

# Graham's Good News



February 10, 2011

Graham School's instructional focus: **To Comprehend I must read carefully, listen closely, understand fully, and respond thoughtfully.**



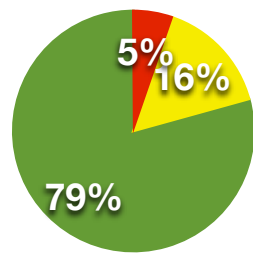
## Dates to Remember

- February 11  
**Lincoln's Birthday- NO SCHOOL**
- February 14  
**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES- NO SCHOOL**
- February 17  
**Spring Picture Day**  
**Kindergarten Information Night**
- March 8-18  
**ISAT Testing**
- March 7  
**Pulaski Day- NO SCHOOL**
- March 18  
**End of Third Quarter 2:00 Dismiss**
- April 1  
**2:00 Dismissal**
- April 7-25  
**NO SCHOOL- Spring Break**

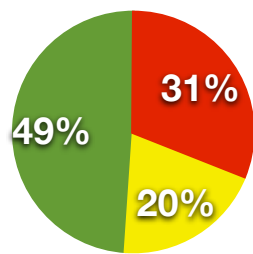
### A Note From the Principal

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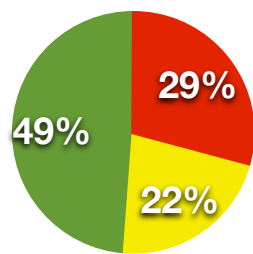
#### Kindergarten



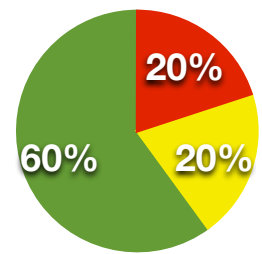
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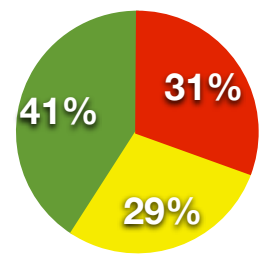
#### 4th Grade



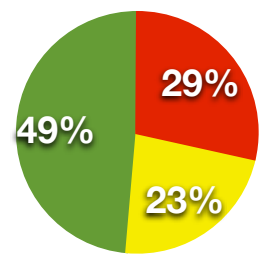
#### 1st grade



#### 3rd Grade



#### 5th Grade



The mid-year DIBELS assessment has been completed at Graham School. The DIBELS assessment is one measure of a child's reading ability. This assessment checks the oral reading fluency of children. At kindergarten it checks the oral fluency to name letters, identify initial sounds and segment and blend words. While fluent reading is important, it is not just about speed. Ultimately we want students to comprehend what it is they read. You can be a partner in building reading skills in your child by having them practice their reading at home each night. Students are expected to read for a total of 60 minutes a week at KDG, 1st, & 2nd grade and for 90 minutes a week at 3rd, 4th, & 5th. Please complete the log and return it to school. Together we can make sure your child is becoming a great reader.

Parent/Teacher  
Conference



## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Second Semester Parent/Teacher Conferences are approaching. On Monday, February 14 we will be scheduling conferences between 12-7. Teachers have sent home conference times, if you have not received yours, please contact your child's teacher.

# SNOW DAYS

We will have our Emergency Weather Make Up days on April 4, 5, 6 and June 9. Please note this will change when our Spring and Summer Breaks starts. These do count as mandatory attendance days for your child.

## TAKE HOME FOLDERS

Starting March 1st, Friday take home folders will be coming home on **Tuesdays!**



## BOX TOPS CONTEST

Graham School is setting a yearly goal of collecting 25,000 box tops. We will be having a monthly contest. The classroom with the most box tops at the end of each month will receive a special prize. So make sure to collect your box tops and turn them in to your classroom teacher!