



CEDARVILLE CONNECTION

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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...

Why is reading aloud to your child a top suggestion from reading experts across the country? Studies have shown this activity builds the desire to read – in only 15 or 20 minutes a day?

No matter what your child's reading level, now is a perfect time to start (or continue) reading aloud regularly. Although this topic has been discussed in this section of the newsletter before, here are some additional ideas that are worth noting:

Share the enjoyment. Your child will enjoy the warmth and humor of good books when he/she feels you are enjoying reading, too. Try to find times to read aloud when you aren't rushed or stressed.

Read at a comfortable pace. Lots of people are used to reading books from cover to cover without stopping. It's better to read more slowly, pausing to answer your child's questions and listen to his/her comments.

Look for meaning. As you're reading, ask your child questions, such as, "What's happening on this page?" Once you finish reading, talk about the characters and what happened to them. These talks will help your child understand what's going on in the story.

Build vocabulary. Look for new or unusual words in a story and talk about them. For example, "Curious George was *confused*. That means he didn't understand. Have you ever been *confused*?" Then, you can add the new vocabulary word to a special word list.

Although your child may not remember everything about specific books that you read together, memories of the time you spent reading together will last a lifetime!

Memorable Moments In School...

With Mrs. Jenkins:

Once while teaching 4th grade at Monroeville Elementary School, Dr. Bakle was the school principal. Our class was learning about states of matter and I was trying to get the kids to understand that particles had to "heat up" and "start moving" before they became another state of



matter. I told the students that we would "act out" this process and they were to start out like a **solid** so we would be still and cold. Then when I clapped my hands we would begin to "heat up" and start moving slowly thus becoming a **liquid**. And finally when I clapped my hands we were to really "heat up" and start moving wildly around the room

flailing our arms and legs about and become a **gas**. We began our practice and everything was going fine, but when we got to the final "**gas**" stage of matter one of the kids yelled, **STOP!** We all stopped and the child who had yelled said, "What if Dr. Bakle comes in?" "You'll be fired, if he sees us having this much fun!" Needless to say, the kids and I all had a good laugh over that. And, I think they "got it".

Safety Village...

Kindergarten students took their annual trip to Safety Village and the Survive Alive House this week. Students learned through simulations how to safely evacuate a house if there is ever a fire. They also learned about making a plan for everyone to exit a home. The best part, of course, was being able to drive their motorized cars



National School Lunch Week Pictures...

The ladies decided that Dr. Bakle should do some real work.



Thoughts about Homework...

Homework can give parents an opportunity to be involved in their children's education, but helping children with homework isn't always easy. That may explain why the following questions are often heard at parent/teacher conferences:

1. Why do children have homework?

Teachers assign homework for many reasons. Homework can help children:

- review and practice what they've learned;
- get ready for the next day's class;
- practice using resources, such as libraries, reference materials, newspapers, and the internet; and
- explore subjects more fully than time permits in the classroom.

Homework can also help children develop good habits and attitudes. It can:

- encourage self-discipline and responsibility;
- teach children to work independently; and
- encourage a love of learning.

2. Can homework really help my child learn?

Yes, when assignments are meaningful, are completed successfully, and are returned with constructive

comments from the teacher. An assignment should have a specific purpose, come with clear instructions, be fairly well matched to a student's abilities, and designed to help develop a student's knowledge and skills.

Remember to contact your child's teacher if you have questions about homework, or any other concerns.

Spirit Wear On Sale...

Spirit wear will be on sale Friday, November 6th, during the lunch time in the cafeteria. We know that many people have asked about when they could purchase spirit wear now that the seasons are changing. PTO representatives will be around throughout the lunch times. Now is a perfect point in the year to check out all of the new supply.

Mark Your Calendar...

- Oct. 29: Room 119 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch 12:30-2:30
- Oct. 30: Popcorn/Pretzel Friday and Spirit Day
- Oct. 30: Rooms 101 and 102 to Kurtz Pumpkin Patch 12:30-2:30
- Oct. 30: **Fall Parties**
- Nov. 2: Art to Remember orders due from families
- Nov. 4: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Nov. 4: P-T Conferences 4:00-7:45.
- Nov. 9-13: *National Young Readers' Week*
- Nov. 9-13: Hearing Screening Week for new students
- Nov. 11: Fall Intramurals end
- Nov. 11: Collaboration Day – 3:10 dismissal
- Nov. 12: Principal for a Day Program – Mr. Nelson Peters, County Commissioner
- Nov. 12: Real Men Read Round 2 for grades 2 & 3
- Nov. 12: PTO meeting @ LEEL 9:30
- Nov. 15 - 21: National Bullying Awareness Week
- Nov. 16: Anti-bullying assembly p.m. in the gym with rapper Six8
- Nov. 18: Midterms go home to those not receiving weekly progress reports through Parent Access
- Nov. 23: Canned Food Drive begins and runs through Dec. 17th. Items go through Leo UMC to needy families.
- Nov. 23: Jennifer Sholl here from tech 11:45-3:30
- Nov. 23: Update grades in RDS
- Nov. 23: mCLASS progress monitoring week for "strategic" students
- Nov. 25: Popcorn/Pretzel Wednesday and Spirit Day
- Nov. 25: Grade level chairs @ 8:15

