



# MS. MERIDA

## ABOUT ME

I graduated from UCF and have been a teacher at Palmetto for FIVE years! I am a mom to two super funny boys, Devin and Dax. My hobbies include reading, going to the beach, and cooking.



Hello students and families,

Although this year may be different I am so excited to be your fourth grade teacher! I am certain that this year will VIRTUALLY be the best one yet! Together we will navigate the world of hybrid Launched and Face to Face!

## FAVORITES

Drinks: Starbucks Coffee  
Candy: Sour Patch Watermelon  
Store: Target  
Color: Dark Green  
Animal: Elephant

## CONTACT ME

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## FOURTH GRADE SCHEDULE

8:45-8:50 Morning Meeting

8:50-9:20 Reading Whole Group

9:20-10:15 Reading Centers

10:15-10:45 Writing

10:45-11:25 Math Whole Group

11:25-11:45 Math Centers

11:45-12:30 Specials

12:30-12:55 Lunch

12:55-1:15 Recess

1:15-1:45 Intervention/FBS

1:45-2:30 Science

2:30-2:55 Health

2:55-3:00 Dismissal

NO SCIENCE OR HEALTH ON  
WEDNESDAY





# DIGITAL CURRICULUM

We currently use the following apps to support digital and face to face students:



SMART Learning Suite

Used for Whole Group Lessons



Canvas OCPs

Used for Exit Slips, Centers, and most independent learning



i-Ready Production (SAML)

Used for differentiated lessons. **Students must have 45 minutes weekly in reading and math**



ReflexMath

Used as a math resource for fluency



**Freckle**<sup>™</sup>  
by Renaissance<sup>®</sup>

Used for extra lessons to supplement instruction





# DIGITAL DEVICE CARE

Technology can be sensitive, how we care for it is important.

## DO

- Devices should be on a table or desk, not the floor or the bed
- Should be using headphones
- Should be on school approved websites and apps
- Should be held with two hands
- Should be restarted and charged overnight.

## DON'T

- Should not be around food and drink
- Should not be handled by small siblings
- Should not be used while walking around
- Should not be decorated with stickers

Students will have to pay a fine if they damage their device, even if it's accidental.



# EXPECTATIONS

- Students are required to attend class live daily from 8:45am – 2:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and Wednesdays from 8:45am-1:50pm.
- Students should be at their computers with their cameras ON and mics MUTED ready for the lesson with their notebooks nearby and in a quiet area of the house.

- Face to Face students need to be in school by 8:00am for breakfast and in the classroom by 8:40.
- Face to Face students should start the day ready for reading by having their notebooks, reading materials, and writing utensil.
- Face to Face students must remain 6 feet from others and have their face masks on covering their nose and masks.



# SAFETY FOR FACE TO FACE

- Face to Face students wear masks at all times, except for lunch, throughout the school day.
- We sanitize our desks three times a day.
- We do not have communal supplies.



# LIVE LESSONS

To access Live Lessons click Microsoft Teams from Launchpad

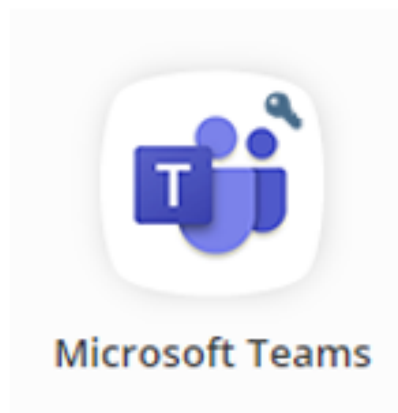
OCPS

Sign in to LaunchPad

Username

Password

Sign In





# GRADING

Grades are based on the accumulation of points. ➤ The grading scale is as follows:

90%–100%: A

80%–89%: B

70%–79%: C

60%–69%: D

59% or less: F

Graded assignments will include:

Exit Slips, Centers, Lab Participation, i-Ready Minutes, Essays, Quizzes, Assessments and Reassessments





# STANDARDIZED TESTS



## **Reading, Mathematics, & Writing**

The subjects listed above are subjects your child will be tested on in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. I will be preparing them to be ready for the FSA for each subject through lessons, practice essays, and summative assessments. It is imperative that your child attend classes online every day.

### **science**

Science will include labs that will need to be conducted by the students hands-on. Dates and times for material pickups will be issued on ClassDojo.



# READING AT HOME

Students have “digital” copies of reading texts available in Canvas. They are also available during live lessons in Smart Learning Suite.

If you have a printer available at home, you may chose to print the reading and writing texts.



# WRITING AT HOME

Essay can be written on notebook paper.

\*\*Students must send Ms. Merida a picture of their writing in Dojo, canvas or google drive.

Essays can be typed in canvas or in a google doc.

Students **MUST** be able to write a complete essay, this includes: Introduction, Body Paragraph 1, Body Paragraph 2 and a Conclusion.



# MATH AT HOME

Math problems can be written on notebook paper, or a whiteboard for quick teacher monitoring. Many students can also answer in the chat area of the Teams meeting.

Mental math is important and can be used in many instances.....BUT students need to work out their problems. This helps me teach and revise student thinking and helps students write out their thinking.





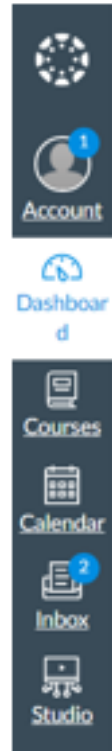
# SCIENCE AT HOME

We are working on many new exciting topics in Science, like chemical and physical changes, force and motion, states of matter and so much more.

I will be conducting many "labs" from my desk and students are welcome to join in the fun. I will let students know what materials they may need. This is not a requirement and does not affect their grades. Participating in the discussions, making observations and inferences based on the lab are how students earn their lab grades.



# CONTACTING ME



- Message me through dojo
  - Call the office for an appointment
  - Inbox through Canvas

THANK

YOU!