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Parent Resource Newsletter

Parent Tips for School Success

Reading Focus of the Month—FLUENCY Reading fluency is a child's ability to read a text correctly, quickly and with intonation and expression. Fluent reading sounds like talking. Fluent readers have developed automaticity which means they can read word automatically. This is important because the reader can focus their attention on understanding the message rather than decoding the text. Here are some easy activities you can do at home for fluency practice:

- "Buddy Reading" Sit with the child and take turns reading aloud. Your reading provides a model of what good fluent reading sounds like. Then ask the child to reread the same page you just read.
- "Record it"—Your child can create their own audio books by using a tape recorder, video on your phone, or audio recording app such as Audioboo. Try out the "One Minute Reader iPad App" to compare readings. This is a fun way to practice!

Website/App of the Month

<u>One Minute Reader iPad App</u>—energizes students with exciting, short passages and cool progress graphs that students will want to show off. One Minute Reader improves fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.

<u>https://gamequarium</u>—this website allows the students to chose the types of books they would like to listen to and read

along with. At the end of most of the stories, there is an activity that goes along with the story.

<u>www.factmonster.com</u>—(Ages 9 & up) - Kid friendly mega resource for fun facts and homework help. Tons of fun on topics from math to history to sports.

Parent ENGAGEMENT = School Success!

What Parents Can Do: Be involved!

*Please check you child's school calendar for specific dates for events.

- FEB. 15th PM In-service
- FEB. 18th President's Day SCHOOL IS CLOSED
 - Feb 25th—March 1st
 - Read Across America Week

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Parent Resource Center

Our Parent Resource Center is located at your child's school and offers a variety of fun learning resources for families in both reading & math. You will find resources for parents, guardians, and children. Please stop by and see what we have to offer!

OUR GOAL IS TO ASSIST PARENTS IN HELPING THEIR CHILDREN BECOME BETTER LEARNERS!

* MATH TIP *

EVERYBODY LOVES MONEY

Teach your children money skills! Your kids can use fractions and percentages to find out how much savings they have made on a particular purchase. For example, if you went to a movie that costs \$30 and they have saved \$10, so in terms of fractions they have saved 1/3 of the amount or 33%.