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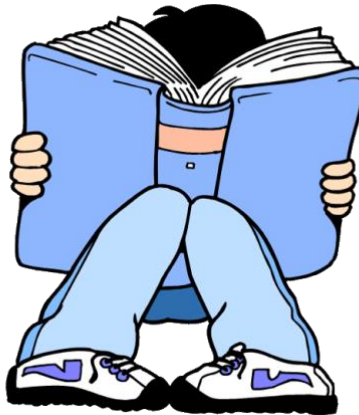
Why Your Child Needs to Read More Books

In 2010, the Annie E. Casey Foundation published a KIDS COUNT special report, Early Warning: Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters. The report drew links from a failure to read proficiently by the end of third grade to persistent academic difficulties to failure to graduate from high school on time to economic success later in life.

This report's findings have been confirmed by new research again and again over the past 7 years, highlighting the fundamental and critical importance of reading to success in life.

Do you know if your child is reading at grade level?

Talk with your child's teacher. Learn about the information contained in your child's results on the MAP



Assessment, one of the most valid and reliable measures of student progress available today. Don't make assumptions about your child's reading level. Get the facts.

Now what?

Armed with your child's reading level, there are many ways you can support your child's growth in reading. Below are just a few suggestions. Talk with your child's teacher for more.

❶ Reading just 15-20 minutes a night (or on the way to school in the car) can have dramatic effects on your child's reading level. Better yet, have your child read out loud to you on the way to school!

❷ Get a library card and make a trip to your local library at least twice a month. With your child's reading level and interests in mind, local librarians are particularly skilled at finding books that will hook and keep your child's interest.

❸ Talk to your kids. Yep, that easy. Drown your kids in language.

❹ Model the importance of reading by reading yourself.

-Nicole Nanny, Academic Director



Varsity Basketball Makes School History

After a shaky start, the boys' basketball rattled off 3 home wins in a row. Thanks to Ahmed Alzubidi and his relentless offense, the wolves are on pace for a solid season. Hiis Ali and Anes Hussain lead the group in 3-point field goal percentage, while seniors Shadi Ali and Numan Hassan

anchor one of the conference's best defensive teams.

Our next home game is Tuesday, January 16th at 5 p.m. in the gym. Please come and support!

-Coach Patrick Fitzpatrick, Athletic Director



School-Wide Spelling Bee to be Held Friday

Class spelling bees are being held on Monday, January 8, the first day back from winter holiday, in anticipation of the schoolwide spelling bee on Friday, January 12!

The top three spellers from each class, grades 3-8, will go onto compete in the school bee. This year, the school bee will only be open to student participants and their families.

It will begin at 8:15 a.m. in room E202.

The school's top speller will go on to represent ACA at the District Spelling Bee!

Mark Your Calendars: Middle School Parents' Meetings

Parents of middle schoolers (or soon-to-be middle schoolers!) are invited to attend special English Language Arts meetings in January! The meetings will address middle school English learning goals, curriculum changes, and ACA's future direction for the English Language Arts program as a whole.

The meetings will be held in Miss Cait's room, E202 on Thursday, January 18.

- 6th Grade Parents' Meeting: 1:30 p.m.
- 7th and 8th Grade Parents' Meeting: 2:30 p.m.

See you there!

Updates from the Cafeteria

Don't Forget to Pre-Order Lunch!

The ACA halal lunch program is upgrading its order process. Parents can now preorder the meals their student would like to purchase throughout the week. This will help our catering company know exactly how many lunches to bring. We will thereby reduce waste and feed all our students!

Don't forget to order your students' lunches every Friday by visiting the Lunch order link on RenWeb!



A Spiritual Thought for January

A good word is like a good tree – its roots are firm, and its branches are in the sky. (Surah Ibrahim 14:24)