

RUTH CLARK ELEMENTARY

January Newsletter



Mrs. Carla Wulf, Principal

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Welcome back to school. Hopefully, everyone had a safe and restful Christmas break.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 4 - Students return to school.

Tuesday, January 10- PTO skate party from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Roller City, at the corner of Meridian and 31st street.

Friday, January 13- End of first semester. NO SCHOOL. Teachers have $\frac{1}{2}$ day collaboration, and $\frac{1}{2}$ day collaboration.

Monday, January 16- Non contract day. NO SCHOOL.

Wednesday, January 18- Sonic Night from 6:00 - 8:00pm at the Sonic Drive in at 4747 So. Seneca.

Wednesday, January 18- School Site Advisory Council meeting at 6:00pm in the Conference Room.

Friday, January 27- NO SCHOOL. Building in service.

Tuesday, January 31- Monthly PTO meeting the teacher's lounge at 7:00pm.



The National Reading Panel states, "Fluent readers are characterized by the ability to read orally with speed, accuracy and proper expression."

Happy New Year! When teachers listen to their students read daily, they are focusing on 4 major parts of fluency: Pace, Phrasing, Expression/Volume, and Smoothness. Teachers model and teach these guidelines so your child knows what is expected of them. Pace is keeping a consistently conversational and appropriate rate of which they read. Teachers work with students on not reading slowly and laboriously or inappropriately fast. Phrasing is being aware of sentence units and applying appropriate stress and intonation (pausing at commas and other end marks). Readers are encouraged to not read with a pause between every single word. Expression/volume is reading with enthusiasm while sounding natural. Teachers work with students to discourage robot reading with little expression. They should sound like they do in a normal conversation. Smoothness is reading with minimal breaks. It is moving past sounding out words and frequently pausing or hesitating to read.

Have your child practice reading with appropriate fluency on some of their favorite books, poems or comics. If you have any questions about Literacy First please feel free to contact your child's teacher, myself or check out the official website: www.literacyfirst.com.

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