



OMES at-a-Glance



News for Otis A. Mason Families

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Manatee Highlight: YOU!

THANK YOU
SO MUCH

YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

This month's Manatee Highlight is YOU!

Thank YOU for all of your assistance with making this school year better for our children, our teachers, and our community. Your support means everything to us. YOU ARE APPRECIATED and you are a part of our team!

Keep Reading, Mason!

The St. Johns County Public Library System has book clubs and story times for every age. Sign-up with your local library today for summer programs. www.sjcpls.org

St. Johns County
Public Library System

Enroll for the 2025-2026

New to our school? Please use the following link for registering a Pre-K student, registering a new K-12th grade student, or to re-enroll, transfer, or change your address with the SJCS D for the 2025-2026 school year:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/>

Returning to our school next year? Check the email address we have on file for you. Your Returning Student Verification Form has been emailed.

Character Highlight: Patriotism and the meaning of Memorial Day

Talk to your child about the importance of **Citizenship, Patriotism, and Memorial Day**. The pillar of focus is **Citizenship**. Is your child old enough to learn more about the symbols of our country, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Star-Spangled Banner? Do you discuss important national holidays and documents with them? Why are our founding documents like the Constitution, Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and Emancipation Proclamation so important to us? Are students ready to explore age-appropriate news and community events? Could your family participate in community-enriching activities?



Memorial Day began as a tradition in our country following the Civil War. It was originally called Decoration Day. It became an official holiday in 1971. **Memorial Day is different from Veterans Day** in that it specifically honors those who gave their lives in the service of our country. Many Americans recognize Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials, participating in parades, watching documentaries, and spending time with veterans. **Have questions? Contact our Guidance Office at 904-547-8455.**

History.com(<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>) for more on this holiday.



PK-5 School Supply Lists for 2025-2026

Here is a sneak peak of the school supplies needed by grade for the 2025-2026 school year. This lists will be available on our website as well.

[Supply Lists.Grade PK](#)

[Supply Lists.Grade K](#)

[Supply Lists.Grade 1](#)

[Supply Lists.Grade 2](#)

[Supply Lists.Grade 3](#)

[Supply Lists.Grade 4](#)

[Supply Lists.Grade 5](#)

Summer Passport to Learning

Beat the summer slide & earn a ticket to the party in fall!

Links below:

[Summer Passport to Learning Future Kindergarteners](#)

[Summer Passport to Learning Future 1st Graders](#)

[Summer Passport to Learning Future 2nd Graders](#)

[Summer Passport to Learning Future 3rd-5th Graders](#)

Check out the Testing Portal!

Congratulations to all of our test-takers! We are so proud of your hard work this year. PLEASE, log in and recognize and celebrate your child's progress. Results include Progress Monitoring 1, 2, and 3. While tests will eventually be uploaded to the "Test Scores" tab on HAC, families can get more immediate results on the State Assessments Test Portal.

To access the portal, log into HAC. Click on the **REGISTRATION** tab and scroll to **Additional Information** under Demographic and "Copy" the **Statewide Assessments Family Portal Access Code** that is unique for your child. Then click on the **HOME** tab followed by the **SCHOOL LINKS** tab. Click on the [Statewide Assessments Family Portal link](#). Enter your child's code and information.

Once logged in, you can review "all years" and "current year" results in ELA and Math. Celebrate your child's growth through the year and support them as they traverse the Summer Passport to Learning. GO MANATEES!

Don't let the "Summer Slide" hold you back!

HOW TO BEAT THE SUMMER SLIDE

What is the summer slide? The summer slide is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year. Students can lose 4-6 weeks of academic progress. To slow the regression consider the steps below.

CONTINUE READING

Have your child read at least 20 minutes everyday. This can be to a sibling or by themselves. Audio books are a great option as well.

DAILY MATH CONCEPTS

Students can:

- practice telling time on an analog clock
- Use measurements while helping cook
- Add and subtract money while shopping
- Practice time management while getting ready, or help create a schedule for daily activities

LEARN TO LOVE READING

Students can find a interest in reading by:

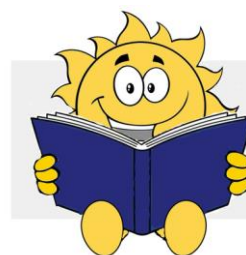
- exploring new book stores or visiting their local library.
- introducing different types of print such as magazines, infographics from fun sightseeing locations

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents can:

- Read aloud to their child
- Engage in meaningful conversations to help build vocabulary
- Review skills with hands on activities

Check out the SSYRA Book List on our Website



SSYRA Junior