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2022 SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING—AVERAGE

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Happy February! We have hit the ground running since our Winter Break. Please know that our teachers and staff are working diligently to instruct your child based on their strengths and needs, with input from their winter i-Ready Reading and Math assessments and their classroom academic performance. Our teachers are continually looking for new ideas and consistently change tactics and strategies to make certain our students are engaged during classroom instruction.

Attendance counts... Attendance directly impacts academic achievement. State law requires students to attend 90% of all school days for promotion. If your child(ren) have three (3) consecutive or five (5) unexcused days absent, you will receive an Attendance Letter from our Attendance Clerk. Either medical excuses or up to 10 handwritten letters can be submitted by a parent to the Front Office up to three (3) days after an absence. Tardies and signing out early count, too! Please remember that school begins at 7:45 A.M. If a student arrives after that time, they are considered tardy, and you will have to sign them in at the front door.

February is a very busy month, so please make sure you check out the calendar of events that is included in this newsletter. Events are also posted on the marquee in the front of the building, on the Week at a Glance on the school's website, and teachers will send home fliers and other pertinent information through REMIND.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

Ruth Mims

Our Mission Statement

The children, parents, faculty, and staff of Williams Memorial Elementary School are unified in their purpose of accelerating the learning of all students through shared decision-making and powerful learning experiences

Black History Month Activities

CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dress-Up Days

Monday, February 26- **Strength Day**
Wear black to show your resilience.

Tuesday, February 27- **Red Day**
Wear red to symbolize we love each other.

Wednesday, February 28- **Green Day**
Wear green to encourage generosity and kindness.

Thursday, February 29- **Unity Day**
Wear school colors to show unity.

Friday, March 1- **Sunshine Day**
Wear yellow to spread a little sunshine in everyone's life.

Activities

Daily Trivia Questions

Black History Program

Black History Coloring Contest (Pre-K & K)

Black History Letter Writing Contests

to Ruby Bridges (1st & 2nd Grades)

to Yolanda King (3rd-5th Grades)

happy
Valentine's
day



Dates to Remember in February

- February 1-28**—Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser
- February 2**—National Wear Red Day
- February 2**—Class Picture Day
- February 5-9**—School Counselor's Week
- February 5**—100th Day of School
- February 7**—102nd Day of School (2nd Graders)
- February 7**—Early Release @ 12:35 P.M.
- February 8**—Guys in Ties and Girls in Pearls Dance (Pre-K thru 2nd Grade with a Parent) 6:00-8:00 P.M.
- February 9**—Job Shadow Day (3rd-5th Grades)
- February 12-16**—Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- February 15**—SRO Appreciation Day
- February 19**—No School (Presidents' Day)
- February 20**—DD4 Board Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. (WHS)
- February 22**—SIC/Title 1 Planning Meeting @ 4:30 P.M.
- February 22**—Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Parenting Workshop @ 6:00 P.M. in Media Center
- February 23**—3rd Quarter Interim Reports
- February 28**—Character Kids Celebration @ 8:00 A.M.
- February 29**—Black History Month Programs
- February 29**—Glow Dance (Grades 3-5) 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Reading Tips

1. Set a routine.
2. Read at home.
3. Make a special reading spot.
4. Be a great reading partner!
5. Surround your child with books.
6. Bring books everywhere.
7. Set a good example; be caught in the act!
8. Communicate with teachers and get involved at school.
9. Set learning goals.
10. Be enthusiastic!



Our Vision Statement

The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and to graduate with a 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.



Just a Reminder... We are seeing an increase in Flu and Strep Throat cases in our area. Please keep your children home, (or take them to the doctor if necessary) if they are sick, have a fever of 100 degrees or higher, have an unusual rash, have vomiting or diarrhea, have a headache, and/or are displaying other symptoms of general illness.

Please remember that children cannot return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Children also cannot return to school until they have had no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours without medication. If students are diagnosed with strep throat, they must be on antibiotics for 24 hours in addition to being fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child has been diagnosed with Flu, Strep, or any other contagious condition, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nurse Peters at (843)563-3231 as soon as possible for further guidance or clarification.



From the Literacy Coach ...

Reading is a Process: Strategies to Use Before, During & After Reading



Before Reading

Discuss the title and cover art

Make a prediction about the book

☐ I think this book will be about...

Read the blurb on the back

☐ I'm excited to read this book because...

Connect the topic of the book to other familiar information

☐ This reminds me of...



During Reading

Make personal connections to the characters or events

☐ The character reminds me of...

Predict what might happen next

Discuss how the illustrations add to the story

Discuss the characters' emotions

☐ I think the character feels _____ because _____.



After Reading

Summarize the important parts that happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story

Discuss your favorite part of the story

☐ My favorite part of the book was ...

Connect the characters, events, or ideas to another book you've read

☐ This story is similar to...

Discuss your opinion of the ending

☐ I liked/disliked the end because...

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5th Grade Baby Pictures and Tribute Ads are due by February 23, 2024