East Side Monthly News

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Note from the Principal

One of the biggest predictors of academic success in a child's learning is their ability to read. The better a child reads and comprehends their reading, the more this can help them as they progress from year to year in school. Another aspect of reading that has a large impact on the success of a child is to build the child's vocabulary. The size of a person's working vocabulary is both a measure of educational attainment and prepares children for college or a career. According to Anderson and Freebody in 1981, they stated the size of a person's vocabulary is the best predictor of how well that person can understand the text. Research has shown that a child who enters school with limited vocabulary tend to fall behind the course of schooling compared to their peers. Ways to build vocabulary is to read, read, read. Research shows that students who read just 10 minutes a day outside of school demonstrate significantly higher rates of vocabulary growth than students who do almost no reading outside school according to Nagy and Anderson 1984. In a reading rocket's article some things that can help at home is to:

1) provide a simple, kid-friendly definition for new words Enormous means that something is really, really big.
2) Provide a simple, kid-friendly example that makes sense with their daily life Remember that really big watermelon we got at the grocery store? That was an enormous watermelon!
3) Encourage your child to develop their own example: What enormous thing can you think of? Can you think of something really big that you saw today? That's right! The bulldozer near the park was enormous! Those tires were huge.
4) Keep your new words active within your house.

Take time to support your child's reading and help them remember to work on their reading log. Ask them questions about the book they are reading, or read with your child. These are great ways to show your child that you support their learning and are helping them build their foundation of learning.

Honor Roll

Nikitas Astakhov
Kaylee Barsoda
Tavion Beach
Maggie Bean
Keegan Bennett
Brody Bertrand
Ella Bloss
Kyle Boots
Lily Borens
Maura Brady
Avery Butler
Carly Clauss
Juniper Dail
Lynnette Davila
Lily Davis
Asael DeLaLuz-Mancilla
Tatiana Emerson
Jackson Fizer
Caden Frizzo
Jude Hauser
Alivia Hodge
Samyja Jones
Daylen Jurado Quintanilla
Kaia Kennedy
Christopher Leon
Koi Loth
Hayden Martin
Sergio Martinez-Lopez
Quinn Mast
Juniper McCreary
Taelynn McKinney
Brayan Mejia-Quintanilla
Elise Miller
Liam Miller
Kamryn Millitello
Hayden Minder
Lydia Morales
Carter Pederson
Julia Ralston
Delaney Read
James Read
Chance Robinson
Lirianny Rodriguez
Violette Rodriguez
Angie Ruiz-Urbina
Audean Schmitdendorff
Graycin Shidler
Maximus Sommers
Macey Stutsman
Reid Tack
Colten Taylor
Leah Taylor
Lillian Taylor
Alexander Torres
Ella VanderReyden
Bailey Watts
Audree Weber

Classroom Attendance Award

We are tracking each classroom's attendance to see which class can win Best Attendance Award. The winning class each month will get to display the award outside the classroom and receive a prize. The award is based on the class that has the least amount of students missing school as well as coming late or leaving early for that month. Be looking next month to see which class wins!

We will recognize individual student each month that have perfect attendance starting with September. Students will receive a certificate. All students are excited to track their attendance as well as the class attendance. Thank you for helping us to teach the students that being at school and being on time is a life skill that will carry over and help when they have their own job.

Best Class Attendance for the month of December:
1st Place: Mrs. Moss' 1st Class
2nd Place: Mrs. Arvidson's Class & Mrs. Brown's Class
3rd Place: Mrs. Imus' Class & Mrs. Strieby's Class

Upcoming Events

Feb. 18 No School - Presidents Day

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES
East Side has new dismissal times

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY:
8:25am - Building open for student drop off
8:50am - school starts

TUESDAY: (Late arrival day)
8:55am - Building open for student drop off
9:20am - School begins

DISMISSAL: 3:40pm ***(new time)*** - every day

*BUS TIMES - you can find a students pick up or drop off time from our website. Click on Quick Links at top of page, then Bus Routes. Please have your student out 5 minutes early for morning pick up. Remember, bus times are approximate, especially the first few days.

Assessment Dates

As we start the new calendar year of 2019, we would like to remind Parents of 3rd and 4th grade students of some important dates. The following would be the dates as when State Assessments will be administered. Times have not been arranged yet. We would appreciate your help with not scheduling appointments during the school day for these dates. This just helps to create as much confidence/calmness for your child during the testing window. We understand illnesses can/will happen during this time. Please contact the school when your child is ill, just like always, so we can document in attendance.

IREAD for 3rd Grade: March 18 - March 29
ILearn 3rd and 4th Grade: April 22 - May 17

More information will follow as the testing windows approach. Thank you for your continued support

Outdoor Recess

Important reminder: Your students will be going out to recess EVERY DAY unless the temperature/wind chill outside is 15 degrees or below. **PLEASE make sure your kids come to school with hats, gloves and winter coats. NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.**

Above the Line Recognition

The following students have been recognized by the East Side Staff for exhibiting "Above the Line" behavior for this month.

Rose Chambers
Landon Davis
Kinsley Doyle
Cory Kniller
Juniper Mc Creary
Mrs. Smith's Class
Victor Zammaron