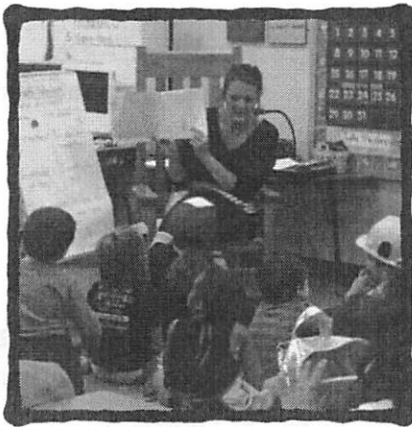


# WELCOME WORDS For Families

## THE NEXT STEP



Time is flying by! It is hard to believe that we are already in the second quarter of school. Our teachers will be digging deeper into the curriculum as we move forward. Planning and providing engaging instruction to actively engage our students in learning is a priority.

We know all the hard work will pay off as we see growth in all our students over the course of the next marking period.

Be sure to celebrate in your child's growth and encourage them to continue to improve, meet, and surpass expectation targets.

Please continue to make sure your child is present, on time, and in school for the full day to get maximum engagement in learning. Thank you once again for allowing us to work as a partner with your child's education.

**"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is SUCCESS!"**

Henry Ford

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 6:** School wide Reading Incentive begins
- **November 8:** Report cards/2018-2019 Calendar surveys go home
- **November 10:** Holiday- Veterans Day observed
- **November 13-16** Parent Conferences and PBIS/ Honor Roll Recognition
- **November 14:** Holiday Pictures, Parent Conferences until 6:00, 2nd Grade Chorus Concert @ 6:00pm
- **November 22-24:** No School- Happy Thanksgiving!
- **December 4-8:** Santa Shop
- **December 14:** 5th Grade DARE Graduation
- **December 21:** Early Release @ 12:00pm
- **December 22-January 2:** Holiday- No School
- **January 3-** Students return to school



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## HOME READING CHALLENGE!

Please join us in our goal and read at home with your child every night! Your child's teacher will tell you how to record your progress.

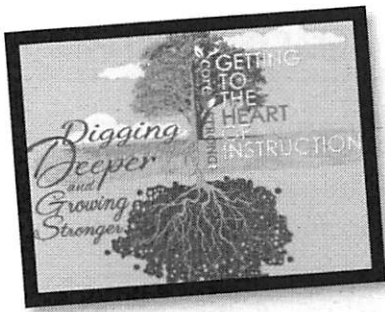
**Dates: 11/6-11/9, 11/13- 11/16, 11/27-11/30,  
12/4-12/7, 12/11-12/14  
(20 days, 4 days a week)**

**Goal:** For at least 75% of our students read ANYTHING nightly for at least 20 nights.

**Why?:** We want to encourage pleasure reading and reading at home with families.

**Rewards:** Students who read nightly for at least 20 minutes each night of the challenge: Receive a certificate that entitles them to a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut (as a part of the BookIt Challenge). There are more rewards for classrooms who meet their goals and beyond!

**How It Works:** Each teacher will keep track of student progress for 20 days. An adult must sign for each night. At the end of the 20 days, teachers will record their percentages to see who wins the prizes!



## DIGGING DEEPER AND GROWING STRONGER: Reading at Home

### The Parts of a Parent Reader

A Smart Mind, to understand the importance of reading with their child daily.

Eyes, for seeing their child and showing how engaged they are.

A Mouth, for reading books to their child, 20 minutes every day.

Ears, to listen to their child's questions.

A heart, to love and desire a good education for their child.

Hands, for hugging their child close while reading a favorite book.

Books, to share every day with their child to build their language and literacy.

Feet, for walking to the library each week to discover new books.



- If children read 1 million words a year, they add at least 1,000 words to their vocabulary
- Children read more when they listen to stories and discuss stories
- Children read more when they see others, like parents and teachers, reading for pleasure.
- Students who reported reading outside of school showed greater achievement in reading comprehension.

Source: The Power of Reading: Insights from the Research, by Stephen Krashen

Cold and Flu season is upon us. To control the spread of these contagious illnesses at school, please follow the following guidelines when deciding if your child should be sent or remain home.



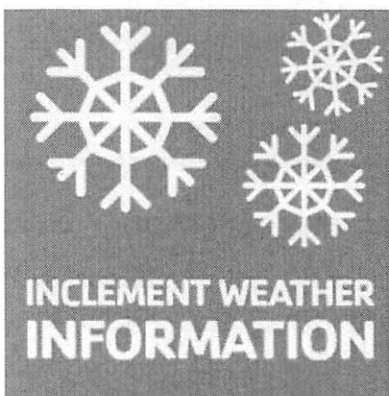
- Your child should be fever free (without fever reducing medicines) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Your child should exhibit no other symptoms such as: nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

Following these simple guidelines will help all students have a healthier school year.



We invite you to follow the Welcome Story through Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/Welcome-Elementary-School>



Currently we are enjoying beautiful weather, but winter will soon be here. If we experience inclement weather, area radio and television stations will be notified of a school closing or delay on a given morning by 5:30 am.

**Current radio stations include:** WTHZ (Magic 94.1) WLXN, WTQR, WMAG, WBVZ, WMKF, WSMW, WPAW, WSIS, WMRF, WKRR, WKZL, (LaRaza 98.3 FM and LaLey WYMY 101.1 FM closing for Hispanic families in Spanish).

**Television channels include:** WFMY-TV2 (CBS), WGHP-FOX 8, WXII-TV12



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