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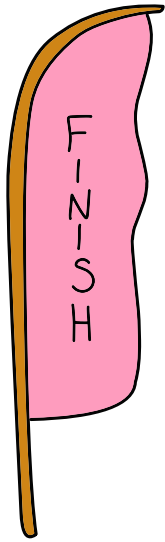
## Thank You Teachers & Staff



As we take time this month to recognize teacher appreciation, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our entire staff who make a difference in our school each and every day. From early mornings to late afternoons, and often well beyond the school day, our teachers work tirelessly to plan engaging lessons, support individual student needs, and foster meaningful connections. Their passion and commitment help shape not only academic success but also the character and future of our students. Whether it's through a kind word, extra help, or a creative classroom

activity, their impact reaches far beyond the walls of the classroom. We invite our families to join us in celebrating these amazing individuals. A simple note, kind message, or word of thanks can go a long way in showing appreciation for all they do.

## Finishing Touches



Even though the school year is coming to an end, our teachers and students are still in high gear, working hard to finish the last few weeks strong! Many grade levels will be wrapping up their final round of state testing. Here's what's left:

- May 5 Grade 3 FAST ELA
- May 6 Grade 4 & 5 FAST ELA
- May 7 Grade 3 FAST Math
- May 12 Grades 4 & 5 FAST Math
- May 14 Grade 5 Statewide Science

Parents can check Parent Portal for their student's test results. Parent Portal will be updated every Friday throughout the summer with students' most recent scores. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing results are expected to be released June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Some students may be eligible for the New Worlds Reading Program, depending on their test results. This program offers additional educational support to families who have an eligible student. See the attached flyer for more information or contact Mayme Plumlee at [mayme.plumlee@berkleyknights.net](mailto:mayme.plumlee@berkleyknights.net).

Here's a few end of the year reminders:

- There are no lunch visitors for the remainder of the school year.
- There will be no backpacks for students the last week of school (May 18-22).
- Final report cards will be sent home May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Students last day of school is Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is also an Early Dismissal day. Students will be dismissed at 12:30PM on the last day of school.
- Mark your calendars:
  - 26/27 Orientation August 4, 8-11AM
  - 26/27 First Day of School August 6, 2026

**School Hours**  
7:50 - 3:00

**Morning Drop-off**  
7:30am

**5240 Berkley Rd**  
**Auburndale, FL 33823**

**Office Hours**  
7:30 - 3:30

**Early Dismissal**  
12:30

**(863) 968-5024**  
**[www.berkleyknights.net](http://www.berkleyknights.net)**

## Summer Homework



To help prevent summer learning loss, we provide summer homework for our incoming Kindergarteners through incoming 5th graders. Students will receive a Weekly Reader Summer Express workbook full of reading, math, and writing activities. The workbook has certificates and stickers

available for parents to use to celebrate progress, completion, and hard work over the summer. Books are yours to keep! They do not need to be returned. Also, iReady will be available throughout the end of July for all of our current K-5 students. Student lesson paths will be updated in May with the last diagnostic assessment, so lessons available to students for the summer will be based on their current, individual academic needs.

## Summer Reading

Looking for ideas to keep your student reading over the summer?

Check out these resources:

- Reading Rockets @

<https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/summer-reading-and-learning>

- Berkley's Summer Reading List (K-5) @

<https://berkleyknights.net/summer-homework/>



You'll find lots of ideas and tips to get (and keep) your kids reading through the summer months.

## 26/27 Supply Lists



The school supply lists for 2026-2027 are available at our website at <https://berkleyknights.net/school-supply-list/>. A copy is also attached to this newsletter.

## What a Year!

As we come to the close of this school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences that would not have been possible without the dedication of our students and the support of our families. We are already excited for all the opportunities the 26/27 school year holds! We wish you all a safe, happy, and restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great year.

~ Deanna Brewer & Jennifer Cervantes, administration

Next Board Meeting

May 15, 2026  
7am

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<http://focusk12.polk-fl.net>



[berkleyvolunteergroup@gmail.com](mailto:berkleyvolunteergroup@gmail.com)



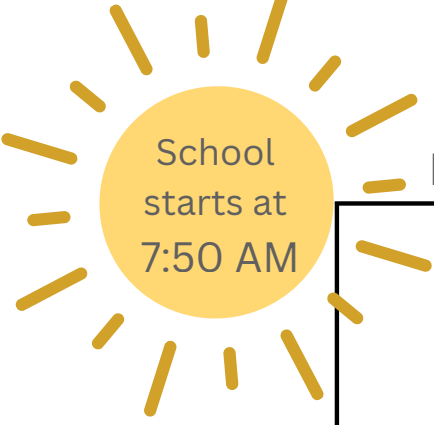
<https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Berkley's  
Parent Liaison  
is  
Mayme Plumlee

