

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please mark your calendars for District 148's April Parent-Teacher Conference. On Thursday, April 1, 2010, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and pick up the third quarter report card grades. This is a non attendance day for students. Due to the large number of parents visiting the school, conferences will be limited to ten minutes per parent. Franklin School staff will be available for conferences during the following times:

Thursday, April 1, 2010

8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Staff Lunch Break

SPRING BREAK

April 2-9, 2010

SCHOOL RESUMES

April 12, 2010

At Franklin School Knowledge is **POWER!**

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

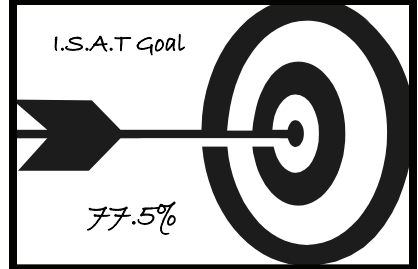
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DATES TO REMEMBER



No School
Parent/Teacher Conference
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

12
School Resumes

29
School Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.



PARENTS CAN

READ ALOUD WITH YOUR CHILD

Why is reading aloud to your children the number one suggestion from reading experts across the country? Because it builds the desire to read in only 15 to 20 minutes a day!

Whether your youngsters are already reading or haven't yet begun, now is the perfect time to start reading aloud regularly. Here are a few tips to get the most out of your time together.

1. Encourage participation. If there is repetition in a story, challenge your child to repeat the key phrases with you.
2. Get comfortable. Offer your child soft mats or pillows to sit on. Let them have a snack or drink before you begin.
3. Remove distractions. Make your reading spot as quiet as possible so your youngsters can focus on the story. Consider turning off the television and ignoring the phone to avoid interruptions
4. Keep it appropriate. If your kids have trouble following the language for plot of a story, it may be too difficult for them. Look for books that are closer to their reading levels. *Tip: Ask a librarian or your child's teacher for suggestions.*



TECHNOLOGY NEWS

ATTENTION: PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Spring into action before Criminal actions prevails over you! It's time to make sure we are all aware of how to report Illegal activities and communications on the internet. ***An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Students here are some tips;***

Keep your password safe! You can tell your parents about it, but not anyone else — not even your best friend!

Don't share secrets, photos, or anything online that might be embarrassing if someone found out (like your entire school!).

Set up email and instant messenger accounts with your parents. Make sure not to put your name, age, address, or phone number in your profile or screen name.

Don't send messages when you're angry.

Wait until you cool off so you don't say something you'll regret.

Parents be aware of Computer Emergency Readiness Team -- report Internet incidents, illegal activities and find out about latest scams, please keep this list handy for reporting and learning more about illegal activities online;

<http://www.us-cert.gov/>

<http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>

<http://www.ncis.navy.mil/info/safekids.cfm>

<http://www.missingkids.com/cybertip/>

If you think you have been taken advantage of by a spam scam, file a complaint with the FTC online at www.ftc.gov. Complaints will help the FTC find and stop people who are using spam to defraud consumers

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS



Kindergarten: I am so proud of my kindergarten students as we approach the end of 3rd quarter. Most are reading Kindergarten level books!! It is still very important to continue to read at home everyday and complete all other homework. In Reading and Language Arts we are on Shared Story 13 and we will continue to work on memorizing sight words and sounding out other words. In Math, Ms. Aguilar has been working with the kids on addition and chance. We are in the midst of our Buggy About Spring unit which the kids are loving. Insects, spiders and spring are the topic of our conversation! Ask your child about our caterpillars! As always thank you for checking your child's folder daily.

1st Grade: First graders are thrilled the weather is getting warmer and so are the teachers! We are ready for spring. We have been learning about how weather changes with the seasons and when the weather changes, so do many things in nature. We also enjoyed a week of the "Wild Things" with many activities that included reading the book by Maurice Sendak, discussing our feel-

ings and watching parts of the movie. You may have noticed your student papers are reflecting more work done independently rather than as a class. This is in preparation for next year. As time goes on more responsibility will be put on the students to take ownership of their learning, as they are able. They have really matured since August!

2nd Grade: Can you believe it? We are into the final quarter of second grade! Please review at home the life math skills we have learned – time and money – as some of us are still confused. We are working hard now on our writing skills to master paragraph writing. Please return weekly folders promptly and work on daily attendance with 8:40 arrivals. Let's make it a great spring!

3rd Grade: Third graders are relieved now that ISAT testing is finally over. They put forth a tremendous amount of effort in doing their best on the test. We will now continue with lessons that we've missed and move on to new ones. Please continue to practice the multiplication facts daily with your child in order for them to memorize them. Also, be sure to check over homework for errors and neatness

4th Grade: We have finished ISAT testing and are looking forward to moving onto fifth grade. In Science we are studying the human body and our complicated systems. In Math, we are learning how to

multiply larger numbers. Please continue to study multiplication facts with your children. Homework is given Monday through Thursday, please look for it. Also, please remember to have your child read nightly. We are looking forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher conferences.

5th Grade: ISAT has ended and Spring is finally on the way. As the weather gets warmer it seems that students are more interested in getting outdoors than they are in completing homework assignments. Please remind students that homework is still very important and that they bring in daily read and respond forms for reading class. In Science the Fifth grade is studying how water moves through our environment and in Language Arts students will be reviewing writing strategies.

6th Grade: The 6th graders will continue exploring Geometric and Algebraic concepts for 4th quarter. The students will work on Linear Equations as well as slopes of lines. Students are encouraged to study nightly, as well as actively participate in class discussions in order to prepare for test and quizzes. 6th graders continue to work on persuasive and expository writing. Please continue to email Dr. White or Ms. Warner with any questions or concerns.

MARCH CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

KAM: Chequita Bankhead

KPM: Jayla Winters

1PC: Amarie Jenkins

1LM: Logyn Wells

2KM: Stanton Robinson

2PR: Dakayla Glasper

3CP: Diamond Williams

3BR: Maleka McCray

4WG: Diamond Below

4MH: Damariaa Tiffith

5BJ: No Eligible Student

5AW: Jasmine Lindsey

6MW: Marlo McDowell

6TW: John McGowan

PTA NEWS

PTAs comprises more than 5 million parents and other concerned adults devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501c (3) nonprofit organization that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who is concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. If you are interested in joining Franklin School PTA please contact Michael Mosley at 708-724-8150.

NURSE'S NOTES

March was Poison Prevention Month. All primary grades received either a magnet, ruler, sticker, or coloring sheets besides a handout.. Spring cleaning is a good time to toss old medications and store poison away from children. Keep the Illinois Poison Center number (1-800-222-1222) near each phone in your home.



Asthma Classes completed for 22 children from 3rd thru 6th grades. The class is held yearly for any student interested . The students participated in Fight Asthma Now for four weeks while completing their workbooks.

Fifth grade students will need a new physical with immunizations updated prior to entering sixth grade. The physical forms will be sent home the beginning of the month.. Please contact your doctors now before vacation time to schedule an appointment.



21st CENTURY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

21st Century Parents,

We have begun Session 3 of the 21st Century After School Program. Sometimes students will not finish all of their homework in the After School Program. Homework time is from 2:30-4:30 with 45 minutes of A+ Computer Testing. Activity Hour is from 4:30-5:30. If they do not finish all of their work, it is still their responsibility to finish the homework at home and turn it in to their teacher the next day.

Parents, if you have any questions concerning your child in the program, please do not hesitate to call us at 708-201-2083. Information will be coming about the last 21st Century Fieldtrip this year.

21st Century Coordinators,

Ms. Phillips

Mrs. Williams

