

# Graham's Good News



November 29, 2011

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

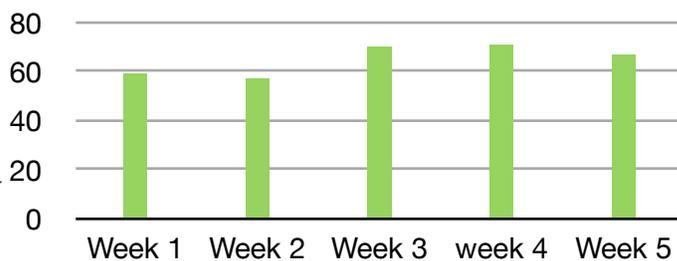
## A Note from the Principal

Dear Graham Families

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving last week. I know I have many things to be grateful for in my life. I have a wonderful job where I get to work with a dedicated staff, I serve great kids who are learning and growing each day. I have gotten the opportunity to meet and get to know many committed parents of our students. I truly feel blessed. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support. Working together is so very important, it is how your child will reach their full potential. There are several ways that you can support the work of the school. You can:

- ❖ Make sure your child arrives to school on time each day
- ❖ Make sure your child is completing their homework.
- ❖ Make sure your child is completing their weekly reading. All K-2 students should read/or be read to 60 minutes a week and 3-5 students should read/or be read to 90 minutes each week. This is a school wide expectation. Every child is responsible for completing their reading. Below is a graph of how many students have turned in their logs so far this quarter. Please keep encouraging your child to READ! READ! READ! I hope to see you all Wednesday evening at Family Reading Night!

## 2nd Quarter Reading Logs



■ Percentage of students completing at-home reading

## Dates to Remember



### November 30

Family Reading Night  
6:00-7:30

### December 13

Holiday Sing-Along  
6:00-7:00 pm

### December 16

2:00 Dismissal  
End of 2nd Quarter

### December 17-Jan 9

Winter Break

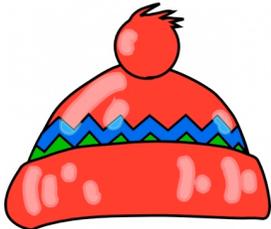
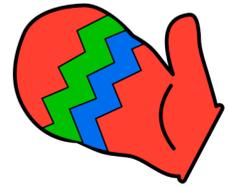
### January 9

Teacher Institute Day  
NO SCHOOL



## Cold Weather Reminders

- ❖ As the weather gets colder, please keep in mind that students cannot enter the building before 8:05 am, there is no supervision. If you need to drop them off before that time, SCOPE may be an option for you.



- ❖ Students will be going outside for recess as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above. Please make sure your child is wearing their winter coat, hat, and gloves. If you are in need of assistance please contact the school and we will help if possible.

### Parent Tips for the Week

Discuss cyber-bullying with your child to promote online safety

#### COMPUTERS & INTERNET

Millions of kids in all age groups are online and on cell phones every day — at home, at school, at friends' homes and at the library. And unfortunately, studies show that 42% of kids have been bullied while online.

How can you protect your child from this new kind of bullying behavior? Here are some tips:

- Talk about cyber-bullying. Let your child know that no one should put up with bullying.
- Keep the computer in a place where you can monitor your child's online activity.
- Remind your child to keep his passwords private and to change them often.
- Tell your child never to share personal information online, such as his phone number, address or age.
- Have your child use the privacy tools available on social networking sites to make his profile or photos visible only to friends.
- Tell your child never to respond to cyber-bullying—even to a text message. Responding only encourages the bully.
- Document cyber-bullying. Save screen shots of comments made to or about your child. Share them with the school and with law enforcement.

Source: "Protect your child from cyber bullying," Bullying: Engaging Parents, Students and Staff in Your Anti-Bullying Program, The Parent Institute, Stock #5K07.

### Carols, Cookies, and Cocoa

December 13 Graham School will be hosting a holiday sing-a-long from 6:00-7:00. We will sing Christmas carols, eat cookies and drink hot cocoa. The songs on the list to sing are:



Holly Jolly Christmas,  
Jingle Bells,  
Here Comes Santa Claus  
The First Noel  
Silver Bells  
Deck the Halls  
Jingle Bell Rock  
Winter Wonderland  
Away in a Manger  
I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus  
Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer  
Frosty the Snowman  
All I Want For Christmas is my Two Front Teeth  
Joy to the World  
The Twelve Days of Christmas  
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree  
Silent Night  
Santa Claus is Coming to Town  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

**Plan on attending and lend your voice as we sing in the holiday season.**