

Graham's Good News



September 3, 2010

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



Dates to Remember

Monday, September 6
No School Labor Day

Friday, September 10
Grandparents Day Breakfast

Friday, September 17
No School Teacher Inservice

Tuesday September 21
Picture Retake Day

Thursday, September 23
End of 1st Quarter
2:00 Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00

Friday, September 24
No School
Parent Teacher Conferences

September 27-October 15
No School Fall Break

A Note From the Principal

Hello All

Today is another wonderful day at Graham School. In case you did not know at Graham School our instructional focus is the area of comprehension. Comprehension is the ability to read and understand what is being read. In order for students to learn to comprehend well they need to be exposed to many different types of books by reading, or being read to often. They need to experience a lot of different kinds of books, fiction, non-fiction, biographies, poetry. etc. They need to have opportunities to talk, draw, and write about books. In an effort to build life-long readers and develop strong comprehension skills, Graham School has implemented an at home reading program All Kindergarten through 2nd grade students are required to read at home for 60 minutes a week. All third through fifth grade students are required to read for 90 minutes per week. There is a reading log which goes home each week in the Friday folder and needs to be returned completed the next Friday. In our front lobby we have charts posted which are documenting the success of our students completing their reading and reaching their goal. After 4 weeks we celebrate with those students who have met their goal. We have had our first Reading Party (check out the pictures on the website). Ask your child if they got to attend. Last week we had 108 readers meet their goal by completing their reading. We need 180 more to meet their in order to have 100% participation. Please make sure your child is reading at home each week and returning their log. Your help is needed. Please have your child read at home or take a few minutes and read to them. Have them complete their reading log and return it to school. Let's all work together to reach our goal of 100% participation.

Grandparents Day

Friday, September 10, 2010 at 8:25 am

We are having breakfast in honor of our Grandparents and how much they mean to us.

Let your child know that learning is important by visiting their classroom and sharing breakfast.

Grandparents will visit the classroom first. Breakfast will be served at 9:10 am.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 7 to Vykye Johnson, Parent Educator

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on September 23rd and 24th. Sign-up sheets for conference times will be coming home soon. We are wanting to have 100% parent involvement.

Reading Logs

We are working hard to build the love of reading in our students. Children need to read not only at school, but at home for pleasure as well. Research has shown that the more students read the more success they will have in school. Your child should be reading at home each week. Graham School has implemented the following expectations:

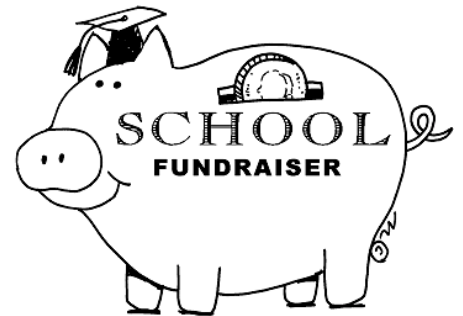
K-2 students will read or be read to 60 minutes per week.

3-5 students will read or be read to 90 minutes per week.

Please have your child complete their reading, fill out the log and return to school each Friday morning. Your assistance in helping build lifelong readers is greatly appreciated.

Help Wanted

Parents to serve on our Family and Community Engagement Team. If you are interested please contact Vykye Johnson 525-3220.



Fall Fundraiser

The Graham School fall fundraiser items will be coming in soon. Please keep an eye out for more communication from the office as the delivery date gets closer.



Reminder...

Graham School teaches from bell to bell. Please do not pick your children up from school early or drop them off late unless they have a doctors appointment. When they are late or leave early they are missing lessons and directions. Thank you for your cooperation.