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PTC News

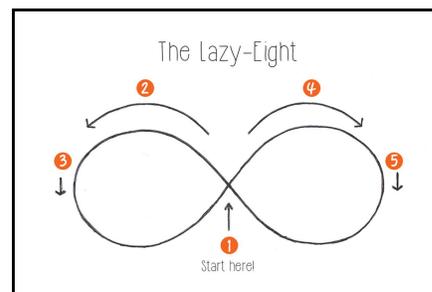
- ★ Our upcoming meeting will be on October 3 at TES at 6PM.
- ★ All Little Caesars Fundraising packets are due to Turner Primary School on Thursday, October 4.
- ★ All Little Caesars Orders can be picked up on October 24th from 3-6 PM at Ricker Hill Orchards
- ★ All Square One Art Projects will be completed by October 12.
- ★ The Square One Art Order Forms will be sent home on October 29.
- ★ Trunk or Treating will take place at Leavitt Area High School from 1-3 PM.

Reminders

- ★ A huge thank you to everyone supporting our bus driver shortage. Hopefully we will be able to get these positions filled soon.
- ★ Mrs. Carver is accepting volunteers to help with Spooky Street. A fitness based Halloween game that keeps the students engaged with Fall and Halloween themed challenges.
- ★ Second Grade heads to Old Fort Western on Friday, October 19th.
- ★ All families are kindly invited to complete their Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

The Teaching of Reading through All Hands on Deck

Learning to read is the most important foundational skill we want every child to be able to do. We have been working really hard to continue to implement practices that are compatible with the way primary children learn.



Our brains learn through movement. The more that our bodies know how to move in their space, the more we are able to learn. In order to help both hemispheres of our brain work together, we engage in exercises that have our bodies cross midline.

Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and manipulate sounds. It starts at a very early age with nursery rhymes. Children who can play with words, changing hat to cat for example, are better able to enjoy books.



Important Upcoming Events



3: 6-7 Parent Teacher Committee Meeting at TES
 4: 12:10 Dismissal
 4: Little Caesar's Fundraiser Ends
 5: Workshop Day- No School
 8: No School
 12: Square One Art Ends
 15-17: Brighter Maine Smiles
 19: Grade 2 at Old Fort Western
 24: Picture Retake Day
 24: Turner PTC Little Caesar's Fundraiser Pick-Up at Ricker Hill Farms
 25-31: Spooky Street
 26: 1st Quarter Ends
 27: Turner PTC Trunk-or-Treating at Leavitt Area High School from 1-3 PM
 29: PTC Square 1 Art Fundraiser Begins

When your child is reading at Turner Primary School, they are often seen practicing movement, phonological and memory skills to support learning to read. These skills are often implemented in a Flexible Literacy Instructional Model.

What is reading flexible grouping?

Flexible grouping is a term that describes a variety of ways to group students for the purpose of delivering specific instruction and maximizing growth within the regular education setting.

Group size and composition are adjusted to reflect student progress and instructional objectives. While our primary focus is the quality of instruction, grouping students across the grade level is an instructional strategy that will be used to ensure all students achieve outcomes.

Groupings

- Student data decides individualized student targets (this means children may be grouped with students whose needs are similar but they may not have their homeroom teacher as their reading teacher).
 - Every child is given a common pre-assessment prior to the start of the flexible grouping unit.
 - The teaching teams meet to discuss the assessments and place each child in an appropriate group.
 - Assessments will be used throughout the flexible grouping unit. If a student's placement does not seem to be promoting growth or the child is growing at a faster pace than other students in the group, the team will meet to discuss changes for that student.
- The flexible grouping unit will last for about 4-6 weeks, then the team will meet again to discuss student progress.



Below are 2 articles that help explain the importance of movements/ activities that work our core muscles and force us to cross the mid-lines of our bodies.

- https://ilslearningcorner.com/2015-11-why-crossing-the-midline-activities-helped-this-child-listen-to-his-teacher/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=email_this&utm_source=email
- <https://ilslearningcorner.com/2015-11-why-these-core-muscle-exercises-help-prevent-learning-challenges-in-the-classroom/>