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

ATTEND TODAY. ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

# May 2026



What's Ahead:  
SUMMER BREAK!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>1</b> Freestyle Friday  Block Day 3
<b>4</b>  Block Day 4	<b>5</b> FAST PM3 3rd Reading  Block Day 5	<b>6</b> FAST PM3 4&5 Reading  Block Day 6	<b>7</b> FAST PM3 3rd Math  Block Day 1	<b>8</b>  Block Day 2
<b>11</b>  Block Day 3	<b>12</b> FAST PM3 4&5 Math  Block Day 4	<b>13</b>  Block Day 5	<b>14</b> FAST PM3 5th Science  Block Day 6	<b>15</b> BOD Meeting 7am  Block Day 1
<b>18</b>  Block Day 2	<b>19</b>  Block Day 3	<b>20</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Award Ceremony 4PM Cafe Block Day 4	<b>21</b> Report Cards  Block Day 5	<b>22</b> Last Day of School Early Release - 12:30PM  Block Day 6
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



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## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY



Mini Pepperoni Calzones  
Corn  
Garden Salad  
Juice  
Milk

01

Cheeseburger on a bun  
Romaine, Tom & pickle  
Potato Wedges  
Juice  
Milk

04

**Cinco de Mayo**  
Chicken soft Tacos w/cheese  
Beans / Rice  
Carrots w/dip  
Chilled fruit / Milk

05

Shepherd's Pie w/roll  
Sliced Carrots  
Green Beans  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

06

Sloppy Joes on a bun  
Sweet potato fries  
Steamed Broccoli  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

07

Pizza  
Corn  
Salad  
Juice  
Milk

08

Corn Dog  
Sweet Potato fries  
Green Beans  
Juice  
Milk

11

Spaghetti w/breadstick  
Steamed Broccoli  
Peas and carrots  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

12

Hamburger on a bun  
Romaine, Tom & Pickle  
Potato wedges  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

13

Beef Nachos w/cheese cup  
Rice / Beans  
Romaine & Tomato  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

14

Pizza  
Corn  
Carrots w/dip  
Juice  
Milk

15

Chicken Fajita  
Black beans / Rice  
Corn  
Juice  
Milk

18

Managers Choice  
Potato Wedges  
Broccoli  
Chilled fruit  
Milk

19

Managers Choice  
Managers Choice Veggies (2)  
Fresh fruit  
Milk

20

Ham or Turkey Sandwich  
**Through the line and back to class.**

21

PB&J Sandwich ( A meat sandwich choice for the kids with a peanut allergy)  
**Through the line and back to class.**

22

Memorial Day

25

**Have a fun & safe Summer!**  
**"The Lunch Bunch"**

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School Information: Monday – Thursday, Chef Salad or Chicken Caesar Salad and Friday, Yogurt Muffin. Monday – Friday Ham or Turkey Sandwich or wrap. Lunch K- 5th = \$2.60, Staff = \$5.00, Breakfast K – 5<sup>th</sup> \$1.25, Staff = Al-a-carte pricing. Menu subject to change!

MAY 2026



# Berkley Charter School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring test that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. 3/4/5 grade students will participate in the third administration (PM3) of the Grade 3/4/5 FAST ELA Reading and Mathematics assessments starting the week of May 4, 2026. The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards. You will be provided with information about how to see your student's results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how your student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test (PM1, PM2, and PM3) has 35–40 items that cover the test “blueprint,” meaning students will see items that measure the standards within the subject and grade level. For more information about the test design, please visit

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>.

5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the computer-based Grade 5 Statewide Science assessment on May 14, 2026. Statewide Science assessments are each administered in one 160-minute session, but students may work up to the length of a typical school day. The results from this assessment will show how well your student has mastered the grade level science content standards. You will be provided information about how to see your student's results after testing is completed.

You or your student can review the computer-based sample test items and certain released tests at home at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not allowed to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smart glasses, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. Students may not wear smart glasses during statewide testing, even if they are prescription glasses. Students with prescription smart glasses will need to remove them or test another day with standard glasses. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated (not scored).
- **Calculator Policy**—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used. Calculators are not allowed for Grades 3–5 Mathematics. Calculator use is not allowed for Grades 5 Science.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students click a box in the test to show that they understand the testing rules.



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# Reading shapes who we are.

Help your kids read on grade level  
with Florida's FREE at-home book  
delivery program.

- VPK - 5 students can apply to receive free books and reading activities each month during the school year from this state-created program.\*
- Students can choose books that match their interests.
- Books and activities are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and braille.

\*Visit [newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com) to see eligibility requirements.

