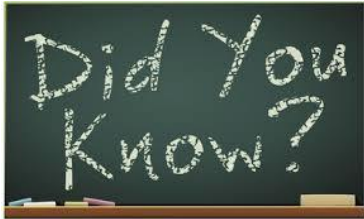




# Fort Report

Mrs. Pearson, Principal

OCTOBER 2017



September is considered a transition month to many and as such, it lays the foundation for the routine and pace of our school calendar to hasten. The October calendar is peppered with early release days and PTO sponsored events so please be sure to review it so you don't miss a thing!

All Fridays in October are early release days. Please see the district calendar on our school website for early release dismissal times. The first early release day will be used for professional development. Our teachers will participate in a workshop on ADHD that will focus on the symptoms, diagnosis of, and strategies for helping students overcome this sometimes-challenging diagnosis. The remainder of the October early release days are dedicated to parent conferences. Each teacher determines his/her own schedule for parent conferences so please be sure to contact your teacher directly if you are hoping to schedule a conference time. In view of the number of families who choose conference and the limited time allocated to parent conferences, only one conference per family will be scheduled. Please plan to arrange for childcare during your parent conference

time so you can speak candidly with your child's teacher and maximize your conference time.

Now that our preliminary reading assessments have been completed, grade level classroom teachers have established their reading groups and identified the specific and targeted areas of need. As was covered in detail at Curriculum Night, RtI (Response to Intervention) is the approach we use to teaching reading and early literacy skills in a small group and targeted format. It is considered among our most "sacred" learning minutes which is characterized by few to no interruptions in teaching and the presence of two teaching staff. Students benefit from small group rotations that cover a variety of skills include decoding, fluency and comprehension. Please help us take your students skills even further by engaging them in Lexia and Scholastic Reading Counts (SRC), two technology based programs that students may access at home. Ask them about it!

Under "housekeeping" items, the following are very important reminders:

- ~ Please be sure to place your child's teacher's name tag on the dashboard of your vehicle. This goes a long way in making our afternoon dismissal move
- ~ Please check your child's backpack every day and our school website at least weekly to stay current on school and academic affairs.

With best wishes for a happy and colorful fall...

Your Partner in Education,

☺ Mrs. Pearson

## Shout OUTS!



Congratulation to our random SMART student winners for September.....



**K students-Alejandro, Jannat, Jadon, Kene, Alynn**  
**1<sup>st</sup> grade- Ellie, Julia, Ella S, Jolee, Alex, Kellan, Gianna**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Art, Holly, Aniyah, Malak, Brianna, Kaylen, Dante**



- 10/4 Walk to School Day
- 10/6 Early Release Day/Professional Development
- 10/9 No School/Columbus Day observed
- 10/13 Early Release/Parent Conferences
- 10/20 Early Release/Parent Conferences
- 10/27 Early Release/Parent Conferences

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