

Welcome!



www.pkyonge.ufl.edu

Who We Are



The Treehouse
Learning Community

How we are organized



Parent Communication

PKY Website:

- www.pkyonge.ufl.edu
- Links to our website
 - pkytreehouse.weebly.com
 - Teacher blogs are linked from that page.
 - You can follow blogs via email if you choose.
- Skyward link

Paper Newsletter:

- By request

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

- In October to review CBM's
- Additional conferences, as needed

Email:

- Any questions? You can always contact your child's advisory teacher.

Online Grade Access

Skyward

- Linked on the PKY website

When grades are posted...

- If there is an issue, please let us know.
Mistakes do happen. 😊

*Grade percentages are located in the
Open House packet.*

Subject Specifics

Writing

- *Being a Writer*
- Published by Developmental Studies Center
- Skill practice will focus on grammar, usage, and mechanics skills that supplement our writing instruction.

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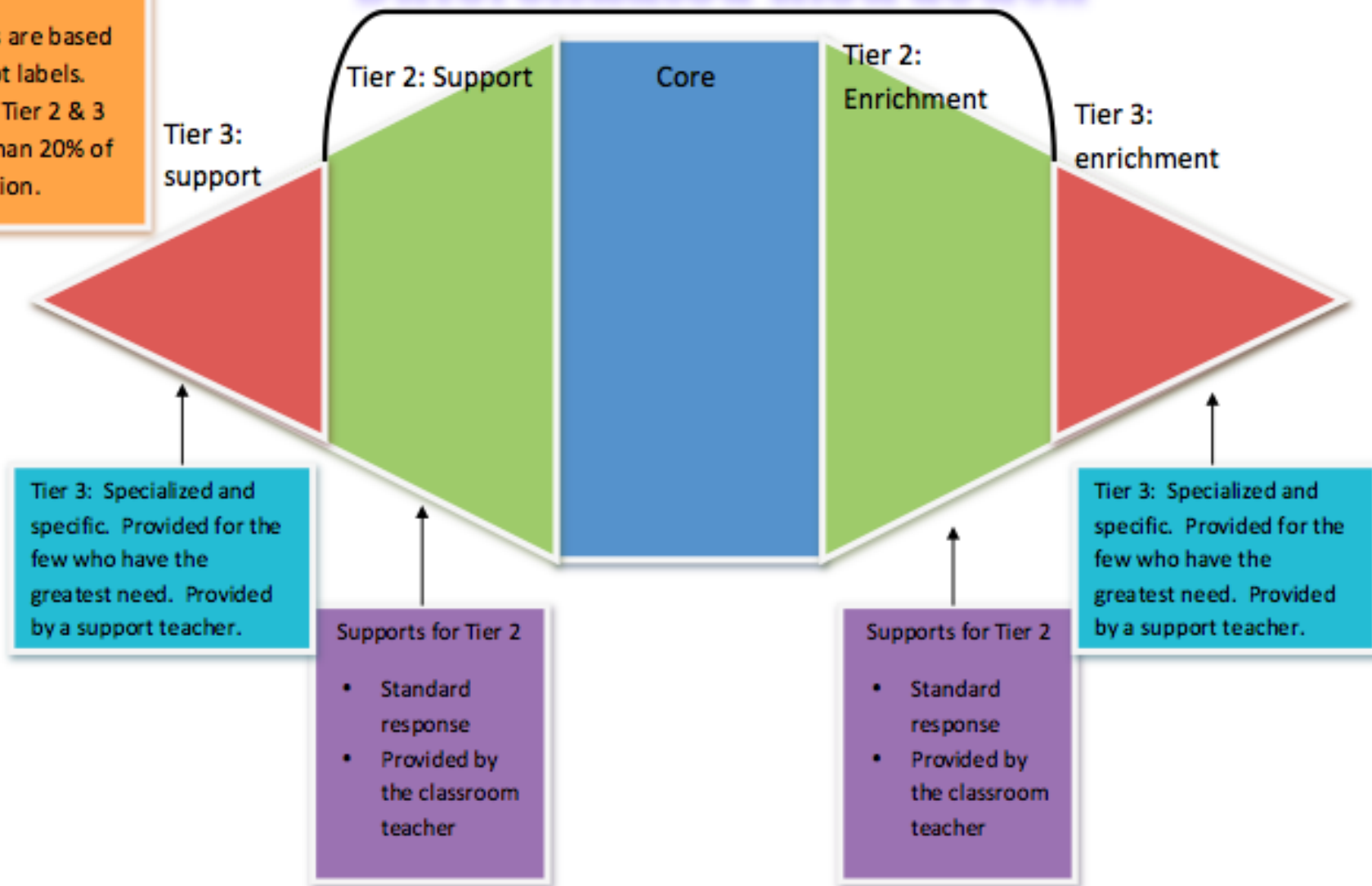
Math

- *Investigations in Number, Data, and Space*
- Written by TERC, published by Pearson
- Designed for students to investigate relationships and concepts about numbers rather than learning formulas by rote.

