

NOVEMBER



RUTH CLARK ELEMENTARY

FAMILY NEWLETTER

Mrs. Carla Wulf, Principal

Sunday, November 5 – Daylight Savings Time ends. Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour.

Wednesday, November 8 – 2nd grade family night from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

Thursday, November 9 – 4th grade will have a field trip to Halstead. They will leave our building at 9:00am and return at 2:30pm.



Thursday, November 9 – 5th grade winter program at 7:00pm in the gym. The afternoon rehearsal program will be at 2:30pm.

Thursday, November 9 – Students who are in Mrs. Holliday's gifted class will have a parent night from 6:00-6:45pm at The Learning Center.

Friday, November 10 – NO SCHOOL. District in service.



Saturday, November 11- Veteran's Day.

Monday, November 13 – National Elementary Honor Society presentations in the Media Center from 6:00 – 7:00pm.



Tuesday, November 14 - PTO Skate party at Roller City from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Wednesday, November 15 – 2nd chance pictures from 8:00 – 9:15am.

Thursday, November 16 – Grandparent luncheon with grandparents of 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades from 12:20 – 12:40pm.

Thursday, November 16 – Chick-fil-A night from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the Derby Chick-Fil-A.

Friday, November 17- Grandparent luncheon with grandparents of kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grades from 11:40 – 12:00.



Wednesday, November 22 – NO SCHOOL. Thanksgiving Break begins. School resumes on Monday, November 27 at 8:25am.

Tuesday, November 28 – Monthly PTO meeting at 7:00pm in the teacher's lounge.

Wednesday, November 29 – School Site Advisory Council meeting at 6:00pm in the Conference Room.



Parents, with the winter weather quickly approaching and changing almost minute by minute, students need to be sure to dress appropriately. Please mark the student's name on the coats and jackets.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." ~ Jane D. Hull

Literacy First:

What do retelling, summarizing, main idea, predicting, clarifying and questioning all have in common? These are essential comprehension skills that every child needs in order to understand the text that they read.

Teachers use a variety of tools to help your child comprehend such as graphic organizers, modeling 'think-alouds' while reading, activating their prior knowledge to help 'hook' your child to the text and asking higher-level thinking questions.

Some ways you can help your child comprehend the stories or passages they are reading are to start with that emotional hook. Ask your child why they chose the book they did. What do they know about the topic or some key vocabulary words? Model a 'think-aloud' such as "I'm wondering why there is an empty lake on the front cover..." Ask your child to identify some words that they might need to know in order to read the book. Have them predict what will happen before they start the next chapter.

While your child is reading, ask questions, too. If he is reading silently, interrupt from time to time and say, "Tell me what is going on in your book." This helps you know if your child understands, helps your child work on creating a summary of the book, and teaches your child to stop and think while reading. You might also ask those questions that begin with "WH words;" what is happening, who is in the story, where does the story take place, when did that happen, why would the character do that. Asking questions while your child reads will help them to understand so much better.

Showing an interest and engaging in your child's reading will help cement those comprehension skills and instill a love for reading.

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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