

TIGER NEWS

Important Dates

- March 1st:** Dr. Seuss Break-out Session from 5:00-7:00
- March 8th:** Northwest Middle School band performs for our 5th graders
- March 9th:** Grading period ends
- March 10th:** Outside work day from 9:00-12:00
- March 12th-16th:** Spring break
- March 22nd:** Fire House
- March 23rd:** Fire House and Tornado simulator; Report cards go home
- March 26th:** Fire House and Tornado simulator
- March 27th:** 5th graders visit Northwest Middle School
- March 29th:** 4th grade ELA field test
- March 30th:** No school-Good Friday

News from Nurse Jenny

March 19th-23rd is National Poison Prevention Week. Poisoning is a danger for all of us and the #1 cause of injury death in Tennessee.

Poison Prevention Tips:

- * Put the number for Poison Control on your phone and post it in your house which is 1-800-222-1222.
- * Keep medicines and household products in their original containers and stored away from food.
- * Always read the label and follow all directions and safety precautions. Never call medicine "candy". Poisons can look like food and drink.

Parent Reading Corner: How to Build a Reader at Home!!!

Explore Books: Give your child an opportunity to explore books. Visiting a library or bookstore gives your child a chance to find topics and books that interest them.

Read, Read, Read! Make sure to read for at least 20 minutes per day! Students can read independently, aloud to an adult or back and forth with a partner.

Ask Questions: Predictions, characters, main idea, problem, solution, retell story, genre, and moral.

Make it Fun! Reading shouldn't be a chore: Intentionally read with your child and discuss books that also research topics and do book activities together.

Be an Example: Children learn by example, so let your child see you read whether it be a book, newspaper, cookbook, etc.

Pick Good Fit Books: A book that is a good match for your child should meet the following requirements: Purpose for reading, interest, understanding what you are reading, retelling the story and knowing most of the words.

For Beginning Readers: Point out and read words in natural settings-stores, roads, etc. Memorize sight words, visualize the story in your head, ask questions before, during and after. Don't immediately tell an unknown word to your child. Instead, ask them to sound out the word, break the word into parts, try a different vowel sound (long/short), use illustrations for clues and skip the word, reread the sentence and go back and ask what word would make sense?

For Advanced Readers: Notice interesting, new vocabulary words and make it a challenge to use them in conversation. Read with expression, explore non-fiction books and their text features (diagrams, table of contents, etc.). Explore along with other genres as well. Compare and contrast books, discuss connections to literature, think of new titles for book and explore multiple books from the same author.