

Platteville Penguins

Office—721-1143

January 27, 2012

Dates to Remember

February 1st—12:15 Dismissal
February 20th—No School
February 21st—PTA Meeting—6:30 p.m.
February 24th—Spirit Day
February 29th—12:15 Dismissal
March 1st & 2nd—No School



From the Principal

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." ~Emilie Buchwald

Listed below are some general suggestions for things that parents can do to help support the reading growth of their children. These are general suggestions, meant to be useful for almost any child, and there may be other things your child's teacher will want you to do that are focused on the specific needs of your child. All of these suggestions come from the Florida Center for Reading Research on the way children learn to read. If you do some of them regularly in a motivating and supportive way, they will help your child make faster progress in learning to read.

- ◆ Create a special workspace and schedule daily quiet time for your child to do his/her homework from school. Be sure this is a time you are available to help if needed.
- ◆ Schedule 15 minutes of special time everyday to listen to your child read.
- ◆ Go to the school library, public library, or to the local bookstore once each week and read a new book together. After you read each book, ask your child what the main character did or felt like at the end of the story. Ask if he/she has ever felt like the main character in the book. Why or why not?
- ◆ Encourage reading fluency by having your child read and reread familiar books. It can also be helpful to have your child read a short passage over several times while you record the time it takes. Children often enjoy seeing if they can improve their time from one reading to the next, and the repeated reading helps to establish a habit of fluent reading.
- ◆ When your child is able to, have him read to you. You can take turns reading chapters in a simple chapter book, for example.
- ◆ Be aware of his interests and direct him to related books.
- ◆ Highlight or underline words that you can sound out from the day's "junk mail." Ask your child to read these words.
- ◆ Make a simple recipe with him, allowing him to read each direction to you step by step so you'll "know what to do."
- ◆ Talk to your child's teacher and ask for suggestions.

These are just a few examples of how you can get actively involved in your child's reading progress at home. For more ideas and a list of strategies broken down by grade level, visit <http://www.fcrr.org/Curriculum/curriculumForParents.shtml> "The more you read, the more you know. The more you learn, the more places you will go" -Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut".

Have a great "book-filled" weekend.

Principal Jason Chicoine

Pride Winners

The week's pride drawing winners were: Avery, Connor, Ellah, Faith, Joey and Noah.

Head Start

Head Start is currently taking applications for the 2012-2013 school year. If you are interested in a Preschool program for your 3 or 4 year old, please call 402-721-9022 for an appointment. Families must meet Federal income guidelines or disability guidelines in order to qualify. Services offered: Education, Health, Disabilities, Nutrition, Parent Involvement, and Family Services.

ABCDE Schedule for the Week

Here is the ABCDE schedule for the week of January 3rd. Please make note so that students have the library books, instruments, and tennis shoes that they need on these days. Thanks!

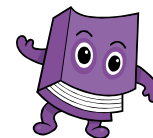
Monday—D—P.E.

Tuesday—E—Band, 2/3 & 4/5 Library

Wednesday—A—P.E., Orchestra

Thursday—B—Band, K/1 Library

Friday—C—P.E.



Discovery Education Student Center

Discovery Education Student Center is now available to your student(s). The web address is www.discoveryeducation.com. Within Discovery Education you will find age appropriate learning games and informational videos as well as learning resources such as encyclopedias and atlases. There is a section for Parents, with links to websites for homework help and other resources. Students login using their 6 digit lunch number/student ID followed by fps as their Username; their Password is the 6 digit lunch number/student ID. For example:

Username: 123456fps

Password: 123456

Kindergarten Registration

We are beginning our search for next year's kindergartners. If you have a child who will be five on or before July 31, 2012, or if you know of someone in our attendance area who will have a possible kindergartner, please contact the school office so we can add them to our list (721-1143). Please note that there has been a change in Nebraska state law. The cut off date has been changed from October 15th to July 31st.

