

PIERCE TERRACE ELEMENTARY

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Principal Perry's Corner



Dear Dragon Families,

What a great week we have had at Pierce Terrace.

Teachers are beginning to set up Parent Conferences for your child so be on the look so that you can plan on attending this important meeting.

Also make sure you review the school calendar as October includes a few early dismissal days and student holidays.

Have a great weekend!

School Board Meetings, Superintendent Forum & Office Hours @ CCP

School Board Meetings

4:00 pm

Superintendent Forum

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Superintendent Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

October

18th - Office Hours

24th - Office Hours

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

18 OCT

Early Dismissal (11:30AM) for K-2
No School for PSCD & PreK

19 OCT

No School / Teacher Work Day

25 OCT

Early Dismissal (11:30AM) for K-2
No School for PSCD & PreK
Parent Teacher Conferences

26 OCT

No School for Students
Parent Teacher Conferences

29 Oct – 2 Nov

Fall Book Fair

30 OCT

Literacy Night – 5:00PM – 6:30PM

PreK and PSCD Parents

Make sure that you review the attached letter concerning our PreK and PSCD Program from our Superintendent, Dr. Ingram.

This letter outlines a few changes to the school calendar for PreK and PSCD students.

Principal Forum with Mr. Perry

We had another good turnout for Mr. Perry's "Principal Forum"

These are a few of the items that came up and a response to each.

Homework

What is the homework policy and should all teachers in the grade level be sending home the same homework? Homework is generally given as an extension of new learning introduced in the classroom. The amount and type of homework is left to the discretion of the teacher, however our teachers at Pierce Terrace should follow the "10-Minute Rule", which means that a student should be given a maximum of 10 minutes per grade level/per night excluding RF20 (Read for 20 Minutes). For example, a 2nd grader's homework should take 20 minutes as a general rule. Teachers are encouraged to differentiate homework based on their class and students.

Computer Links

What are some good computer links for parents and students to use at home? Parents and students can go to our school website and click on [Student Resources](#) to find lots of websites that are geared toward improving student achievement. For example, [Starfall](#) is a website that students can use to improve their reading skills.

Grades

How do teachers assess Speaking and Listening for report cards? Teachers observe students listening on a daily basis during their instruction and student workstations. In terms of speaking, students are given opportunities to respond frequently during class as well as give presentations.

If my child is receiving more challenging work, how does this affect his grade? If your child is receiving differentiated work that is above grade level, then he/she is exceeding grade level expectations for that content area, which would be communicated by the teacher.

Do you want to recommend an agenda item for the next Principal Forum?

[Click Here!](#)

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

There are times when children should remain at home for their own welfare and the protection of others. The following criteria are guidelines to follow when determining a child is too ill to attend school:

- Has a cold with yellow or green nasal discharge
- Has had a fever above 100 degrees within the past 24 hours. Students should be fever free for 24 hours **without** any medication (Tylenol, Motrin, etc.) before returning to school
- Has a cough that interferes with sleep during the night, or is productive in nature (coughing up colored mucus)
- Has red eyes accompanied by any type of drainage
- Has had vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours accompanied by any elevated temperature. A child who has had three loose bowel movements or has vomited in the past 12 hours should not attend school
- Has had head lice or scabies until prescribed measures have been completed.

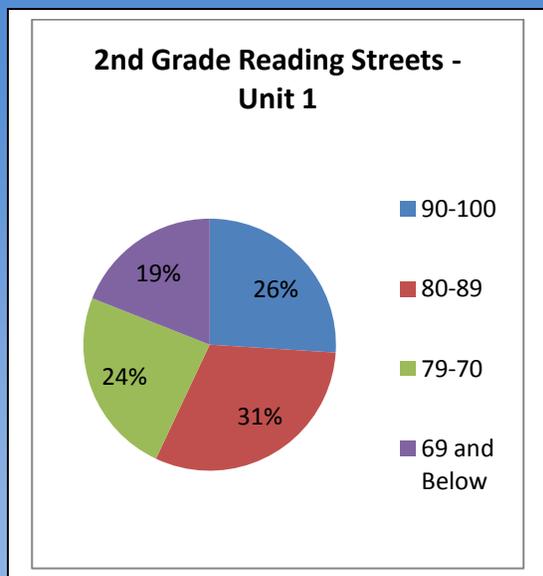
By following these guidelines we can have a healthier school environment for all of our students and staff members.



IN THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT.... Student Data

In grades K-2, our students are assessed in reading using a variety of assessments. One of those assessments is the Reading Streets Unit Assessments that students take after each unit. Teachers use these assessment results to inform their instruction.

This chart is an example of how our 2nd grade students recently performed on their Unit 1 test.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

All parents must present a picture ID and sign in at the office prior to entering the building. This includes during morning arrival.

Transportation changes for dismissal cannot be made after 1:00PM.