

## The Principal Message

*Progress reports should be coming home today. Be sure to spend a few minutes discussing your student's progress with her. If she is doing well, give her plenty of praise. If he is not doing well, ask him about it. What can he do differently? Is she using her tutorial time to do homework? Is he not working diligently in class? If the grades are not what you expect, hold her accountable for her work. Teaching our children accountability will lead them to success later in life. Also feel free to contact the teacher for more information concerning grades.*

***Great Job!** Mrs. Peek informed me that between the school meetings and Girl Scout meetings she has better parent participation in Roscoe than any other place where she works. I hope that you are enjoying her nutrition classes. Our next visit with Mrs. Peek will be after the ABC meeting on February 15.*

***Reading** was the focus of last week's newsletter. I mentioned that I would be providing you with some ideas to make your home a reader friendly environment. The following article offers some really good ideas. I plan to try a few of these at my home this week... Next week I will give you the next three ideas from this article.*

### Upcoming Events

- **Jan 21 & 23:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Tournament in Highland
- **Jan 21:** Progress Reports go home
- **Jan 22:** 3rd Grade will perform at halftime of the varsity girl's basketball game (around 7:00)
- **Jan 26:** Janie Peek Nutrition class for PK and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- **Jan 22:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will perform at halftime of the varsity girl's basketball game (around 7:00)
- **Feb 12:** End of the 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks Grading Period

### Top 10 Ways to Improve Reading Skills

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Nothing is more important to academic achievement than being a good reader. Parents know their children best and can provide the one-on-one time and attention that will lead them to success in reading. Here is a list of ways to help your children become more effective readers.

#### 1. Set aside a regular time to read to your children every day.

Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words. Whether your children are preschoolers or preteens, it will increase their desire to read independently.

#### 2. Surround your children with reading material.

Children with a large array of reading materials in their homes score higher on standardized tests. Tempt your kids to read by having a large supply of appealing books and magazines at their reading level. Put the reading materials in cars, bathrooms, bedrooms, family rooms, and even by the TV.

#### 3. Have a family reading time.

Establish a daily 15 to 30 minute time when everyone in the family reads together silently. Seeing you read will inspire your children to read. Just 15 minutes of daily practice is sufficient to increase their reading fluency.