



# Tiger Tales

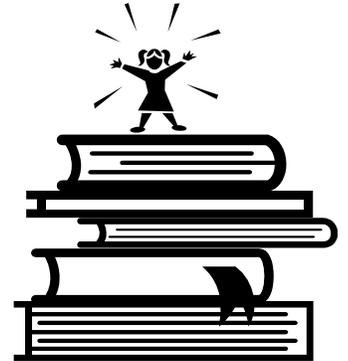
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## WELCOME TO AN EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR!!

September was a great month in so many ways and so much has already been accomplished. I keep remarking how quickly the students settled in to learning and the routines. We will continue with our routines in school and it is important for you continue to stress routines at home including a good breakfast every morning and a quiet place for homework, reading for enjoyment at least 20 minutes a night, getting ready for school the night before so the morning is not rushed, and finally getting a good night's sleep. Working with your child to develop these routines so they are performed independently fosters self-sufficiency and is effective in providing them control over appropriate aspects of their lives. This is also developmentally appropriate for elementary aged children.



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## More on Behavioral Expectations

Research shows that when behavioral expectations are clearly established and taught, children's problem behavior is prevented or reduced. We cannot assume that children know our expectations, rules or appropriate ways to behave in different settings.

Children will learn appropriate behaviors when they are given consistent modeling and practice. What does it mean to teach behavior? We follow the same basic steps when teaching behavior as we would for teaching any new skill, especially academics. The teaching cycle looks like this: Tell> Show> Practice> Feedback> Reteach>

Think about any new skill you have learned or that you have taught someone else and reflect on the different steps in the teaching cycle. It is critical to move beyond the tell and show phases and give children plenty of practice and feedback about how they did, same as we would with an academic error, if a child makes a behavioral error, we engage in re-teaching the expectations.

We encourage you to define and teach your expectations at home just like we do at school so the children know exactly what they should do and how they should do it. This helps prevent inappropriate behavior from happening. It could be helpful to use the school-wide expectations when teaching your child your home expectations.

## Special points of interest:

- ☉ October 20th 1st grade CGI Math Night 6PM
- ☉ October 24-28  
Red Ribbon Week
- ☉ October 24-28  
Conference Days
- ☉ Newspaper Bin is in the parking lot all year —please donate papers

## WELCOME BACK!



## September White Tigers

Dylan Combs	Elizabeth Kral	Kailani Nguyen	Zane Salazar
Logan Woods	Vanessa Nguyen	Jimmy Lang	Callie Hall
Jay Meza	Randi Fortner	Nicole Yee	Jacob French
Richard Dinh	Zehra Aydin	Madison Tran	Juan Alvaro Gloria
Leilani Vu	Nathan Camarena	Naomi Mirghavami	Kenny Tieu
Chloe Nguyen	Kaylie Mai	Arianna Galvan	Alyssa Olson
Kaitlyn Ho	Mia Yee	Tan Le	Alexis Torres
Maliah Alailima	Kevin Sun	Lavinya Narsalla	Ethan Le
Juliette Wait	Benjamin Woo	Leo Vu	Sophia Neves
Bradley Tran	Hannah Park	Will Cao	Katie Lam      Amberlyn Stone

### BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

[tamura.fvsd.us](http://tamura.fvsd.us)

It is always updated with current news and events and the calendar is complete for the school year.

### HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

Tamura will be holding its annual Halloween parade on October 31. As Halloween approaches, take the time to consider if your student's costume is appropriate for school. Costumes which have a pretend weapon attached are NOT allowable under the school's and district's "Zero Tolerance Policy". Please make arrangements to remove the item from the costume, or to select a more appropriate costume for your student to wear to school. Also, please make sure your child brings a change of clothes to change into after the parade. Please make sure the costumes are safe for continuous movement around the school grounds, as well as appropriately covering the body. School Dress code applies. Thanks for helping us to have a fun, entertaining time during our Halloween parade while minimizing distractions for the rest of the school day. We appreciate your support!

#### Absences Cost the School Money

We tallied the absences for the month of September and found we had a **total of 190**. for each absence, we lose approximately \$41.00 in revenue from the state for a **total of \$7,790.00**, and this is just for the first month of school! This greatly impacts our educational programs for all students. Please be sure your child is in school unless they are ill.

#### Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is October 24—28 and it is a campaign to celebrate a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The campaign will start on Monday and our teachers will pass out Red Ribbon wristbands. The week will continue with activities designed to remind our students about the importance of being drug free.

**PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE RESPECTFUL TO OUR NEIGHBORS. DO NOT** block driveways, move trash cans, or turn in their driveways. Follow the law and don't use your cell phones when driving, be cautious and watchful of students when coming through our parking lot. The neighbors have been advised to call the police when their property is being disrespected.