**Families can  
apply today:**

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# La lectura forma quienes somos.

Ayude a sus niños a leer al nivel de su grado con el programa de entrega de libros a domicilio de la Florida, el cual es totalmente GRATUITO.

- Estudiantes de VPK hasta quinto grado pueden solicitar libros y actividades de lectoescritura gratuitos de este programa creado por el estado para cada mes durante el año escolar.\*
- Los estudiantes pueden seleccionar libros que coincidan con sus intereses.
- Los libros y actividades están disponibles en inglés, español, criollo haitiano y braille.

\*Consulte [newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com) para ver los requisitos de elegibilidad.

**Las familias  
ya pueden  
registrarse:**

[newworldsreading.com/enroll](http://newworldsreading.com/enroll)





# Summer Homework

Incoming Kindergarteners - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders



In order to help keep summer learning loss at a minimum, we send home summer homework to be completed by our incoming kindergarteners through incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Each student will receive a Weekly Reader: Summer Express workbook for their corresponding grade level. This workbook provides 10 weeks worth of grade level review in vocabulary, phonics, reading, writing, and math.

These workbooks are the students' to keep and use. They do not need to be returned to the school. A completion certificate and stickers are available in the back of the workbook for parents to celebrate their child's work over the summer.

In addition to these workbooks, we encourage all students to read for 20 minutes a day, at least 5 days per week. iReady will also be available through the end of July for current K-5 Berkley students. iReady provides individually prescribed lessons for each student in reading and math. It is recommended students complete 45 minutes per week, per subject.

## iReady Login

\*For current students: <http://login.i-ready.com>

Username: First Initial + Last Initial + 6 digit Student ID (AB123456)

Password: 4 digit birthdate (MMDD)





## 2026-2027 School Calendar

*Dates are subject to change*

Teacher Work Days	Friday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 5, 2026
ALL Students - In Person Orientation 8-11am	Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Paraeducator First Work Day	Tuesday, August 4, 2026
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Thursday, August 6, 2026
Holiday (Labor Day) – Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday, September 7, 2026
Interim Report	Thursday, September 10, 2026
Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Week	Monday-Friday, October 5-9, 2026
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 9-Week Grading Period	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Teacher Work Day - Student/Paraeducator Holiday	Friday, October 16, 2026
Distribute Report Cards (First 9 Weeks)	Monday, October 26, 2026
Holiday - Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Interim Report	Thursday, November 19, 2026
Holiday – Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday-Friday, November 23-27, 2026
END OF 1 <sup>st</sup> SEMESTER/Last Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period	Friday, December 18, 2026
Last School Day Before Winter Holidays	Friday, December 18, 2026
Teacher Workday - Student/Paraeducator Holiday - Storm Make-up Day (if needed)	Monday, January 4, 2027
Students and Paraeducators Return After Winter Holidays	Tuesday, January 5, 2027
Distribute Report Cards (Second 9 weeks)	Tuesday, January 12, 2027
Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday, January 18, 2027
FTE Week	Monday-Friday, February 1-5, 2027
Interim Report	Thursday, February 11, 2027
Teacher Work Day - Student/Paraeducator Holiday	Friday, February 12, 2027
Holiday (President’s Day) – Student/Teacher/Paraeducator	Monday, February 15, 2027
End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9-Week Grading Period	Wednesday, March 10, 2027
SPRING BREAK	Monday-Friday, March 15 – March 19, 2027
No School - Teacher/Students/Paraeducator	Friday, March 26, 2027
Distribute Report Cards (Third 9 Weeks)	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Interim Report	Thursday, April 22, 2027
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS – End of 4 <sup>th</sup> 9-Week Grading Period - Early Release Distribute Report Cards (End of 4 <sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks) - Storm Make-up Day (if needed)	Monday, May 24, 2027
Teacher Work Day	Tuesday, May 25, 2027

Designated Storm Make-Up Days: 1/4 and 5/25

**Reminder:** Non-refundable travel tickets should not be purchased in the event that Storm Days are used as Student Attendance Days and/or Teacher Work Days.

**Student Testing:** Dates/information is located on the District’s website at <https://polkschoolsfl.com/assessment> .

<b>Early Release Days:</b>	Thursday, August 20, 2026	Friday, January 15, 2027
	Friday, September 4, 2026	Thursday, February 11, 2027
	Thursday, October 15, 2026	Friday, March 12, 2027
	Friday, November 20, 2026	Friday, April 23, 2027
	Friday, December 18, 2026	Monday, May 24, 2027



# Berkley Charter School

## 2026-2027 School Supply List

Please send supplies on orientation or the first day of school.



