

The Mooberry Mustang



MOOBERRY ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Homework

With the start of school, comes the start of homework. Homework is an important part of your child's education because it helps to develop and refine intellectual skills, advances independent learning, and nurtures within students an identity of a successful learner. As educators, we realize that homework is important. But, we also realize that, because of schedules, jobs, and activities, it can, sometimes, be difficult to manage. Here are some guidelines to remember regarding homework:

*Homework should be designed for practice, review or to check a student for understanding.

*Homework should NOT require parent assistance.

*Parents should: Help your child with homework organization, ask to see homework, PRAISE effort, and communicate with teachers.

*Students should spend approximately 10 minutes, per grade level, per night on homework. (For Example: A fourth grader should spend 40 minutes, A 2nd grader 20 minutes)

In short, parents should be LESS involved with homework tasks and MORE involved with communicating with the teacher.

Services Offered For Talented and Gifted Students

Parents are welcome to refer their child for services designed for students identified as talented and gifted. Students who score at or above the 97th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test of overall reading or math or on a mental abilities test, and have other confirming evidence that they learn at a rapid rate and advanced level, are identified as TAG students. With parent input, individual plans are made to adjust the rate and level of the student's instruction to meet his or her specific needs.

If you think your child may qualify for TAG services, and want information about the referral and identification process, please call Mooberry's TAG liaison, Christal Winesburgh.

Goal Setting Conferences

We will be holding our goal-setting conferences and book fair on Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20th. There will be no school or conferences on Friday, October 21. If you were unable to sign up for a conference time during our *Back to School Night*, please contact your child's teacher. Conferences are a great opportunity for you, your child, and the teacher to meet and discuss your child's performance and to set goals for the end of the year. (Translation will be available for our Spanish speaking families.) We look forward to seeing you!!

Summer Reading Program Finishers!

Congratulations to the following students for completing the Hillsboro Library's summer reading program: Ivette, Juan, Juan David, Aundrea, Alysha, Melia, Evany, Sterling, Julianna, Megan, Briley, Emily, Jesiah, Jason, Leonardo, Antoni, Genesis, Kaillie, Matthew, Nathan, Elijah, Isabella, Brooklyn, Colton, Lindsey, Austin, Zoey, Bianca and Christopher. Way to go fabulous readers!!

Important Dates:

- OCT. 11-13—6TH GRADE TO OUTDOOR SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 14TH—NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 19-21—CONFERENCES & BOOK FAIR
- OCTOBER 28—SPIRIT DAY



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