



Little Pioneer Press

January

January 3:

- Students return

January 6:

- Grade Cards go home
- BUG lunch

January 13:

- Fourth grade Nature Day

January 16:

- Martin Luther King Day, no school



Here are some reminders as we start 2017 and the second semester of the school year.

- Students should arrive at 8:40 AM, and be ready to begin in class at 8:50 AM.
- Students arriving after 8:50 and before 10 are counted tardy. Students arriving or leaving between 10 AM and 2 PM are counted as a half day absence. Students leaving after 2 PM are also counted tardy. We have state mandated laws to follow with attendance. Be sure your child is at school regularly on time. It is your responsibility.
- Contact your child's teacher if there is an issue you wish to discuss. Remember, you should always contact the teacher first before calling the principal. When your child has a bus issue, please contact the bus driver first.
- ◇ If you are dropping your child off in the mornings, please have your child ready to get out of the passenger side of the vehicle.
- ◇ **If you need to get out of the vehicle to assist your child, please park in the parking lot and walk your child to the door.** Please be courteous to other parents. The drop off rules are for your child's safety.
- ◇ Please show patience and **do not pull up beside another vehicle to let your child out of the car.** Allowing your child to cross in front of vehicles in the line is dangerous. We all want your child to have a safe and successful day at school everyday.
- ◇ The first car should pull up to the end of the curb. This will allow four cars at a time to pull up to drop off their children. Students may get out of the car as long as they are in the cone area or the first car at the end of the curb. The drop off moves quickly when everyone pulls up the way they should.

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**Expecting
Excellence
Everyday!**

Temperatures



Please listen to the weather forecast daily and dress your child accordingly.
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Elementary has outdoor recess when the temperature is twenty five degrees or above, including windchill. Some of our students are not dressing warmly enough which makes for a miserable time at recess. Hats, gloves, and a warm coat is a must during the winter season. If you cannot afford these items, please give the office a call, and we will be happy to assist you in making sure your child has the necessary clothing for cold weather.

Snow Days

In the event of a snow day or delay, please tune to 94.3 WKKJ FM. You can also check closings online. You should also be called by Mr. Mowery on the all call system. Other means of finding out about a snow day or delay are the Zane Trace website or the Zane Trace Elementary School Facebook page.



Kroger Rewards



Kroger's Community Rewards have positively impacted Zane Trace Elementary. If you are signed up and swipe your card while shopping at Kroger's, our elementary receives a monetary donation from your purchase. If you have not signed up or need to renew, please go to the krogercommunityrewards.com website and fill out the necessary information. **Be sure to choose Zane Trace Elementary as the recipient.** The money we receive from Kroger's allows us to purchase classroom supplies needed by the teachers. Please help us to help our precious Little Pioneers!



Helping at Home



This is a repeat from last month, but these things are so important in carrying out at home. What can you do as a parent to help at home with your child's education?

Below are some suggestions of things you can do to help your child improve their skills:

Lexia Reading: Our students have Lexia Learning Core 5 available to them. The children work on this reading program at school, but can also practice on it at home. Please make sure your child is on this site at least 20 minutes per week. Your child should know/have their ID and password.

Reflex Math: Make sure that your child also practices on Reflex Math at home. This program practices basic math facts. Our goal as an elementary is to make sure all of our students have mastered their math facts by the end of fourth grade. You are important in helping us with this goal. Your child should know his/her ID and password.

Reading: Read with your child DAILY. Set up a routine where you read at a certain time of day, for example, before bedtime. Your child does not have to read every word. You can read a page, and he/she can read a page.

A Look Ahead...

FFA Sausage Breakfast

Two Hour Delay for students

February 3, 2017

Students should arrive at 10:40 AM.

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 16, 2017

3:30-6:30 PM

Literacy Night

March 16, 2017

6:30-8:00 PM

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

-Emilie Buchwald



Math Printables

If your child is struggling with math skills, you can help him or her with some of the free online work sheets at <http://www.schoolsexpress.com/>. You'll find dozens of math worksheets by clicking *6,600 Worksheets*, then *Mathematics*, then one of more than a dozen categories.

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ABCs Of Student Success

N is for NOTHING.

Was "Nothing" your child's response to the question "What did you do at school today?"

- Instead of asking about the day as a whole, ask about math or lunchtime or recess or...

- Don't ask yes or no questions. Ask *What did you think...?* or *How did you decide...?*

- At dinnertime, ask each member of the family to tell the best and worst thing that happened that day. That opens the door to conversation, sharing experiences and tips for handling frustration, and emphasizing that something good happens every day.

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