



Spring Creek Elementary

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Karen Leonardi
Principal

Panther Pride Paw Prints from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are now entering the home stretch of the 1st quarter. The most crucial foundation in education is reading... not just saying the words, but understanding the meaning of the sentences. Our goal here at school is to have every child become a proficient reader... one who can pronounce the words and comprehend meaning.

You can help. Your child must read at home. Think of reading as a vitamin for the brain. Every day, your child must be engaged in reading at home. Reading expands vocabulary, creates visualization and promotes deductive reasoning.

Please have your child read to or with someone every evening. If your child is an independent reader, keep him/her sharing the details of the book with you.

Have a great weekend - reading and sharing a good book or story.

TITLE - I SIPS TIPS

Stay Actively Involved
with your Child's Reading

Even when children can read independently, they still need parents' help and encouragement. Try these ideas:

- **Read books** to your child that he/she can't read .
- **Notice which books** your child loves (such as mysteries) and help him/her find more.
- **Take turns reading.** Only correct your child's mistakes if they change the story's meaning.

BULLY AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 4 - 10

Take the pledge!

As a Kid Against Bullying, I pledge to:

- Speak up when I see bullying
- Reach out to others who are bullied
- And be a friend whenever I see bullying

Thanks for being a kid against bullying!

For more information please visit:
www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES

Individual pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009. Please be sure to have your student present and dressed in his/her school approved uniform. Just a reminder, these pictures will also be used in the school yearbook. Look for purchasing information in today's communication packet.

ROTARIAN DICTIONARIES

Spring Creek third grade students received a free gift today. Thanks to the efforts of the District 6960 Rotary Clubs each student was presented with his/her own dictionary. The children were so thrilled to receive these wonderful dictionaries and were eager to take them home to share with parents. Students and staff are so grateful the Rotarians have provided, through this special donation, such a useful book... one that can be used for many years to come.

KIDS TOWN, USA

Kids Town, USA provided second graders a hands-on opportunity to develop their own community within the school to understand how people live and work together to make a better place. Each classroom selected a store or community service and became "experts" on how their place functioned and how it helped others in the community. The children also elected a mayor, Alexis Arroyo, and council people, Susanna Martinez, Omar Pinto, Adrian Colon, Jocelyn Pineda, and Julianna Betancur. This experience helped them understand the idea of elections and voting. On Constitution Day the children wrote their own town constitution and pledge. After much work the town was opened on Sept. 22 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Members of the Council and readers from Mrs. Brown's reading class read the town constitution and pledge. Honored guests, Mrs. Leonardi and Mrs. Sheckler cut the ribbon and officially opened the town for business. That evening the children were able to show off their town and spend their hard earned Kids money in the restaurant and dollar store. Students had to pay bills at the utility center, cash checks at the bank, and buy postage stamps from the Post Office. They learned hard lessons about budgeting and spending, but mostly they just had fun learning!



RIGHT ON TIME...

Thank you for being sure your child arrives on time. Every instructional minute counts. Having your child in school by 9:05 AM, allows him/her to hear news announcements, get organized, and be ready to begin a wonderful new day of learning and discovery.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Please help your child complete a nomination form for his/her special teacher and have your child sign his/her name. If you as a parent wish to nominate someone, more forms are available at the office. Any teacher on staff may be nominated including classroom and ESE teachers, reading, math, science, resource teachers, music teacher and media specialist. **Forms are due Monday, October 12, 2009.** You may turn the completed form into the office or place a stamp on them and mail them yourself.

BUS STOP SAFETY

If your child rides a bus, Please remind him/her to stand away from the street when waiting. Running and playing around at the bus stop is dangerous.

PTO NEWS

- Anyone who received a refund for the Mother's Day Cakes, please cash the checks.
- Cookie Day is Oct. 6th, please have your student get their hand stamped at the door before school.
- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Family Night is Wed., October 28 from 4-8 PM.
- PTO Yard Sale Nov. 7th, keep posted for details
- School dance has been postponed until a later date.

RESPECT

Showing regard for the value of persons or things through courteous consideration and appreciation.

Don't hurt anyone or anything on the outside or the inside.

DEFINING MOMENTS

These are the enrichment words for the week. Please work with your child so he/she can become familiar with them and expand his/her vocabulary.

1. **Famished** – very hungry
2. **Wallop** – to hit hard
3. **Arduous** – very difficult

Mark Your Calendar

- 10/6 SAC 8 AM
PTO Cookie Day
- 10/7 Individual Pictures
(Uniforms as Usual)
Oct. 4 - Oct. 10
Fire Prevention Week
- 10/12 PTO Pizza Night
5 PM
Roaring Readers 6 PM
Columbus Day
- 10/15 1st & 3rd Gr.
Vision Screenings
Oct. 19 - 23
Red Ribbon Week
National School Bus
Safety Week
- 10/26 Parent Workshop
6 PM
- 10/28 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/29 Professional Duty
Day - No School
- 10/30 Hurricane Make-
Up Day - No School

Breakfast Menu

Served Daily
8:45 - 9:05 a.m.

Monday:
Cinnamon French
Toast Sticks, Cereal
of choice, Fruit of
choice or juice, milk

Tuesday:
Poptart, Cereal of
choice, Fruit of choice
or juice, milk

Wednesday:
Gilardi Max Stick,
Cereal of choice,
Fruit of choice or
juice, milk

Thursday:
Superbakery Proball,
Cereal of choice,
Fruit of choice or
juice, milk

Friday:
Cereal bar, Fruit of
choice or juice, milk



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