

# Graham's Good News



September 16, 2010

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



## Dates to Remember

Friday, September 17  
No School Teacher Inservice

Tuesday September 21  
Picture Retake Day

Thursday, September 23  
Used Book Sale during lunch  
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

Dear Families

It is hard to believe we are finishing up our first quarter already. We have been working hard all quarter to help all students achieve and reach their full potential.

Next week we have many opportunities to celebrate with our students. We will have our September Good Citizen party for those students who have had excellent behavior during the month of September. We will have our 2nd reading party for those students who completed the last 4 weeks of their at home reading. We will also be holding a used book sale on September 23 during the lunch hour. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books for 50 cents each. This is an excellent way for students to obtain inexpensive books to read over the break.

Thank you to all the parents who have made sure their students are reading during the week. Each week during morning meeting we announce the names of the students who have completed their reading and cheer for them. We also announce the names of the classes who have had the greatest percentage of students who completed their reading. A class at each grade level with the greatest percentage of readers is awarded a traveling trophy.

We are asking for your help over break to make sure all students keep reading. We will be sending home an at home reading log. We are asking students to read for 300 minutes over break. Those that participate and turn in the log by Wednesday, Oct 20, will be invited to a pizza party. Your support of your child completing their reading is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us teach your children the love of reading.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Each year at this time, the opportunity for Parent/Teacher Conferences is provided. These early conferences are intended as a time for both parents and teachers to share information about their student. This experience allows for the school and home to establish a cooperative working relationship on behalf of students. Our district is committed to building partnerships between home and school.

This year September 24<sup>th</sup> will be used as a full day for conferences. Additionally, we will hold conferences on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

We strive to have one hundred percent participation from our parents. Please make every effort to attend your child's conference. All student report cards will be distributed during parent teacher conferences.

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

**Picture retake day will be Tuesday, Sept. 21. If you missed the first picture day or would like to have your student's picture retaken, please stop by the office to get a order form.**



## Help Wanted

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



## 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.

## Reminder...

Graham School dress code states that during cold weather students may wear a solid colored turtleneck or long sleeve t-shirt **under their polo shirt**, or a solid colored crew neck sweatshirt **over their polo shirt (no words, emblems, or logos permitted)**. No Hoodies or zippered jackets during class time. Students may not wear shorts, capris, or skorts after return from fall break. Please keep in mind our dress code as the seasons change.