

# SHARK TALES

## Message from the Principal, Mrs. Axson



Our last F.A.S.T. State testing (PM3) dates are quickly approaching. Please remind your child(ren) the importance of these assessments. These assessments track your child's progress in regard to the State's B.E.S.T. standards and will determine if your student is performing below, on, or above grade level. Please see the attached flyer for some helpful tips on how to prepare for the tests.

### UPCOMING STATE TESTING DATES:

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - Kdg.-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade STAR Reading Test

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>- Kdg. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade STAR Math Test

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FAST PM3 Reading Test

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade FAST PM3 Reading Test

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade FAST PM3 Reading Test

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FAST PM3 Math Test

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade FAST PM3 Math Test

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade FAST PM3 Math Test

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade N.G.S.S. Science Test

Please remind your child to do their very best on the tests by taking their time and making sure to read the passages and questions carefully, and for math, by having them work out each math problem on their scratch paper. Remind them that this is their time to SHINE and show what they know by doing their BEST on the test.

Just a reminder that students can NOT have any electronic devices (phones, SMART watches, Blue Tooth ear buds/headphones, META Glasses, etc.) during testing. Failure to comply will result in their test being invalidated.



Please have your child draw a picture or write about what they like to do when it's raining outside and have them turn it in to Mrs. Axson as soon as they get to school to earn a special treat.

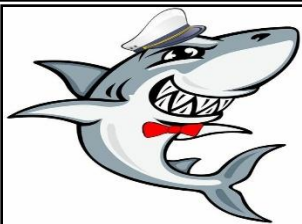
## WALL OF FAME

Wall of Fame Word:  
**COURAGE!**

Carter - Delilah Santos Colon  
Maldonado - Alora Johnson  
Booe- Hudson Bargar  
Montanez - Layla Crowe  
Amerling - Niko Mathis  
Dillingham - Sergi Miele Diaz  
Dube - Mason Knotts  
Kucharek - Ayden Jones  
Crawford - Adabelle Robinson  
Moon- Hayden Scott  
Egert - Grace Thomas  
Fish - Alessandro Rocca Arango

Last Week's Wall of Fame Word:  
**No Wall of Fame !**

Carter -  
Maldonado -  
Booe-  
Montanez -  
Amerling -  
Dillingham -  
Dube -  
Kucharek -  
Crawford -  
Moon-  
Egert -  
Fish -



# NEWSLETTER!



"Every child  
IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER,  
AND ALTOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD  
a beautiful garden."  
— ANONYMOUS —



## Order Your YEARBOOK



Yearbook sales are now going on for only  
\$20.00!

You can either purchase it online, or we  
can accept CASH only in person. If  
paying with cash, please put the money in  
the completed envelope that went home on  
Wednesday, and have your child turn it in  
to the office. If you have any questions,  
please call Mrs. Sandy.

To order online, please click on the link  
below and enter the CODE YB34846

<https://strawbridge.net/>

### KONA ICE IS COMING!



**KONA ICE  
PRE-PAY**

USE THIS CODE:

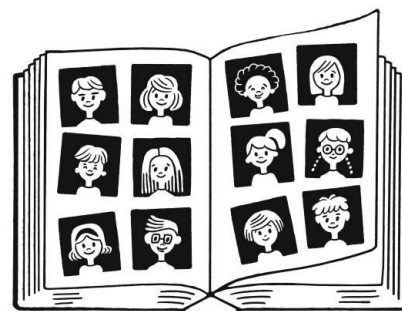


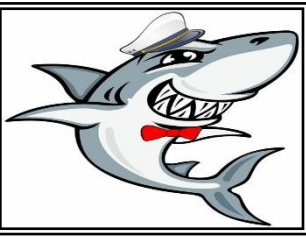
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### MARION CHARTER SCHOOL

Thursday 4/23/26, 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

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# NEWSLETTER!

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Please remember to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well. If your child has a fever, diarrhea, or are throwing up, they **MUST** be symptom free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the aide of medicine before they can return to school.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Tammy in the front office at 687-2100.

## RESILIENCY SKILL FOR THE MONTH: APRIL

### MENTORSHIP

Mentorship for kids is a trusted, supportive friendship where an experienced person (mentor)—like a coach, teacher, or older student—guides a younger person (mentee) to learn new skills, build confidence, and explore interests. It involves regular, positive interaction designed to help the child grow academically and personally.

Check out this short video about mentorship.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPB-i-PUOtE>

A great story to read to your child about mentorship is "Mango, Abuela, and Me!". Click on the link to hear the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JI1rwooKN0A>



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

**BE HERE! ON TIME! EVERY DAY! ALL DAY!**

Our school mascot, Captain Clark the Shark will be visiting classrooms with the best attendance in the school each week! Ms. Wells will also be giving out \$5 Shark Bucks every day to a student in each grade level if they were here on time.

