your child's red Home Folder EVERY day! (Students are to write their homework, important messages and reminders in them. There is a spot for your signature for every day!



### Acaletics Green Party Celebrations!

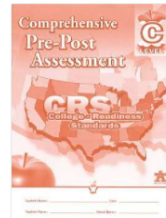


Acaletics Math is a supplemental math program to recycle all the skills on each grade level. While we spend 2/3s of the month working on daily Quik Pics, students take a monthly scrimmage. Each month goals are set starting at 20% mastery of skills to 80% (by March). After the scrimmage, we review the test items to help students learn the skill. Students are then celebrated each month at our Green Party.



### Acaletics Math Portal

After each scrimmage, students are encouraged to go to the Acaletics Math Portal to practice problems they missed. In the portal, you will see red problems (ones that were missed) and green problems (one that were correct). Students should watch the video link under each red problem and redo the problem 4 times correctly. The link will then turn green. You will see Format 1 and Format 2 for different videos to practice.



Note: If the video does not play in Format 1 on your computer, please click on Format 2.

#### Progress

Format 1

Format 2

Video 1 Practice for 1	Video 11 Practice for 11	Video 21 Practice for 21	Video 31 Practice for 31	Video 41 Practice for 41
Video 2 Practice for 2	Video 12 Practice for 12	Video 22 Practice for 22	Video 32 Practice for 32	Video 42 Practice for 42
Video 3	Video 13	Video 23	Video 33	Video 43

### Get the 'Green Light' on Reflex!

Practice your math facts 2 -3 times per week by getting the green light on Reflex Math!

