



William Penn Post



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ September 8th - 11th
Spirit Week - PTA
- ◆ Thursday, Sept. 17
*School Pictures
*PTA Walk-a-thon
- ◆ Friday, Sept. 18th
Community Council Mtg.
2:00pm Media Center
- ◆ Wednesday, Sept. 30
Planning Day Schedule
School Dismissed
1:30 pm
- ◆ Thursday, October 1st -
Monday, October 5th
NO SCHOOL
Fall Recess/
Student Recess Day

What is Dibels testing?

This week we began diagnostic testing of our entire school in literacy development. Reading specialists from our district explain Dibels as “a set of standardized individually-administered measures of early literacy development. They were developed upon the essential literacy domains discussed in both the National Reading Panel (2000) and the National Research Council (1998) reports. Each indicator measures a foundational skill whose contribution to reading comprehension is established. (Rayner et al, 2001) These assessments predict how well children are likely to be doing in reading. DIBELS is a proven approach for taking “vital signs” of reading.” We will continue to use this research-based testing throughout the year along with other indicators to monitor literacy progress.

Attendance

If your student needs to miss school, please call the office the morning of the the absence to receive and “excused absence.” Please obtain a note from the doctor if a student has to miss school due to a medical appointment. Unexcused absences are noted and can cause truancy issues.

If a student will be arriving late for any reason, please check-in the office before going to class to receive an “Admit” slip. If a student must leave early, please send a note to notify the teacher ahead of time. Students will be called out of class by the office upon arrival of the parent.



Visitors

Any one coming into the school for any reason (lunch drop-off, lunch payment, deliveries, messages to students/teachers, student pick-up etc.) **MUST** stop at the office and check-in. A “visitor pass” will be issued if necessary. Please do not wander the halls while school is in session.



Literacy Corner

Have your child read aloud to you every night. This will help with your student’s reading fluency.



Homework Tips

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.



The above homework tip was taken from the US Department of Education website.

Numeracy Corner

Skip Counting- 2,4,6,8... Help your student to “skip count.” This will help your student to count faster and gain confidence.

