

The Tele'Graham

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Team
Graham
2016-2017
STARTING
LINEUP



August

Aug 24 - 2:00 Dismissal

Aug 29 - FACE meeting

Aug 31 - 2:00 Dismissal

August

Aug 31 - Good Citizens
Celebration

September

Sept 5 - Labor Day

Sept 7 - 2:00 Dismissal

Sept 19 - FACE meeting

Mr. Miller's Memo :

Graham Families,

We have been in school for five weeks and students and teachers are getting to know each other and are starting to be comfortable in their classrooms. The staff at Graham knows your student's learning is a partnership between the school and the parents. It is our hope that we can provide parents with as much information as possible regarding what your students are working on in school. Teachers will send home either a daily folder or an agenda. They will also send home a weekly folder on Tuesday. Please look at the information in these items so you are aware of how your student is doing academically or behaviorally, homework, and upcoming events in the school and classroom. Also Parent/Teacher Conferences will be coming up at the end of September.

Some parents are asking, "What can I do to help my student's learning?" Besides working on the everyday assignments that may be sent home from the classroom, here are 2 things.

1) Read with your student. Ideally that would mean sitting down with a book and reading for 20 minutes. But sometimes life gets in the way of that. If so, be creative. Have your student read street signs as you are driving down the road, the menu at a restaurant, a flyer in the checkout line. Keep a small book in your car or purse or have them watch TV with no sound and the closed caption turned on. Be active in their reading, allow them to struggle with words before you help.

2) Practice basic math facts on a daily basis. Make and use flashcards and go through a handful each night. Start with addition and move through subtraction, multiplication and division. Your student can help make those flashcards. Keep them in your car or purse.



Safe Seat

You may have heard about the safe seat from your students or teachers. But what is it? The safe seat is a seat in the classroom where a student can go or be sent in order to keep him/her away from a situation that may cause them to have a bad behavior. In the safe seat a student can still be engaged in the learning in the classroom, but will not be an active participant. If a student is put in the safe seat he/she is not in trouble. The goal is for the adult or student to identify actions that will lead to bad behavior and act before it escalates. Before going back to their seat a student will be expected to identify their behavior, be held accountable for their actions, and to process through other ways to manage their behavior if the situation occurs again.



Students who are referral free (office, class, and bus) from Aug 18th to 30th and have no more than 4 trips to the Buddy Room will qualify for the Good Citizens Celebration on August 31st. On that day football players and cheerleaders from Southeast High School will come to Graham to teach student either football drills or a cheer.

Parent Educator Minute

Greetings Graham Families,

My name is Ms. Kim Senor and I am your Parent Educator here at Graham Elementary School. I am the home/school link. We have lots of exciting and fun academic programs scheduled for your family this year. I also refer families to community resources when the need arises. Some of those resources may be utility assistance, rental assistance, medical and dental needs, and food assistance based on family need and monies available from agencies in the community.

I also serve on the F.A.C.E. team. F.A.C.E. stands for Family and Community Engagement. What we do is discuss, plan and implement programs here at Graham to enrich the academic and social lives of our families here at Graham. We also work on goals for our team and we look at the Graham School Focus and offer ideas and suggestions about our family engagement piece here at the school. We meet once a month for 1 hour and we are currently looking for new members and would love to have you.

I am here from 8a.m.-4p.m Monday through Friday. I can be reached at 525-3220. I look forward to working with and meeting all of our families and welcome back!

Labor Day

September 5th

No School

On Wednesday, we had our first Good Citizens Celebration. 239 students met the criteria to participate.



We were able to have popsicles and play on the playground. Please keep encouraging your students to meet the criteria at school to be able to participate in all out Good Citizen Celebrations.

Contact Information :
900 West Edwards Street
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217-525-3220

School Hours :
8:25 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Breakfast :
8:05 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.

Main Office Hours:
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.