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A Message from our Assistant Principal.... Dr. Gay

Questions often arise from parents asking for simple ways to work with their children at home with strengthening COMPREHENSION. Below are some general suggestions for things that parents can do to help support the reading growth of their children. These are general suggestions, meant to be useful for almost any child, and there may be other things your child's teacher will want you to do that are focused on the specific needs of your child. All of these suggestions come from research on the way children learn to read. If you do some of them regularly in a motivating and supportive way, they will help your child make faster progress in learning to read. Here are six tips to improve reading comprehension in your early reader:

1) Have them read aloud.

This forces him to go slower, which gives him more time to process what he reads, which improves reading comprehension. Plus, he's not only seeing the words, he's hearing them, too. You can also take turns reading aloud.

2) Provide the right kinds of books.

Make sure your child gets lots of practice reading books that aren't too hard. She should recognize at least 90 percent of the words without any help. Stopping any more often than that to figure out a word makes it tough for her to focus on the overall meaning of the story.

3) Reread to build fluency.

To gain meaning from text, your child needs to read quickly and smoothly - a skill known as fluency. By the beginning of 3rd grade, for example, your child should be able to read 90 words a minute. Rereading familiar, simple books gives your child practice at decoding words quickly, so she'll become more fluent in her reading comprehension.

4) Talk to the teacher.

If your child is struggling mightily with reading comprehension, he may need more help with his reading — for example, building his vocabulary or practicing phonics skills.

5) Supplement class reading.

If your child's class is studying a particular theme, look for easy-to-read books or magazines on the topic. Some prior knowledge will help her make her way through tougher classroom texts.

6) Talk about what their reading.

This "verbal processing" helps him remember and think through the themes of the book. Ask questions before, during, and after a session to encourage reading comprehension. For example: Before: "What are you interested in about this book? What doesn't interest you?"

During: "What's going on in the book? Is it turning out the way you thought it would? What do you think will happen next?"

After: "Can you summarize the book? What did you like about it? What other books does it remind you of?"

Source per Curriculum and Instruction Team at FCRR

Lopez Elementary and our community partners are excited to invite you and your family to our first Trunk or Treat!

Who: Lopez students and their families

What: Trunk or Treat

When: Thursday, October 28th from 4-6PM

Where: Lopez Elementary Parking lot

Students are welcome to wear costumes. We will be practicing social distancing.



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Mrs. Jauch's Math Angle

"Show your Work September"

Last month students were encouraged to take the time to show their work when problem solving. This includes rewriting problems on scratch paper if necessary, labeling any diagrams, graphs, or pictures to aid in solving, drawing it out when needed, and modeling with concrete manipulatives. Reasoning through problem solving in multiple ways helps students build conceptual understanding.

October is "Own your Mistakes October".

This month will focus on learning from mistakes and revising thinking. Students are encouraged to understand that mistakes are valuable and to persevere through challenging tasks even when mistakes are made.

Box Tops

Help Lopez PTA earn money by downloading the Box Tops for Education App. Each time you scan your grocery receipt that has a qualifying item you earn 10¢ per item. It's quick and easy – no more clipping coupons. It is amazing how quickly the money adds up.



Media Center News from Mrs. Wenger @LopezLibrary

Our students have already checked out over 3000 books since school started. I'm so proud of them!

Mark your calendar! The Book Fair is coming! Our Fall Book Fair will start Friday, **October 29th**, and run through **November 5th**. 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. Lastly, all Hillsborough County Public School students have access to Axis 360. This is an online e-book library. Students may check out e-books from home using a laptop, tablet, iPad, Kindle or smart phone with an Internet connection. There is an app for it too! Students are assigned to the different collections based on the grade. The username is the student's lunch number. Visit <http://sdhclope.axis360.baker-taylor.com/> E-books have a 10-day loan period and then are automatically returned. Three books can be checked out at a time and returned at any time.

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We'd like to introduce our new PTA board:

President: Tiffany Lopez, VP: Dawn Nordheim & Vanessa Galvez, Treasure: Nina Ortega, Secretary: Anna Able.

Feel free to contact us at LopezPTA@gmail.com.

PTA's fall fundraiser will be from Oct. 11 - Oct. 25th. Please support PTA by joining in this fundraiser.



The Title One Parent-School Compact will be coming home soon. 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.

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