

Tiger Tales

Taylorville Elementary Newsletter

August - September 2008

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Message from the Principal. . .

Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays! It has been a wonderful year at Taylorville Elementary School. I would like to thank you for your continued support and for raising wonderful students!

This past year, I have been attending the Principal's Literacy Institute. I am learning amazing information about reading that I would like to share with you. One of our guest speakers, Dr. Nancy Livingston, brought to our attention seven critical areas of reading skills that are crucial for reading achievement. These skills are scientifically-based for reading success taken from The Report of the National Reading Panel: Teaching Children to Read. They include:

Family Support: Read interactively to your children, beginning at an early age.

Encourage your child to read at least **20 minutes every day**.
Let your child see you read books, newspapers, magazines.
Discuss and ask questions about books your child is reading.
Attend every parent/teacher conference to support your child.

Phonic Instruction: Help your child learn the names of the alphabet and be able to identify each letter. Relate the sound of each letter or letter combination to the symbol, and be able to blend these sounds to form words. Apply knowledge of sounds and letters to their own writing.

First Hand Knowledge: Have your child match prior knowledge to the information in the text. Make inferences, predict what the story is about, anticipate what will happen by making these connections. Remember and retain what you are learning to use later.

Focus on Meaning: Have your child retell in their own words the most important ideas in a story. Learn the pronunciation and meaning of essential vocabulary.

Flexible Readers: Go back and reread when the text doesn't make sense. Look for connections between what he/she knows and the new information gained from reading.

Fluent Readers: Read in phrases, not word-by-word, with expression.
Read 100 words per minute by second grade and 200/250 words per

minute by the end of sixth grade. Read a lot of easy books, charts, articles to improve fluency

Feedback: Encourage your child to write about what they have read and look for specific details and descriptive vocabulary.

Listen to your child read, noting word recognition, accuracy and comprehension.

One last thought...if you read 15 minutes a day, you would read ½ book a week, two books a month, 24 books a year, or approximately 1000 books in your lifetime, which is equal to going to college five times, making you an authority on any subject you choose, or take a trip around the world!

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday and remember to enjoy a good book with your child!

Jon Adams, Principal
Ph: 646-5038

Message from the PTA President. . .

Teachers and students,

I can't believe its December already!! I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. But for those who are in need, we are having a food drive to help. Our food drive will go from December 8 thru Monday December 15th. Our goal is 1,500 **non-perishable** food items!!!

Thanks to all of our students who participated in Reflections. Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Earls classes tied for participation and both were treated to McDonalds. A very big Thank you to McDonalds!! See the back page for the students who received awards. Congratulations!!

Our PTA meetings are held every first Thursday of the month. The next one will be January 8th at 4:15 pm in Mr. Watt's room. Everyone is invited. If you have any ideas and/or suggestions, we'd love to see you there. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and have a safe holiday. Thanks to all our volunteers!

Suggestions or ideas please call me
Wendy Koehler
963-1834

For Your Information. . .

Safety First

1. Please check into the office and request a VISITOR'S PASS before going into any area of the school. This includes the hallway, playground and the cafeteria. We want to keep all students and staff members safe. Please have photo ID ready when checking out your student.
2. Do not park in the BUS LOADING ZONE located in the front of the school. Please also note that the staff parking lot is NOT A DROP ZONE FOR STUDENTS. You may park your car in the available stalls and walk your student to the building. Please refer to the Taylorsville Elementary School Drop-Zone plan for more information.
3. Please set a good example for your student and use the crosswalks. This will help keep everyone safe.

Looking Ahead. . .

Reflection Awards Dec. 3 @ 5:30-6:30 p.m.

P.T.A. Meeting Dec. 4 @ 4:00 p.m.

FOOD DRIVE: Dec. 8 – Dec. 15

Winter Break Dec. 22-Jan. 2, 2009

School resumes Monday, Jan 5, 2009

Business Partners

McDonald's provides Happy Meals as awards for students, meal cards for teachers, and also provides meals for our teachers during SEP Conferences.

EVERYBODY Loves McDonald's!

Little Caesar's Pizza - provides coupons

University of Phoenix - provides donuts for Parents and Pastries

Mountain America Credit Union – provides the refreshments for the Art Start Family Festival in May.

GE Capital will no longer be printing our newsletter. If you work for a business that might be willing to help our school by copying our newsletter, please talk to Mr. Adams, or Wendy Koehler. Thanks.

School Community Council: We will hold meetings on the following dates: 9/10, 4:00, 9/11, 4:00, 9/23, 4:00, 10/1, 9:30, 10/7, 4:00 (if needed), 10/14, 8:00 a.m., 12/11, 4:00, 2/12, 4:00, 3/5, 5:00. You may view the minutes from the meetings under the Community Council Link on our school website.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Community Council Meeting in December. We will meet again in February. Thanks, Alison Bateman, Chair

Reflections. . .

“WOW” 2008 Taylorsville Elementary Reflections Awards

Literature

Honorable Mention

Corin Downen
Cole Nebeker
Emma Whitlock
Kaycee Cohen

Advancing

Mariah Golavar
Caitlin Allred
Heather Koehler
Cheyenne Porter

Photography

Honorable Mention

Nevaeh Olmedo
JoDeanna Warburton
Mariah Mackay

Advancing

Melinda Jackson

Visual Arts

Honorable Mention

Alyssa McCandless
Keyana Besendorfer
Seirra Golavar
Alyssa Hansen
Leah Insixiangmy
Jonathan Bodily
Ronaldo Giron
Cole Rasmussen

Advancing

Paryce King
Cole Nebeker
Brandon Rico
Khanh Ly Nguyen

Musical Composition

Honorable Mention

Tyler Robers

Film/Video

Honorable Mention

Kelsey VanWagoner

Dance

Honorable Mention

Mariah Golavar

Three Dimensional Art

Honorable Mention

Mariah Golavar



Happy Holidays!