

Graham's Good News



October 22, 2010

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



Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 26
Dairy Fully Fueled Tour

Monday, November 1
NO SCHOOL

Thursday November 11
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 24
60 min Early Dismissal

Thursday & Friday November 25&26
NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING

A Note From the Principal

Welcome Back to another wonderful quarter at Graham School. I hope your children all had a nice fall break and you were able to spend a little extra time with them. We are thrilled that we had 104 students who returned their fall reading forms. We had many, many students who read for well over the required 300 minutes. We continue to have more and more students complete their weekly reading as well. Every student at Graham School is required to read each week. All K-2 students are required to read 60 minutes a week and all 3-5 students are required to read 90 minutes a week. Please don't let your child tell you they don't have to do it or their teacher does not require it. They are suppose to be completing the reading, completing the log and turning it in with a parent signature on Friday morning. Please help us help your child become a great reader.

We had our first awards ceremony Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to the parents who attended. If you missed it this quarter we will be having another one after we come back from winter break. The students were able to earn award certificates for completing their weekly reading, completing their fall break reading, meeting/ exceeding expectations on their basic math facts test, being a good citizen all first quarter, and those who had perfect attendance. I am happy to say we had 244 out of 259 students who received one or more certificates. That means 94.2% of our students were recognized for their achievements. YEAH! Keep up the great work!

HELP!!!!

As you know the parking lot was re-done over the summer and we lost parking spaces. Cook and State Street are blocked off due to construction. We are trying to dismiss the students safely at the end of the day, but need your HELP. Please do not park near the fence on the playground. When you pick up your child and have to exit out the parking lot please drive very slowly. Parents and students are walking thru the parking lot to get to their cars. We are trying to figure out the safest way for students to be dismissed, but at this point we have no where for cars to go but through the parking lot. If you have a good idea about how to run afternoon pick up, please forward a note to the office or email me at ksiltman@springfield.k12.il.us. I would very much like to hear your suggestions.

Mrs. Siltman

Box Tops For Education

If you collect Box Tops, please bring them to the office. We will be submitting them on Friday October 29th and need your help in getting as many as we can!



Help Wanted

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



DRESS CODE REMINDER

Students should not be wearing denim pants or striped polo shirts. All boys should be wearing belts. After fall break students should not be wearing shorts. Students can earn detention if they are not following the dress code. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

The cold weather is coming, make sure your your child is wearing a coat so they are comfortable when they go outside for recess!

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.