



STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are well into the 3rd quarter of the school year. Please continue to talk to your students daily about what they have done at school and read with your children every night.

By now you should have received your child's AIMSweb benchmark report. This winter students were tested in Reading as well as Math. Teachers use this information to provide instruction for your children. Students not meeting the benchmark will receive interventions to help them become more successful and reach the benchmark in the spring. If you have any questions about your child's report please do not hesitate to contact the school.

As a reminder students will be going outside in the mornings and at recess as long as the wind chill is 15 degrees or above. Please dress students

appropriate for the weather. This includes coats, hats, mittens, boots, and snow pants. If snow is on the ground students have to be wearing boots and snow pants to be in the snow.

Again, I want to thank you for being involved in your child's education. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you should have any questions.

Matt Birdsley
Jefferson School Principal

2012 Kindergarten Roundup

March 13, 2012
6-7:00 PM
At Jefferson School

All Children that will be 5 years old by September 1, 2012

Preschool Screening Dates:
March 23, April 13, & April 27, 2012

Kindergarten Screening Dates:
March 30, April 20, & May 4, 2012

All screenings will take place @ Wallace School in the gym.
Please Call 815-626-5050 to schedule an appointment.

UPCOMING DATES



February 14th Classroom Valentine Parties

Kindergarten— 2:15 p.m.

1st Grade — 2:15 p.m.

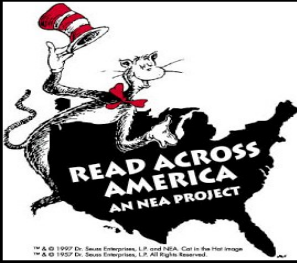
2nd Grade — 1:15 p.m.



February 20th Presidents' Day No School



EARLY OUT
February 15th
Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.



Read Across America is a nation-wide celebration commemorating Dr. Seuss's birthday. NEA is celebrating the 15th anniversary of this special reading event on March 2, 2012. Students at Jefferson will be participating in special reading activities to celebrate. Students will also have a chance to win a Dr. Seuss book in our school wide book drawing. Parents at home might want to read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to the family on this special day. Happy Reading!

Raising a Reader: NEA's 5 Field Tested Tips for Parents

1. **Start early.** Read books with your child every day—even babies. And remember, kids love rhyme and repetition
2. **Talk with your child a lot.** There's no better way to teach new words and ideas.
3. **Show how the printed word works.** Move your finger from word to word. Point out that sentences start on the left and go to the right. Show children the period at the end of a sentence.
4. **Check your child's understanding.** When you read, talk about what's happening (the plot). As children get older, ask them to predict what is going to happen next. And ask them if they like the story at the end and why.
5. **Surround your children with things to read.** Have books, magazines, and writing materials in your home. Use alphabet magnets to create words, and do everything possible to help your children learn their letters. Let children see that reading is an important part of your life too!

JEFFERSON SCHOOL PTO

Remaining PTO Meetings

NO February PTO Meeting

**March 20th
7:00 PM @ Lincoln
(Election of Officers 2012/13)**

NO April Meeting

**May 1st
7:00 PM @ Jefferson**

**Parents
Information on inclement
weather may be viewed on the
Sterling Public Schools web site
sterlingpublicschools.org**

LOOKING AHEAD

**Information will be going home soon about
Year Book sales.**

PTO will be planning a Spring Fund Raiser.

**PTO will be having a Spring Book Fair
March 13-15th**

**"Parents Supporting Parents"
Please join us for a potluck meal at the
First Church of the Nazarene in Sterling
411 13th Avenue
From 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
On February 27, 2012.**

YOU are the most important piece to your child's social and emotional health. As parents, we have a lot in common. We all need support, someone to share ideas with, and a place to talk where someone will listen. Children are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass. Contact Tamara Wolf at 815-625-0013, ext. 111 with any questions.