



Noonan Elementary  
Academy of Fort Myers

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6th Grade Newsletter  
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**Virtue:** Fortitude

**Proverb:** When the going get tough, the tough get going.

**Saint:** St. Patrick

**Scripture:** God is charity; and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him (1 John 4:16)

**Religion:**

I am pleased to introduce myself as your child's new religion teacher. I am a Lector, Catechist and Eucharistic Minister at Blessed Pope John XXIII. It gives me great pleasure to assist Dr. Noonan as she was kind enough to allow my beloved parish to begin in her gym eight years ago. I completed my undergraduate studies at Saint. Thomas Aquinas College and minored in secondary education. While living in New York I had my 7-12th certification to teach history. I also earned my graduate degree from Fordham University in Social Work. I look forward teaching my faith and to getting to know your children.

God Bless,

Mrs. Millan LMSW

**Vocabulary:** prosaic- unimaginative; dull.

fulminate- to denounce loudly and forcefully; to explode.

**Character Education:** We have been discussing why “Honesty” is important and how being honest and/or dishonest can affect oneself and those around them. In addition, the Fifth and Sixth grade Character Education classes are focusing on respect and responsibility. The Six Pillars of Character include honesty, trust, respect, citizenship, responsibility, and caring. We have focused on citizenship and the responsibility both in the classroom and in our government. We will look at our Constitution and our responsibility earned through this historic piece. We learned how many great leaders of our country use our Pillars in Character Education for improving the world around us. Students are learning how these Pillars fit into their daily lives to be lived.

Mrs. Gedra

## Science

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

We are finishing up our sections about “Oceans” by exploring ocean water, currents, climate, waves, and life within it. We will also be going to the Bell Tower Cinema where students will see the movie, “Oceans” by Disney on April 23 for an Earth Day celebration. In Unit 4, students will be exploring “Space” as we blast off to learn about early, current, and future space missions. They will see the first space mission and more recent ones by watching them on the Smart Board through the BBC and Discovery Education. In computer lab they will use the Internet to discover star sightings. In Chapter 15, students will look at the “solar system and beyond” by looking at the solar system, stars, galaxies, and moon phases. Who needs to wait for nighttime? We have our own giant moon in the classroom to exhibit these phases. In lab, students will design their own space colony. Fasten your seatbelts. It’s going to be a bumpy ride!

**Mrs. Gedra**

**Science Fair Notes:** The students should be getting their Science Fair Boards and putting them together. They have paperwork explaining proper placement of their materials on the board. Students also should be finishing their research papers in computer lab. Boards are already coming in and are due at the end of the month along with their research paper. Please do not wait until the last minute. Three of our students won the Edison Regional Science Fair and two received Florida Gulf Coast Summer Research scholarships. Great first year!

Mrs. Gedra

## Social Studies:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies:** Students will be studying various wars and their outcomes. They will look at the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Address. In addition to the textbook, they will be doing research papers and a presentation to the class about this. Students will also learn great details about the United States Constitution, including the Preamble, the Bill of Rights, and the Articles. Students will learn about Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War. Students will be finding out if their grandparents were a “Billy Yank” or a “Johnny Reb”. The Civil War was an important part of our history. We will also be taking a field trip to the Holocaust Museum on Wednesday, March 31 in Naples.

**Mrs. Gedra**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade English

The students are learning about interjections and possessive nouns. They are also working with two types of clauses: subordinate and independent clauses. They will continue to diagram sentences.

Mrs. Ehler 

## Math:

Thank you for your students. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been the only grade that has earned a Gameday on consecutive weeks this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter...and they are yet again the only class that even gets a Gameday...thank you very much and keep up the great work. We took out the Probability section of the chapter and now we will begin a mini-section on just probability...probably. ☺ No bonus question this month, however, if you can tell me **a)** What is the best thing you have learned this year in math class? and **b)** What other concept(s) would

you like to learn? you can earn two homework passes just for emailing me those answers at [shenderson@noonanacademy.com](mailto:shenderson@noonanacademy.com).

**Mr. Henderson**

**Reading:**

It is like "coming home" as a take on the duties of being the 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher. I will be adding a Comprehension skills worksheet that the students will do weekly. It will be counted as a quiz grade. Testing will continue as before unless I feel that it is in the best interest of the students to delay a day or two. Their book reports are due on March 10<sup>th</sup>!

Mrs. Ehler 

**Vocabulary & Spelling:** The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th grade students will be doing vocabulary exercises in the Worldly Wise books and the Everyday Spelling books. They will alternate between these two. There will additional 5<sup>th</sup> grade vocabulary words that students will be expected to know from the word wall in class. We will be using these words at school throughout each week. We will have a spelling bee at the end of the year.

Mrs. Gedra

**Music:** Everyone is getting revved up for the Spring Musical! We'll be practicing lines, dancing and singing in class this month. All students should be practicing their lines with parents at home.

**Mrs. Schroeder**

**Art:** Students are working on graphic design projects this month. We'll pay close attention to shape, line, balance, and organization.

**Mrs. Schroeder**

**Physical Education:** We begin the dance unit for the month of March. Students will focus especially on coordination, rhythmic accuracy and the ability to repeat a group of motions in a sequence.

**Mrs. Schroeder**

**Spanish:** We completed the unit called *Donde Vives* (Where do you live?). In the next unit *El tiempo y geografía* (Weather and Geography), we will look at where many Spanish speakers live. We will also focus on identifying the months of the year, the seasons, weather conditions, and geography terms.

**Mrs. Piper**

**Student of the Month:**

Aspen

## Notes

Return signed Progress Reports.

Remember to turn in Yearbook forms with money.

If you get the News Press, please allow students to bring in and share a current event with their fellow classmates on Monday. There is a current event board in my classroom for display.

March 9- Family Night Book Fair Snack and Shop (after school until 6:30 pm) and Open House (6-9:30 p.m.). Book Fair will also be offered all this week at school.

March 10- Optional Spring Pictures- Casual Dress

March 17- St. Patrick's Day

March 22-26 Stanford Testing – K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>

March 31 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Holocaust Museum- casual dress-bring money for lunch at Wendy's- gone 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

March 31 Science Fair boards and reports due.