

Graham's Good News



January 17, 2012

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



Dates to Remember

January 9

Teacher Institute Day
NO SCHOOL

January 16

NO SCHOOL
MLK Jr. Day

January 26

Jazzy Dad's Breakfast

February 2

Parent/Teacher
Conferences
No School for Students

February 3

NO SCHOOL
School Improvement Day

February 7

Math & science night
6:00-7:30

A Note from the Principal

Dear Graham Families

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a terrific winter break. I am happy to report that we had 167 students who read for 300 or more minutes over break. This represents 58% of our students. This is great! We will soon be scheduling the winter reading celebration for students.

Students will soon be taking the mid-year DIBELS assessment. This is a test to check on students oral reading fluency. The kindergarten students will be assessed on how fluently they can name letters, segment and blend sounds. The assessment scores will be shared during parent teacher conferences.

We will be holding parent teacher conferences on February 2nd from 12:00-7:15 p.m. This is a time for teachers and parents to communicate about the progress students are making. We hope everyone will take the time to meet with teachers to check on progress, celebrate achievements or create a plan, if needed, to help students meet end of the year expectations. Research has shown that when parents and teachers work together students achieve at higher levels. You will be receiving a note with a time to meet with your child's teacher. If this time does not work for you, please let the teacher know so that a new time can be scheduled. Our goal is to meet with all parents.

February 7th we will be holding math and science night. This will be a time to come to school and participate in math and science activities. Dinner will be served. A note will be coming home soon with more information.

Have a great week and HAPPY READING!



Jazzy Dad's Breakfast

We will be honoring our Dads and all males as an important part of our lives. Start your day with your Graham Star student and see the shining things we are learning in the classroom. The men will visit the classroom first, then eat breakfast.

Schedule of Events:

(times are approximate)

8:25- Morning Meeting

8:40- Classroom Visit

9:05- Breakfast with Graham Students

Please RSVP to Kim Senior, Parent Educator 525-3220

Parent/Teacher Conferences Are Coming

Springfield Schools will be having an additional date for Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 2. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to set up a conference time on that day. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions or need to schedule your conference time.



Dress Code Reminder



- ❖ All students must wear blue, black, or khaki bottoms (pants, skirts, or jumpers).
- ❖ No denim or knit bottoms allowed.
- ❖ All students must wear a polo style shirt or a Graham School shirt (button down blouses or dress shirts are not allowed).
- ❖ All students must wear their shirts tucked into their bottoms.
- ❖ All boys must wear a belt.
- ❖ Failure to follow the dress code will result in disciplinary action, up to and including noon time detention. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately each day.