



What's New at BEW

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Help To Teach Your Student Reading Skills

We cannot stress enough how important it is to read with your student at home and allow them multiple opportunities to read. With the **state mandate of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee**, it is important to get our young students reading...and understanding what they read! As we approach the mid-point of the year, we will be looking to see how much growth they have shown since the start of the year. We look at an article from Scholastic to find ways for you to help your student with reading skills at home.

In *5 Easy Skills to Teach Kids During Read-Alouds*, the author, Amy Mascott, shares tips for enriching your students reading experience and gives suggestions as to how you can help students become better, stronger readers. Try these suggestions at home with your students!

- 1) Predict, or guess what the story is about before reading the book. This can be done after looking at the cover. It can also be done at various points in the book. *Example: "The cat keeps following the dog. Do you think the cat and dog will be friends by the end of the story?"*
- 2) Activate their prior knowledge by asking what they already know about the topic or subject of the book. *Example: "The book is about penguins, what do you already know about penguins?"*
- 3) Ask questions to help develop your student's comprehension skills. After every few paragraphs, ask simple questions like... "What will happen..." "I wonder why..." "Why is the little boy smiling?"

- 4) Make connections between what your student is reading and what they may have experienced. *Example: "She has a younger brother just like you" or "The character just started school. Do you remember how you felt when you started school?"*

Reading is such an important skill. Anything extra you can do with your readers at home, will help them become better readers and thinkers.

***Third Grade Guarantee is a state mandate that requires all students in 3rd grade to pass the state reading test. If students do not pass, they will be retained. Take steps now to prepare your student for this assessment!*



Monthly Newsletter

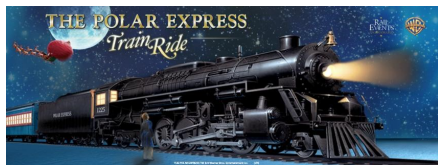
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Dates to Remember

- Reports go home—Jan. 9
- PTA Meeting—Jan. 11 at 9:30am
- Marco's Pizza Day—Jan. 11
- No School (Martin Luther King Day) - Jan. 16
- Golden Ticket Celebration—Jan. 20 at 9:30am
- No School—Feb. 3 (Waiver Day)



Thank you First Energy!



Thanks to a donation from First Energy, 27 of our third grade students traveled to the North Pole on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

Students were selected randomly after receiving a ticket for completing their monthly reading goal. Students also had to be in good behavioral standing.

A great time was had by all who traveled to the North Pole. Students had hot chocolate and cookies and a visit from SANTA!!

REPORT CARDS ARE COMING!!!



Report cards will be coming home on Monday, January 9th. Please take time to review your student's current progress. Ask them questions about what they feel their strengths are and in what areas they need to improve. Review their current reading level. Are they where they should be? What steps should you take to improve their performance?

This is a good time to set some goals with your student. There is still plenty of time for your student to show growth.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

It's that time again!

We will be scheduling for conferences soon!



Conferences will be held on **Thursday, February 9** from 3:45pm-7:00pm and **Friday, February 17** from 8:00am-3:00pm.

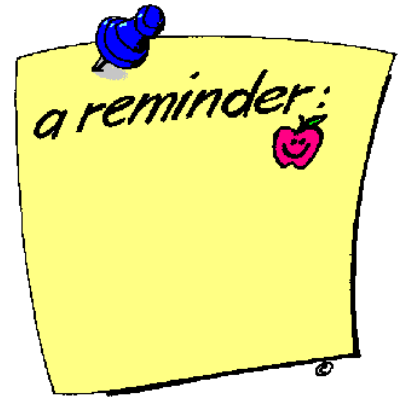
Please take advantage of this time to come in and talk with your student and their teacher about their progress and recent assessments.



Don't forget!!

With the cold weather here, students will continue to go outside for recess until wind-chill temperatures are near twenty. PLEASE be sure students are dressed appropriately for the outdoors. They should have a coat, hat and gloves. Boots and a scarf will also help keep students warm. Please put their names in these items so they are not lost.

Students are not outside long, but it doesn't take long for them to get cold when not dressed right!



Don't forget to practice math facts at home!

Kindergarten students should be able to count to 100.

First grade students should know their addition and subtraction facts through 5 at this point.

Second grade students should know their addition and subtraction facts through 10 at this time of the year.

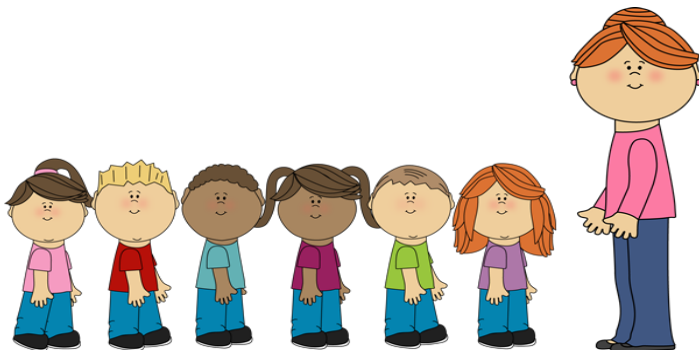
Third and fourth grade students should know their addition and subtraction facts **PLUS** their multiplication and division facts.

The BEW Way!!!

1. Be Responsible

2. Be Respectful

3. Be Ready to Learn



Friendly Reminders!

Doors do not open for breakfast until 8:10am.

Students not going to breakfast should not be dropped off until 8:15am—there is no adult on duty until that time!!

Students should be in class by 8:45am or they will be considered tardy.

Check your student's purple folder every night. Important information is sent home through their folders.

Read with your student every night for at least 20 minutes. Your student will be a better reader.

Practice letters, sounds, sight words, numbers and math facts at night!

Pictures from December...