Differentiated Instruction

Keep in mind:

All supports are based on need, not labels. Students in Tier 2 & 3 are fewer than 20% of our population.



Subject Specifics

Reading

- *Making Meaning*
- Published by Developmental Studies Center
- Designed to scaffold students as they learn to use effective reading strategies.
- Designed to work with *Being a Writer*

Science

- *Sangari Active Science*
- Published by Sangari (same publisher as IQWST)
- Designed for students to experiences Science, not just read about it.
- Uses 5 E's model: Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate

Florida Standards Assessment

Fourth Grade

Everything is paper-based

- Reading
- Math
- Writing
 - Not prompt based. Instead, students are given several texts on a topic and are then asked to respond to a stimulus about that topic using information from the texts to support their answer.
 - Informative or Opinion

Fifth Grade

Computer-based tests

- Reading
- Math
- Writing
 - Same criteria as fourth grade

Paper-based tests

FCAT

- Science

www.fsassessments.org

Homework

Math

Math Homework is weekly. Packets will come home each Friday (or last day of the week) and is due the following Friday (or last day of the week).

Reading

Students expected to read daily, for 20-30 minutes.

Writing

Writing homework will be distributed each Friday, or the last day of the week, and will be due the following Friday, or the last day of the week. The homework will focus on consistent skills practice and responding to texts students have read.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads

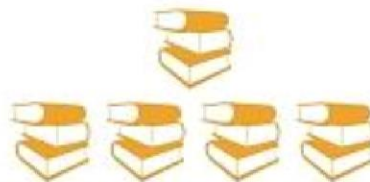
- ❖ 20 minutes per day.
- ❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.
- ❖ 1,800,000 words per year.



- ❖ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.

Student B Reads

- ❖ 5 minutes per day.
- ❖ 900 minutes per school year.
- ❖ 282,000 words per year.



- ❖ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.

Student C Reads

- ❖ 1 minute per day
- ❖ 180 minutes per school year.
- ❖ 8,000 words per year.



- ❖ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Sage and Herman, 1957.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Homework

Late Work

We will accept late work one school day after the due date. It is the student's responsibility to turn in their work for full credit. Work will not be accepted more than one day late.

Homework Time

We are dedicated to helping every student successfully complete his or her class work and homework. We are offering a quiet environment every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school from 2:30 – 3:00pm. At the end of each Homework Time, students will be walked to the front circle. Students must be promptly picked up by 3:05. Students not picked up by 3:05 will be sent to the front office or after school if they are actively enrolled. ***Homework Time will begin on September 15.***

This is not the same as Secondary Help Sessions – teachers will be available for questions, but not one-on-one tutoring.

Odds & Ends

- **Car Pick-up** – Make sure you have your car tag/number and display in your window.
- **Breakfast** – We are serving breakfast each morning from the Warming Kitchen beginning at 7:30. They will eat at the Creekside Café.
- **Birthdays** – Celebrated during lunchtime. You can bring 22 treats (for advisory class), or 132 treats for the LC.

Electronic Devices

- **Personal Electronics:**
 - E-Readers are allowed during reading time.
 - Cell Phones must be on silent and stay in backpacks (in student lockers).

Field Trips

This year:

- St. Augustine day trip (November 10)
 - Aligns with Social Studies Standards
- Brevard Zoo & NASA overnight (May 21-22)
 - Aligns with Science Standards

Fundraising & Patrols

Given our Field Trips are combined, fundraising will also be combined.

- Our first fundraiser started already (Discount Cards)
- The Treehouse School Store is opening on FRIDAY! 😊
- We will have a lot more!
- Questions, please contact Mrs. Wall: hwall@pky.ufl.edu

Patrol questions –

- please contact Ms. Carlson: ecarlson@pky.ufl.edu

**** Please sign up to volunteer for PKY PTO's Fall Carnival, as well.***

It's going to be a
GREAT year!

