



# Tiger News



## News from Nurse Shannon

### Winter Weather Reminders

**Handwashing:** Washing hands and covering coughs are very important to staying healthy and preventing the spreading of germs.

**Coats, Hats and Gloves:** Please remind your child to wear his/her coat, gloves and a tobaggan or hood during cold weather. This will help to keep them nice and warm on these cold winter days.



## Food City School Bucks

Food City is giving back to schools by sponsoring a School Bucks Educational Program. If you shop at Food City, all you need to do is have a Food City card and register to support Norwood Elementary. The monetary amount awarded to each school will be based on the percentage of total purchases made by customers registered to the participating school of their choice. We would appreciate everyone registering your Food City card and supporting Norwood during this school year. Thank you to those that supported this program last year! We appreciate you!!!



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:** First day back for students

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>:** Report cards

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Martin Luther King Day-**NO SCHOOL**



## Reminder of Winter Weather

In the event of inclement weather, please listen to the radio or the television stations to get the most current information. If we are at school and the weather should take a turn for the worse, please do not call the school to see if we are closing. We need to keep the phone lines open in the event we need to receive information from the Central Office. Please remember that the school administration at Norwood Elementary cannot call school off. Only the superintendent of schools, Mr. Bob Thomas, has the authority to make this decision. Please know that we are consistently doing our best to ensure the safety of your child while at school.

## Mathematic Message-Tips for Parents

Encourage creative problem-solving. Problem-solving is the basis of good mathematical thinking. Some examples might be: How many different ways could we walk to school? What's another way to arrange furniture in this room? How many different ways can I measure flour to get half a cup?

Try to come up with more than one solution for everyday problems. Choose gifts that develop problem-solving skills. Blocks, building sets, geometric tile sets, puzzles, board games, weather stations, maps, puzzle books, calculators, strategy games, scales, and origami are just a few of the gifts that will give your child pleasure and knowledge at the same time.



## The Reading Corner-Tips for Parents

1. Set aside a regular time to read with your child each day: Studies show that regularly reading with your child will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary and the decoding of words.
2. Surround your child with reading material.
3. Have a family reading time: Establish a daily 15 to 30 minute time when everyone in the family reads. Just 20 minutes of daily practice is sufficient to increase reading fluency.
4. Encourage a wide variety of reading activities: Have your child read menus, roadside signs, game directions, weather reports, movie listings and other every day information.
5. Develop a library habit: Entice your child to read more by taking him/her to the library every few weeks to get new reading material.
6. Be knowledgeable about your child's progress: Find out what reading skills your child is expected to have for his/her grade level. Track progress in acquiring basic reading skills on report cards and standardized tests.
7. Use a variety of aids to help your child with reading skills: To help your child improve his/her reading, use textbooks, computer programs, books-on-tape, and other materials available in stores. Games are especially good choices because they let children have fun while they work on their skills.
8. Show enthusiasm for your child's reading: Your reaction has a great influence on how hard your child will try to become a better reader. Be sure to give your child genuine praise for his/her efforts.

