



Principals Message

Dear Devers' Parents,

Thank you for helping your child be "ready to learn" on a daily basis. We appreciate all that you are doing at home to encourage your child to be an active participant in his or her learning by completing homework daily, reading every night, staying organized for daily work, talking with your child about what he or she is learning each day, and getting plenty of sleep each night.

The Devers' staff is looking forward to a great working relationship with our PTO Board. We are excited about the many activities and events that are being coordinated for our students! We have a Book Fair and Fall Ball coming up so look for information coming home soon.

Devers went through a reevaluation for AdvancED accreditation last school year. In order to earn and maintain accreditation, schools must meet the AdvancED standards and engage in a process of continuous school improvement. I am proud to report Devers was fully accredited!

Through Devers' Continuous School Improvement Process we identify data, information, evidence, and documented results that we use to pinpoint areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. This serves as the foundation of the accreditation process.

Our data has shown us two areas: vocabulary and math problem solving that need attention.

Goal # 1: All students will increase word knowledge.

Essence of the Goal: Word knowledge is a student's ability to apply visual and auditory recognition, phonemic awareness and word meaning.

Goal # 2: All students will improve problem solving skills.

Essence of the Goal: Students will gather, organize, analyze, evaluate and reflect upon information to solve problems in math.

Yours in Education,

Miriam Breece

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Have a Great Idea?????

Please share your thoughts and great ideas with our Continuous School Improvement Team. We welcome any school wide improvement ideas that move us toward continued student achievement.

From the Information Center



The Information Center is open daily before and after school for parents to bring their children to read, check out books, or to watch their children take a Reading Counts quiz. Parents are welcome to open an account and check out 10 books at a time.

Reading Counts Family Event: October 16 from dismissal until 5:00 p.m. This event is for students in grades 2-5 to read to a parent and then take a RC Quiz. Younger siblings are welcome to watch a movie or look at books.

Read-to-Me Club for First Grade Students with a Parent: The purpose of the club is to build a love of books and reading, to encourage adults and children to enjoy picture books together, and to provide read aloud books to club members. We meet after school for one hour on the first Tuesday of every month.

Toad-ally Awesome Book Review Club: A club for students in grades 3-5 to create digital video book reviews about awesome books. Our first meeting will be October 23 after school until 3:45. The club will meet one - two times a month on Tuesdays from October - April.

Counselor's Corner

The school year is off to a great start! The guidance department has started classes by supporting back-to-school routines and the beginning of another great year. October is Bully Prevention Month nationwide. Here at Devers, Dr. Pratt and Mrs. Preston use guidance curriculum from Stop Bullying Now, Trevor Romain (grades 3-5), and books like "Jungle Bullies" and "Three Bully Goats" (grades K-2) to reinforce kindness and safety in the school. According to a survey of students from 2011-12, at least 90% of students feel Devers is a safe place to come to school. Starting in November our lessons will focus on social problem solving and making good choices, whether at school, at home, or in the community.

Some ideas for reinforcement at home:

Talk with your children after school to find out about their day, who their friends are, and what they're learning in the classroom.

Communicate with your child's teacher about how they're progressing in each subject.

Have a regular game night with your kids. Concentrated time with family can have a positive impact on student success because of the support

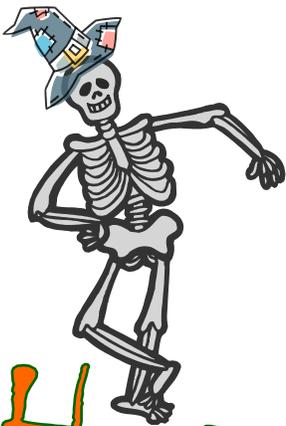




October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Book Fair Week				5	6
		Book Fair Open 2:45-5:00 pm Read to Me Club 2:45-4:00 pm			No School for Students	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	No School CONVINCING DAY	Toad-ally Awesome Book Review Club 2:45-4:00 pm				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Family Reading Counts Grades 2-5 2:45-4:00 pm students and parents			Bullying/Safety Puppet Shows	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Toad-ally Awesome Book Review Club 2:45-4:00 pm		Fall Ball 3:30-5:30 pm	End of 1st nine weeks	
28	29	30	31			



Happy Halloween

November 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 No School for Students	3
4	5	6 Report cards Home Read-To-Me Club 2:45-4:00	7	8 MCEC Parent to Parent 1:00 Awards Ceremony 3-5th grades 1:30-2:30 pm	9 Parent/Teacher Conferences Non Student Day	10
11  Veterans Day Holiday No School	12 No School	13 Toad-ally Awe- some Book R- view Club 2:45-4:00	14	Star Lab		17
18	19	20	Thanksgiving Break 		23	24
25	26	27 Toad-ally Awesome Book Review Club 2:45-4:00 pm	28	29	30	