### PRE-KINDERGARTEN - FULL Day Students

- 2 - Boxes 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 1 - 5-pack of Play-Doh
- 4 - Thin Expo Markers
- 6 - Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 - Pack Crayola Markers - classic 8 count
- 1 - Pillow and blanket for rest time - will be sent home weekly for laundering.
- 1 - Complete change of clothes must be kept in backpack. Label clothing with student's name. Store in Ziploc bag.
- PreK4 - If your last name begins with A - M: 1 pack page protectors
- PreK4 - If your last name begins with N - Z: 1 pack color copy paper

### Kindergarten

- 1 - Complete change of clothes must be kept in backpack. Label clothing with student's name. Store in Ziploc bag.
- 1 - 1" white 3-ring binder with clear view overlay
- 4 - Boxes 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 1 - Pack Crayola Markers - classic 8 count
- 1 - Pack Crayola Water Color Paints
- 3 - Packs of 4 count or higher jumbo glue sticks
- 1 - Pack Astrobrights paper or white cardstock
- 1 - 4-pack of Play-Doh

### 1st Grade

- 1 - 1" white 3-ring binder with clear view overlay
- 4 - Boxes 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 2 - Packs Crayola Markers - classic 8 count
- 2 - Bottles liquid school glue
- 1 - Pack 24ct sharpened #2 pencils
- 3 - Packs Elmer's glue sticks
- 4 - Plastic folders with pockets and brads (red, blue, green, and purple)
- 1 - Composition notebook - wide ruled - plain cover
- 2 - One subject spiral notebooks - wide ruled - plain cover
- 1 - Pack assorted color copy paper
- If your last name begins with A - M: 1 pack color cardstock paper
- If your last name begins with N - Z: 1 pack laminating sheets

### 2nd Grade

- 1 - 1" white 3-ring binder with clear view overlay
- 6 - Boxes 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 3 - Packs 24 count sharpened pencils
- 2 - Packs pink erasers
- 8 - Glue sticks
- 1 - Composition notebook - wide ruled - white & black covers
- 1 - 4-pack of Play-Doh
- 6 - Plastic folders with prongs & pockets (2 - red, 2 - blue, 2 - green)
- 3 - Packs assorted color copy paper

### 3rd Grade

- 2 - 1" white 3-ring binders with clear view overlay
- 1 - Zippered pencil pouch
- 2 - Boxes 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 1 - Pack Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 - Wide-ruled composition notebooks - no spirals
- 1 - Pack assorted color copy paper (bright colors)
- 1 - pack of pencil cap erasers
- 1 - 2 pack large pink erasers
- 2 - Plastic folders with prongs and pockets (1- blue, 1- green)
- 1 - Pack white cardstock
- If your last name begins with A - M: 1 pack of markers
- If your last name begins with N - Z: 1 pack color pencils

### 4th Grade

- 1 - 1" white 3-ring binder with clear view overlay
- 1 - 4 pack of black Expo markers
- 1 - Pack multi-color highlighters
- 1 - Pack Crayola Markers OR Crayons
- 2 - Packs sharpened #2 pencils
- 4 - Jumbo Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 - Set earbuds or headphones (no bluetooth)
- 1 - Zippered fabric pencil pouch
- 2 - 3 subject spiral notebook
- 1 - Composition notebook
- 2 - Packs assorted bright color copy paper (shared with class)

### 5th Grade

#### Personal supplies used in class

- 1 - Fabric pencil pouch
- 1 - Box of mechanical pencils (lead if needed)
- 1 - Set of headphones with USB-C connector (no bluetooth)
- 2 - Plastic folders with prongs (1 - green, 1 - orange)
- 1 - Plastic folder without prongs (yellow)
- 2 - Single subject spiral notebooks (both green)
- 2 - Composition notebooks (any color)
- 1 - 3 subject spiral notebook (any color)
- 1 - box of 24 crayons
- 1 - Pack of highlighters
- 1 - Pack of color pens

#### Classroom supplies shared with class

- 1 - Box color pencils
- 2 - Boxes sharpened #2 pencils
- 2 - Packs Black Expo markers
- 1 - Pack of 3x5 index cards
- 1 - Pack color cardstock
- 1 - Pack color copy paper
- 1 - Pack double pocket insertable plastic dividers
- 8-10 - Glue sticks

### Grades PreK - 5

1 - Backpack - Standard size - No wheels

1 - Agenda - for K-5 students & will be sold through the front office.  
Watch for announcement as to when sales will start.

Shirts for K-5 students (prek optional) will be sold through the front office  
Watch for announcement as to when sales will start.

Write student's name on jackets, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc...

Please do not label supplies.

Lunch Account information can be found on our website: [www.berkleyknights.net](http://www.berkleyknights.net)  
under the cafe tab.