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Notes from the Principal



Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. The end of second quarter is fast approaching, meaning we will be half way through the school year. It is hard to believe that we are half way done already.

Third quarter is a crucial quarter for your young child. Please be sure to stay in contact with your child's teacher regularly. Listen to what your child says, ask questions about school, and be sure to take time to discuss their day. Your interest and support is important for them. Additionally, if you have concerns about your child do not wait to contact your child's teacher. Regularly check your child's backpack for homework, completed/graded work, and notes from the teacher.

During the second week of January students will be assessed using the AIMSweb Early Literacy assessments.

These short assessments give us a snapshot of student growth. Using these assessments along with classroom performance, we are able to intervene early with students who may be having difficulty in reading. You will be receiving these reports in late January. Once reviewing the results, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

As the winter months roll on it is important that we follow the morning and afternoon drop off procedures to ensure every child gets to school safely. Please do not ever stop in the lane of traffic to drop off or pick up your child. Additionally, students should always use the crosswalk when crossing LeFevre.

Report cards will be sent home by the end of January. If you have questions about your child's report card please contact the teacher.

This school year has been fabulous. The staff at Jefferson is committed to providing a safe and rigorous learning environment. The highly qualified and dedicated staff is here to help your child exceed. I am so proud of the success of our students.

Thank you.
Mr. Birdsley,
Jefferson School Principal



**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 4, 2012
SCHOOL RESUMES**

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY 13, 2012
IS TEACHER'S INSTITUTE
NO SCHOOL**



**Monday, January 16, 2012
Martin Luther King's Birthday
NO SCHOOL**



**Reminder:
Turn Off The TV And Read
Night Is Tuesday,
January 10, 2012.**

CALLING YOUR CHILD OFF SCHOOL

When calling your child off from school please be specific with the symptoms ex. fever, vomiting, coughing, etc.

Please call the school office at 815-625-6402 by 9:00 AM.

Thank You
Nurse Judy



**PARENTS
IMPORTANT**

If you have a change in phone number or address. Please call the Jefferson School office at 815-625-6402 to update your students information. We are noticing a lot of disconnected or no longer in-service numbers.

Parents:

Please put your child's name on the tag of his or her coat, hat, mittens, boots, snow pants, backpack, etc. That way if we find one of these items we can return it to the owner.



Parents,

When the weather is questionable listen to WSDR (1240 AM), WSSQ (94.3 FM), or WLLT (107.7 FM) on the radio or tune in to local TV channel 11, TV channel 6 (KWQC-TV) or channel 8 (WQAD-TV). We urge you not to call the school or the district office for this information. Announcements of school closings will be made as early as possible.

THANK YOU

To all the families that sold Folsom's cookie dough fund raiser. Your consistent participation is appreciated by the Jefferson/Lincoln PTO.

**PTO Meeting
Tuesday
January 17th
7:00 PM @ Jefferson
School**

Elections for PTO officers will be held in March. Please consider serving on the Jefferson/Lincoln PTO. The bylaws and job descriptions are on the school website or you may call Amy Garriott at 815-622-9431 for information.