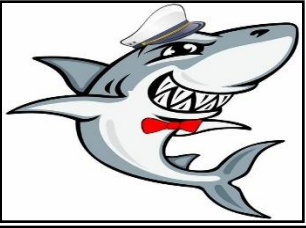
**This Week's Winner: Mrs. Carter's Class**

## Resiliency Skills

The State of Florida has implemented resiliency skills and standards throughout all grade levels. These skills are intentionally designed to impart the value of resiliency in early grades, such as volunteerism, responsibility, and goal setting, and then support students as they demonstrate those concepts in higher grades. The standards embed concepts of civic responsibility through citizenship and mentorship to not only help students understand the value of these ideas but to actively engage in activities and exercises that will prepare them to be upstanding, responsible citizens.



Text-A-Tip Hotline  
352-877-2838



# NEWSLETTER!



**Open Enrollment began on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### Upcoming Field Trips:

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade goes to the Discovery Science Center

Please make sure that you have completed the Volunteer Background screening process through Raptor so that you can chaperone on field trips and volunteer for field day.

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTE2NTplbi1VUw==>

### Important Dates:

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field trip to Discovery Science Center

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>- Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade PM#3 STAR Reading test

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>- KONA Ice Day

Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>- Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade PM#3 STAR Math test

### **INFORMATION HIGHWAY -**

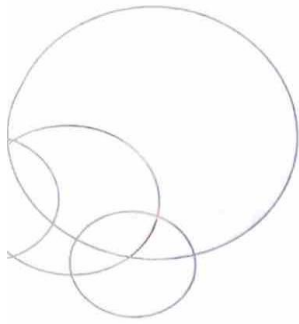
PARENTS, WE WANT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED. SCHOOL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON:

[www.marioncharter.org](http://www.marioncharter.org)

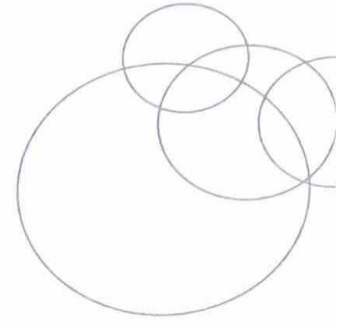
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  
CONNECT TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS  
DOJO



Just a reminder that NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES are allowed in the classrooms per our school policy. Children must turn in their phones and/or Smart watches in the office for safe keeping and at the end of the day, they may come pick them up at carline time.



# ORDER A COPY OF YOUR YEARBOOK **TODAY!**



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Be sure to get your order in on time to guarantee that you will receive a yearbook.

*Asegúrese de ordenar a tiempo para garantizar recibir un anuario.*



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## **MARION CHARTER SCHOOL**

2025-2026 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM  
FORMULARIO DE PEDIDO DEL ANUARIO

**Pricing & Deadlines**  
*PRECIOS Y PLAZOS*

**\$20.00**

### **MARION CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Yearbook Order Form** (Formulario de Pedido del Anuario)

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nombre del Estudiante*

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Grado Maestro/a*

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Telefono*

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Online
<b>Total \$:</b>		<input type="text"/>

Office Use Only: 116383

Thank you for your yearbook order! | Gracias por su orden del anuario!



# MCS Lunch Menu - April 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daily Milk Choices: White 1% Milk Chocolate FF Milk			1 Chicken Quesadilla Mixed Vegetables Sweet Peppers Fresh Fruit	2 Chicken Tenders Roll Crunchy Carrots Green Beans Fresh Fruit	3 <b>NO SCHOOL!</b> <b>Good Friday!</b>
<i>*Menu options are subject to change without notice*</i>	6 Savory Beef Dunkers, Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit	7 Pork Taco Nachos Corn Fiesta Beans Fruit	8 Cheeseburger Sweet Peas Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit	9 Tortellini & Sauce Breadstick Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Fresh Fruit	10 Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza Potato Smiles Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit
	13 Grilled Cheese Roasted Carrots Sweet Peas Fresh Fruit	14 Pizza Stromboli Fiesta Beans Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit	15 Lasagna Roll Ups Cheese Stick Green Beans Fresh Fruit	16 Chicken & Rice Roll Black Beans Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit	17 Chicken Sandwich Crunchy Carrots Corn Fresh Fruit
	20 BBQ Chicken Drumstick Macaroni Bites Mashed Potatoes Peas, Biscuit Fresh Fruit	21 Beef Walking Tacos Cheddar Dip Fiesta Beans Corn Fresh Fruit	22 Chicken Quesadilla Mixed Vegetables Sweet Peppers Fresh Fruit	23 Mandarin Orange Chicken with Noodles Roasted Broccoli Cucumber/Tomato	24 Chicken Tenders, Roll Crunchy Carrots Green Beans Fresh Fruit
	27 Savory Beef Dunkers, Biscuit Mashed Potatoes Roasted Broccoli Fresh Fruit	28 Pork Taco Nachos Corn Fiesta Beans Fruit	29 Cheeseburger Sweet Peas Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit	30 Tortellini & Sauce Breadstick Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Fresh Fruit	1 Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza Potato Smiles Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit

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**DATE:**

Friday, May 15th, 2026

**TIME:**

**3-9 PM**

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# KIDS' PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Prioritizing healthy routines helps kids feel better today and gets them on the right track for years to come.

## HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

Set small, achievable, short-term goals to prioritize **three key areas**:



### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Preschool-age children about **3 hours per day** of a variety of activities

School-age kids and teens at least **60 minutes per day** of moderate- to vigorous-intensity activity



### NUTRITION

Consume a variety of foods daily, increase intake of vegetables, fruits, nuts, whole grains, low-fat or fat-free dairies, lean vegetable or animal protein, and fish.

Minimizes the intake of saturated and trans fats, processed meats, refined carbohydrates, and sweetened beverages.



### SCREEN TIME

Less is better  
No more than **1 to 2 hours** of TV/computer/video games a day; separating leisure screen time and school screen time.

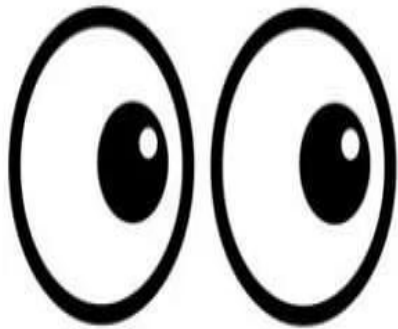
A healthy routine can help kids feel better, improve mental health and decrease and prevent conditions such as anxiety and depression.

For more information visit [heart.org/Kids](https://heart.org/Kids).



# TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

1. Read the title and scan the text.



2. Predict the genre and topic.



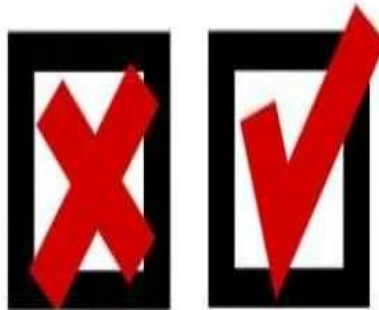
3. Read and analyze the questions.



4. Read the text.



5. Answer the questions using text evidence and the process of elimination.



6. Two-finger check.



Cultivating   
Critical Readers

# SMARTIES

know how  
to  
prepare  
for tests.

## 7 Great ways to prepare for the test

1. Get a good night's sleep.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Dress comfortably.
4. Start your day peacefully.
5. Arrive on time.
6. Think positive thoughts.
7. Do your best!

# TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES

- 1. SLASH THE TRASH!** Read ALL of the choices. Get rid of any choices you know for sure are wrong. Put a question mark beside the ones you want to consider. Choose the BEST answer from what is left.
- 2. "JAIL" THE DETAILS!** Highlight, underline, or circle the details or key words in the questions.
- 3. BE SLICK AND PREDICT!** Predict what the answer is BEFORE you read the choices. Select the choice that is closest to your answer.
- 4. PLUG IT IN!** Read the answer choices, and plug each choice in to see if it fits. Ask yourself, "Does this make sense?"
- 5. TICK, TOCK...MIND THE CLOCK!** Don't stay stuck on one question. Take your best "thinking guess" and move on. Make a note of the question so that you can go back to it if you have time.

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# OPEN ENROLLMENT

**SCHOOL YEAR 26-27**

## WHY MCS?

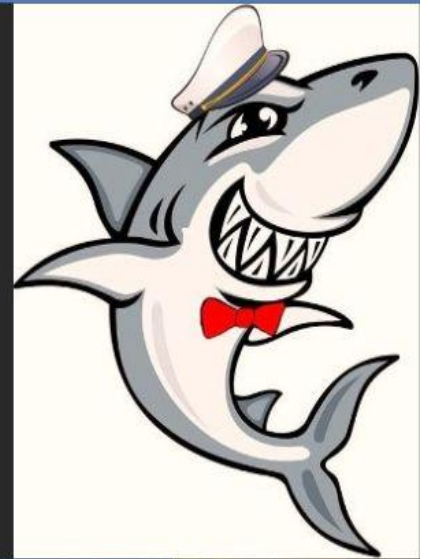
- 2 Classrooms in each grade, K-5th
- Certified Teachers
- Teacher Assistants for each grade
- Uniforms
- Friendly, safe environment
- Communication with parents/guardians
- Technology use
- Hands-on learning opportunities
- Community outreach
- SHARK Bucks, Resiliency & Character Education
- School-wide Expectations:
  - Be Respectful
  - Be Responsible
  - Be a Problem Solver

**APPLY APRIL 1-17**

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Achieving  
Responsible  
Kind  
Students



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# 8 Habits of Healthy Kids<sup>®</sup>

## Healthy kids:



Spend at least 1 hour a day being physically active

Spend less than 2 hours a day watching TV and playing video and computer games



Eat at least a total of 5 fruits and vegetables everyday

Snack on healthy foods and less junk food and sweets



Drink or eat at least 3 low fat dairy foods a day

Drink at least 2 glasses or bottles of water a day instead of soda



Eat less fast food and make healthier fast food choices

Eat smaller amounts - bigger is not better





How can I help my  
child **SUCCEED** in  
school?

Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Read with your child **every** night.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.