

Graham's Good News



January 31, 2012

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



Dates to Remember

February 2

Parent/Teacher
Conferences
No School for Students

February 3

NO SCHOOL
School Improvement Day

February 13

Lincoln's Birthday
NO SCHOOL

February 16

Kindergarten Night
6-7 pm

March 5

Casimir Pulaski Day
NO SCHOOL

March 16

End of Second Quarter
2:00 Dismissal

A Note from the Principal

Dear Graham Families

This week the Graham School teachers will be hosting parent teacher conferences on Thursday afternoon beginning at 12:00-7:15. This is an opportunity for you to check in with your child's teacher to discuss how they are progressing towards mastery of grade level expectations. If you have not yet scheduled your conference with the teacher please call to do so. If students are not meeting expectations it is important to develop a plan to help them improve before the end of the year.

Recently the students were administered the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) to check on early literacy skills--letter naming, blending, segmenting, nonsense words at kindergarten and oral reading fluency at 1st-5th. You will soon be receiving the results of this latest assessment. How can you help your child do better on the next assessment? Research has proven parents who provide daily time at home for a child to read can boost tests scores considerably. Ask your child to read to you out loud daily. Listen for fluency as well as areas of concern. Share the concerns with the teacher. For example, is your child having difficulty with decoding larger words or saying beginning sounds or understanding the meaning of a passage? Communicating your observations to the teacher can often mean the difference in helping a child overcome a reading difficulty. Above all, share a love for reading with your child. Successful readers are not born. Instead, they are grown through loving encouragement.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Siltman



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.



PLEASE NOTE

Math and Science Night on Tuesday, February 7 has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Kindergarten Preview Night

Springfield Public Schools will be having our annual K-Night on February 16 from 6-7 pm. If you have a child who will be 5 before September 1, 2012 and you live in the Graham School area, please come in for our Kindergarten Information Night. We will have details on all medical requirements and enrollment requirements for your child to enter Kindergarten. Our Principal, Mrs. Siltman, the current Kindergarten Teachers and our Parent Educator, Ms. Senor along with the Secretary, Mrs. Day will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. If you know anyone who meets the age requirement and lives in our area, please bring them along!



Parent Educator Notes

F.A.C.E. stands for Family and Community Engagement. What we do is plan school activities and come together to discuss the needs students and families may be having. Parents you are invited. Our next meeting will be February 7th, from 3:15 -4:00 P.M. Please join us. We need YOU! For more information feel free to call Ms. Kim Senor at 525-3220, M-F, 8-4. If I am not available please leave a message on my voicemail and I will get back to you.



New and Used Uniform Sale

During Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 2, we will be having a new and used uniform sale, 12:00-7:15. This will be the perfect opportunity to refresh your child's closet.



New Uniform Shirt: \$5.00

Used Uniform Shirt: \$2.00

Prices:

New Uniform Pants: \$6.00

Used Uniform Pants: \$3.00

