



Primary Post

January 2018

- Dec 3 Students return to School
- 5 1st Grade Vision Checks
Grade Cards go home
- 9 PTO meeting, Intermediate Library 3:45pm
- 12 P.J. day bring a \$1 (must wear shoes)
- 15 MLK day—NO SCHOOL
Yearbook order forms go home
No Family Fitness in January



Indiana Weather

Our ever changing weather means we need to be prepared. Please make sure that we have your correct address and phone numbers, including emergency contacts. Also, check that we have correct information on where your student would go in case of early dismissal. Thanks for your help with this.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the parents, students and staff who sent money in for the Turkey Walk and 2nd grade Giving Christmas or who personally sponsored a student for Christmas. We were able to help 126 students have a very Merry Christmas this year!!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember to send gym shoes with your students on the day that they have P.E.!!
BOOTS are not allowed on the gym floor!



Nurse's Notes.....

I hope you all enjoyed your Winter Break and Happy 2018! There are lots of Winter bugs, including influenza, starting to make their rounds. In order to keep your student healthy and attending school, make sure they are eating healthy foods, getting plenty of sleep, and washing their hands often. Please also remember if your child is sick they should not return to school until they are fever free without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours and have not vomited for at least 24 hours. Sending them back too early will only wear them down, inhibit recovery, and infect their classmates.

First Grade parents—January 5th will be the day the eye doctors, Dr. Fewell and Dr. Kerby, come to the Primary to do the state mandated MCT vision tests. After all the screenings are completed, the students who didn't pass will have referral forms sent home in January. Please take that referral form to your eye doctor with your child and have them fill it out and then return it to school. Let us know if you have and questions.

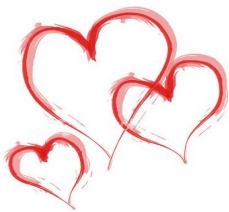
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Notes from Mrs. Leap, School Social Worker....

Welcome to the New Year! This month we will be learning about **RESPONSIBILITY** and **SELF-CONTROL**. Determination means deciding it is worth it to finish what you start. **Responsible** students show determination by trying their best on all of their work even when the work is hard and getting their work done on time. Responsible students also try to make good choices that won't hurt anyone or get anyone in trouble and they admit when they do make a bad choice and accept the consequences of their choice. A responsible student is someone who follows the school rules, works hard in class, stands up for what is right, and tells the truth. Following the rules at home, listening to parents, and completing small chores to help parents are other ways students can show responsibility. **Self-control** means choosing to do what you should do instead of what you want to do. You show responsibility and self-control when you try hard even when the work seems hard or when you would rather be doing something else.

I want to remind you that you can always call me at 883-5528 if you have any concerns about your child. I am here to help you child succeed academically and socially.



SWEETHEART DANCE

Save the date!!!!

Friday, February 9th

6:00-7:30pm

More info will be sent home soon.

From the Reading Corner.. Katie Sundheimer

In January we will be conducting the second round of DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) testing for all Kindergarten, 1st Grade and 2nd Grade. Teachers will test the TRC (Text Reading Comprehension) portion. You should receive results late February or early March!

Yearbook Orders

Order forms for the 2017-2018 school year's Primary yearbooks will be sent home in January. Yearbooks are sold as a prepay item. The cost is \$13.00 for a 40 page, full color yearbook or you may "personalize" the yearbook with many different options. If you are paying by check, please make the check payable to "Lifetouch".

You may also order and pay for your yearbook online at YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM The yearbook code is:12348418. The deadline for ordering the yearbooks is Friday, February 16, 2018! **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted.

In previous notes my emphasis has been on reading, but math is equally important. Math is all around us as much as reading is and it is important that we work together to help your child succeed! Here are 5 easy ways to help with math at home:

1. **Listen to What's Going Wrong**

It is important to find the heart of a misunderstanding. Instead of saying "that's wrong" the better response to a wrong answer begins with asking the child to explain her thinking.

2. **Do Everyday Math Out Loud**

We all use math without realizing it. As customers we have to think about how to calculate a tip, compare prices and confirm we've gotten the right amount of change. If you open up these everyday problems for your kids to think through with you, you won't just be helping them to see how math makes sense in the real world. You will also help them develop an understanding of how math works.

3. **Get in "touch" with Math**

Touch math and drawing counters can help children think more deeply about math. The trick is not just to have them draw, but to think.

4. **Combine Memorization with Understanding**

Memorization of math facts is a stepping stone to doing double digit addition and subtraction. Memorizing doubles facts helps kids learn multiplication.

5. **Introduce Big Ideas Early**

Taking that next step deeper into understanding helps children to truly understand the complicated math tasks that lie ahead. Students need to be introduced to patterns in everyday life, start think through math problems so they can start creating and understanding math and numbers.