



# CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

April 9, 2014

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**Our mission at Cedarville Elementary School is:**  
*To build a solid academic foundation and develop fundamental skills that will lead our students into a lifetime of success.*

## From the desk of the Principal...

As our children get older and develop better reading skills, it can be easy for us, as parents, to underestimate the importance of reading aloud to them. Research tells us that reading aloud to children is the most effective, easiest, and least expensive way to help them develop a love of books and reading. It also brings pleasure, encourages creative writing and discussion, introduces new words and complex sentence structures, develops a sense of story, and expands the horizons of a child's world.

When reading aloud to your child, choose a book that is of interest to your child. Read the book first yourself. If you are not sure what to read, ask a teacher or librarian for recommendations. Pick up a "Read Aloud" list from your public library.



Picture books work well with wide age groups. Poetry books can be used during short reading sessions. Novels are best for one-on-one reading. Here are some dos and don'ts to follow when reading aloud to your child:

- Read whenever possible, but **do** set aside a special time.
- **Do** follow through with your reading.
- **Do** stop at a suspenseful or exciting point in the story. This way, your child will look forward to the next reading session.
- **Do** use expression and read slowly.
- **Do** give your child something to do with his/her hands if he/she cannot sit still during the reading time.
- **Do not** continue reading a book that you or your child doesn't enjoy. Choose another one to read.
- **Do not** use reading or sitting still to listen to a story as a punishment.

You may be surprised to find that reading to your child might well become one of his/her favorite ways to spend time with you!

Happy Reading!

## American Red Cross Blood Drive...

**When:** Monday, 05/3/2014 from 3:45 PM to 7:45 PM  
**Where:** Cedarville Cafeteria



If you are picking your child up from school that day, consider stopping in and donating blood before the end of the school day.



## Volunteers needed...

If you are interested in helping with our Cedarville Fun Day on May 16<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mrs. Schaper by email at [dschaper@eacs.k12.in.us](mailto:dschaper@eacs.k12.in.us), or by phone at 446-0110, ext. 4962.



## Family Restaurant Fundraiser Night...

Our Family Restaurant Fundraiser Night has been scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at Marco's Pizza in Leo.



## Accelerated Reader and FIM deadlines...

The deadline for second and third graders to earn **AR** (Accelerated Reader) points for the 2013-2014 school year is May 23<sup>rd</sup>, @ 3:30 p.m. That is also the deadline for all students to earn **FIM** (First in Math) points for the year.

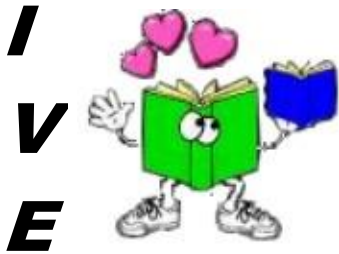


## Food for Thought...

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush."

- Doug Larson

# FAVORITE



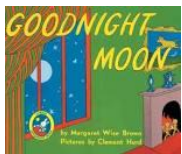
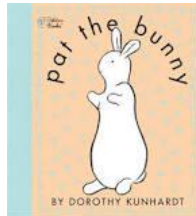
"Tell me what you read and I'll tell you who you are" is true enough, but I'd know you better if you told me what you reread."

– Francois Muriac

## Favorites of Mrs. Zech, First Grade:

I have always loved reading to children. I know that I will have their undivided attention when I am reading to them. These are my five favorite children's books.

1. **Pat the Bunny** by Dorothy Kunhardt This is one of the first books that I read to my son and daughter when they were babies. They loved to touch the bunny, daddy's scratchy beard, etc.



2. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown I read this book to my children every night before bed to help relax them and help get them to sleep.

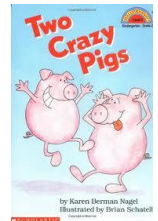
3. **Blue Willow** by Doris Gates This book is about Janey Larkin whose family moves around a lot so that her father can find work. Janey longs for a real home and the chance to make friends. The only thing that Janey can call her own is a beautiful blue willow plate that once belonged to her great-great-grandmother. When her mother gets sick Janey offers to pay the rent with her beloved, treasured plate. Losing the plate seems like the end of the world to Janey, but it's really the beginning of something wonderful.



When I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade our class was giving a play based on this book. I wanted the part of Janey and my mother would help me practice every night. I got the part and my mother decided she wanted to start collecting blue willow china. So throughout my mother's life I would buy her special pieces that I would find and she ended up with an extensive collection. I inherited her collection and I proudly display it in my dining room. I smile and think of my mom every time I look at the blue willow china and how it all started with a book.

4. **Two Crazy Pigs** by Karen Berman Nagel My students have always loved when I read this book. It is about two pigs who create all kinds of mischief

on the Fenster farm and get kicked off and go to live on the Henhawk farm. The Fenster farm animals miss the pigs and beg them to come home.

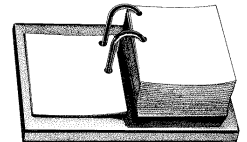


5. **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel (Actually any of the Frog and Toad series books are great.) Anyone who knows me knows that I collect frogs. This is the book that started the whole thing! One of the stories in our basal reader was a story from Frog and Toad Are Friends. I just think Frog and Toad are so cute! After that, students started giving me stuffed frogs. I now probably have over 200 stuffed frogs in my classroom.



## Mark Your Calendar...

- Apr. 11: PTO Meeting @ CEEL 9:30 a.m.
- Apr. 11: Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection day
- Apr. 16: CEEL Marco's Pizza Night from 6-8 p.m.
- Apr. 18: Good Friday - **NO SCHOOL**
- Apr. 21: Hand washing presentations to Grades K-2 by St. Francis students 9-12
- Apr. 23: Secretaries' Day (School is in session)
- Apr. 25: Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection day
- Apr. 25: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and Spirit Day wear purple and white
- Apr. 29: 2nd Kindergarten Round-Up Day
- Apr. 30: FINAL Campbell's Soup Labels for Education collection day
- May 2: Grade 2 to FW Children's Zoo 9:10-2:00
- May 5: Grade 3 ISTEP+ testing window begins and runs through May 13
- May 5: Red Cross Blood Drive in Cafeteria from 4:00-8:00
- May 6: Spring Music Program for Kindergarten @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 8: Last day of adjusted school schedule
- May 9: PTO Meeting @ LEEL 9:30 a.m.
- May 13: Spring Music Program for grade 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 21: Collaboration Day (last one of the year)



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