

Date: 9/29/2020
TO: Parent or Guardian
FROM: Guidance Department
SUBJECT: Introducing a new career awareness system

The School District of Osceola County has selected Kuder, Inc. ([Kuder](#)) to provide education and career planning guidance to students in grades K-5. Kuder's award-winning, comprehensive, online resources have been proven effective at helping students learn about, plan for, and achieve lifelong career success.

Starting 09/29/2020 your child(ren) have access to Kuder Galaxy® (Galaxy). Galaxy utilizes the power of play through an interactive space-themed, online platform that allows students to learn through video, games, activities, and rewards. Characters like astronauts, aliens, and space creatures promote equity by avoiding common assumptions about gender roles and prestige, and occupational stereotypes.

Rooted in career development theory and grade-specific career readiness themes, the system lets students at each grade level step foot on six planets — each representing a different work environment: Realistic (the doers), Investigative (the thinkers), Artistic (the creators), Social (the helpers), Enterprising (the persuaders), and Conventional (the organizers). Galaxy also introduces students to 120 careers that help students think beyond their neighborhood.

Galaxy helps broaden young learners' job vocabulary as it expands their view of their future. Galaxy enables students to uncover their individual interests, develop a sense of self, use relevant information to explore different careers, learn how what they're doing in school connects to what they could do later in life, and complete activities linked to developmentally- and age-appropriate concepts.

Families are supported by Galaxy. Parents and guardians can easily access Galaxy's free parent guide here: <https://galaxy.kuder.com/parents>.

The Galaxy Parent Guide offers grade-specific career awareness goals, student learning objectives, descriptions about the system's activities, and tips on how to engage their children in varying topics of discussion. It also offers parents suggestions for offline activities and ways to increase career awareness of

I am excited to begin using Galaxy with students, and I encourage home use as well! You will be receiving more information about your child(ren)'s use of Galaxy from me throughout the process. In the meantime, if at any time you have questions or would like additional details, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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