



Principal's Message



Instilling a love of reading is so important for our elementary students at HES. Reading is a process that involves making sense of the written word. As children increase their vocabulary, they begin to increase understanding and are better able to increase awareness by interpreting meaning from text.

What can you do as a parent to help your child become a fluent reader? Here are just a few tips that can help increase student comprehension, fluency and assist in fostering a love for reading in your child.

Parenting Tips

By reading to your children, you can expose them to books that they might not yet be able to read independently. This, in turn, exposes them to more complex ideas, vocabulary and content. As a parent, we encourage you to actively discuss the books you are reading and the books your child is reading themselves. These books can include library books, textbooks, comic books, magazines, or even electronic books.

Rather than just telling your child what an unfamiliar word means, encourage them to try to decode the meaning themselves. When your child stumbles on a word encourage them with prompts such as "Does it look like any other words you know or any letter patterns you know?", "Can you read on and then figure out what the word means?" By doing this you are reminding them of the strategies they have been taught at school and are helping them to practice these important reading skills and to gain confidence.

Children's first exposure to print is generally at home. Be a role model of good reading practices for your child. Show them by your own actions, and through discussion, that reading can be done for pleasure and to gain knowledge. There is strong evidence that children who are exposed to positive literacy practices at home experience greater success in their own learning journey. Take the lead and read with your child each day!

Upcoming Calendar Reminders



Aug. 16th- Oct. 13th- Test Window Dates for Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) and Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)

Aug. 16th-Nov. 14th- myIGDIs Early Numeracy Assessment for Preschoolers

Aug. 17th- Aug 30th- Fall MAP Testing Window

Sept. 6th-No School- Labor Day

Problem of the Week

Kim made 37 cookies over 2 days. She made 15 cookies on Monday. How many cookies did Kim make on Tuesday? (Answer to last week's word problem was $7+5=12$)

LUNCH MENU

Monday: Chef Salad or Chicken Pilaf, Green Beans, Corn, Cornbread, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday: Chef Salad or Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Breadsticks, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday: Chef Salad or Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Baked Potato, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Thursday: Chef Salad or Pepperoni Pizza, Cucumber, Carrot Sticks, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit and Milk

Friday: Chef Salad or Cheeseburger, Curly Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

(The lunch menu is subject to change.)

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