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Principal's Corner...

Just a reminder regarding COVID-19 Symptoms...

If anyone (student, employee, or visitor) shows any symptoms of COVID-19, it is extremely important that they not enter any school or district building and should contact their healthcare provider for guidance.

COVID-19 symptoms (not associated with previously diagnosed conditions) include:

- Fever or chills • Fatigue • Sore throat • Cough • Muscle or body aches • Congestion or runny nose • Shortness of breath • Headache • Nausea or vomiting • difficulty breathing • New loss of taste or smell • Diarrhea

Stay safe and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office at 744-8000.

Michael Engle

A Message from our Assistant Principal....

It is said that parents have a strong positive influence on their child's reading...especially when we read **TO** them and **WITH** them! Research continues to support this idea. Just a few minutes each day can make a measurable difference in a child's basic reading skills. Take those everyday activities—such as a trip to the grocery store, hardware store, restaurant, ballpark, ...and turn them into enjoyable learning experiences. And don't forget that reading independently is important, too. Follow up with questions about what your child has read. So there you have it **TWI**...read **TO** them, **WITH** them, and find time for them to read **INDEPENDENTLY**!

When reading With your child here's another reading tip for November:

Unison Read

This method involves the parent and child reading together with the parent assuming the lead role. Both the parent and student read together aloud.

No one is left behind when we READ To them, With them, and allow them to read Independently. It's recommended that 4th-grade students should read a minimum 60 minutes per evening. When reading With your child here are a few tips:

Echo Read WITH them by reading a phrase or sentence and have your child repeat the same phrase or sentence.

Cloze Read WITH them by reading and stop intermittently at a given word and allow your child to read the word. This helps with challenging words.

The finest gift we can give our children is our heartfelt belief that they can succeed.

--Lawrence W. Lezotte

Kenneth Gay, Ed.D



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Upcoming Dates:

- Early Release every Monday @ 12:55
- 11-1 through 11-14 Online Book Fair
- 11-6 through 11-13 In Person Book Fair
- 11-9 Picture Retakes
- 11-11 Veterans' Day/No School
- 11-16 Report Card Distribution
- 11-19 Great American Teach In/
Fundraiser Pick Up 2-6PM
- 11-23 through 11-27 Fall Break
- 11-30 Students Return



Mark your calendar! The Book Fair is coming! Our Fall Book Fair will start Friday, **November 6th**, and run through **November 13th**. The Book Fair is a fundraiser for our school library. In addition, to providing students the opportunity to purchase books for themselves, our library receives books and funds to purchase materials for the library.

Due to Covid, the Book Fair will be different this year. Unfortunately, there will not be a time for parents to shop with students. Students will shop during their grade level assigned time. Four students will be allowed to enter the book fair at a time to ensure social distancing. Students must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer before entering.

A flyer will be going home with more details with our brick and mortar students.

E-learning students can shop online or in person from 10:45-12:15 beginning November 6th. Parents must wait in the office and have their temperature checked, or wait in their car. You can view the flyer by downloading the Scholastic Book Fair App! It's free and available for Apple and Android devices. With the app you can view book summaries, videos, prices, and reading levels.

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/articles/app>

Another option is to **order books online Nov. 1st through Nov. 14th** at:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lopezelementaryschool> Books ordered online will be mailed to your home. Shipping is **free** on orders **over \$25**. Also, a cashless option is available using the Book Fair eWallet. See details on the website listed above.



Mask Policy

Students must wear a mask to school to each per district policy. Please make sure masks are cleaned regularly.

Tardies

School starts promptly at 7:40 each day. Students may arrive as early as 7:10 to receive a free breakfast. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time so they do not miss out on instruction. Also, having 5 tardies or more may prevent students from receiving Citizenship and Perfect Attendance Awards at the end of the quarter.



From our Crossing Guard...

Did you know that blocking the crosswalk during morning drop off or afternoon pick up could cause you to receive a citation? Please do not block the crosswalk.

PTA Fundraiser Pick Up

Mark your calendar! Parents can pick up fundraiser items on Thursday, November 19th, from 2:00-6:00PM. More details will be coming home closer to the date.

Title One News

The Title One Parent-School Compact went home. Parents, please take time to read and sign this powerful agreement that states ways that we will work together to ensure the best education for our students. The compact is a Federal compliance requirement. The compact needs to be returned to the classroom teacher.

The Math Angle: Mistakes Allow Thinking to Happen!

Grades 2-5 have finished taking their first math monthly. Each month previous taught standards and current standards will be assessed. Students are encouraged to reflect on their progress and set mathematical goals based on the results.

Some tips for i-Ready practice at home:

Make sure students have what they need (pencils, paper, login, headphones, and a quiet place to work)

Help them focus - create a time to work, direct to upcoming lessons, encourage them.

Keep them motivated- encourage them to take lessons seriously, remind them that mistakes are part of learning, and that they can take lessons again.

Help them track progress-talk about the lessons, check in with them at the end of lessons, review progress. Celebrate success!!

