

Help Your Child Learn to Read



Follow the lead of literacy educators to enrich your child's reading skills at home. The National Reading Panel 2000 Report on Teaching Children to Read lists the following building blocks of reading and writing. Parents can find creative ways at home to give the child opportunities to:

Build spoken language by talking and listening - dramatic play, mutual storytelling, family conversation, learning songs and poems, playing games that require talking, listening, following and giving spoken directions

Learn about print and books/being read to and reading on their own - Buy children's books, borrow books from the library, read magazines and other printed materials.

Learn to relate the sounds of spoken language to the letters of the alphabet(Phonics) - guided reading, letter and sand trays, rhymes, letter sound of the week.

Help your child learn to relate the sounds of spoken language to the letters of the alphabet and word forms. You will find many online, printable, and make-at-home activities to build your child's phonics skills. Electronic toys and board games are also fun ways to build your child's understanding of letter and word sounds.

Phonics Games and Activities - Online

- ABC's Online, from Starfall.com
- Letter Combination Sounds and More Early Reading Games, from Starfall.com
- Between the Lions Online and Printable Letter Sounds Games, from PBS
- Phonics Interactive Games, from Sadlier-Oxford

Principal's Corner

By **Aldine W. Lockett III**

Gregory Gators would like to take this opportunity to brag and express how fortunate we are to have the dedicated teachers and staff members that we have on our team! The team members are comprised of persons with diverse backgrounds and a wealth of knowledge and experience. The teams have common planning time that they use to plan for effective instruction and meaningful engaged learning opportunities for all of our students. Please maintain a continual communication with all teachers on your child's team. **Tuesday folders** are sent home every Tuesday. The folders contain a behavioral checklist which parents should check, initial, and send back. The folders also contain school calendars, newsletters, checked school assignments, and essential school communications. Please send any communications that you need to send to the school or teacher teams back in the Tuesday folder. We want parents to expect to receive these folders **every Tuesday**.



New Gregory Gators



Gregory has received many new **Gregory Gators** the past two weeks. It is inspiring to see that many families are returning home to New Orleans, and it is also inspiring to see that the parents that we have had the opportunity to meet are happy to become a part of the Gator community. Parent stakeholders, we need your help. The Gator stakeholders would like to solicit parents from the community to assist us in planning an introductory parent ceremony and forum to invite all stakeholders, new and original, to have the opportunity to meet and make community connections with other Gator parents and guardians. Research has continually proven that schools that have strong parent alliances and involvement improve the quality of education for all students within the school.

Notes for parents

- Students are required to have Identification Cards. Sessions are scheduled as we receive new students. The cost is \$6.00 including a lanyard
- Gator t-shirts are \$12.00 and are used for dress down days and field trips.
- Tuesday folders AND homework sheets are sent home every week. Please expect and inspect both
- Teachers have common planning time each day to schedule conferences.

SHORT NOTES

Boys and Girls Basketball

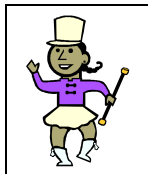


Boys and girls basketball teams are being organized and scheduled to play in the district scheduled games. Coach Veal, and coach Thompson work with the boys' team, and Coach King works with the girls' team. Students that are selected to participate must meet the following criteria:

- All students must have exemplary academics and behavior including a clearance from every teacher.
- All students must have a **physical and signed consent forms**
- All students must participate in after school tutoring Monday through Thursday. The students will have one hour of practice, and one hour of academics
- Parents must agree to provide transportation to and from the games that the school cannot schedule bus transportation. Busses will be provided whenever possible.

The school also needs donations for **snacks** and **bottled water** for the teams to have available for games. Please send the signed consent form for students to participate in the after school extra curricular activities, tutoring, and physical immediately.

Dance Team and Majorettes



Ms. Dena Peters has begun A tryout induction for students that want to participate. Students selected to participate **MUST** adhere to the same guidelines stated above that the basketball team members must follow. A mandatory parent meeting will be schedule to outline the requirements to the parents of each student selected.

STUDY SMARTS

What You Can Expect Your Child to Learn in Grade School

What You Can Expect in 3rd Grade

Having mastered reading, writing and math, third graders are on an adventure of discovery. Find out what you can expect from third grade reading, math, science and other third grade activities and subjects.

What You Can Expect in 4th Grade

Fourth graders use the skills they've learned in previous grades to find out more about their world. Fourth grade math, reading, and other subjects will be tackled with reference books and internet searches. Learn what else you can expect from fourth grade. Students at this level require activities that challenge them, and differentiated activities to accommodate their learning styles.



What You Can Expect in 5th through 8th Grade

Your 5th through 8th grader is about to make the big leap into middle school. As 5th grade science, math, and other subjects become more challenging -- and your increasingly social middle school aged student has more demands on his time -- he will need to learn how to balance and organize her time and responsibilities. He will also need consistent parental input, nurturing, and interest so they can know that parents are still interested in what they are learning.

GATOR TIDBITS

Gator facts, happenings, and initiatives

- Gators are collecting can goods and also articles for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families.
- November 11, 2009-student I.D. pictures (new)
- November 12, 2009-Field trip to Palace Theater (grades 6-8)
- November 16, 2009-First Gregory home learning homework sheet sent home
- November 14, 2009-first boys and girls basketball game.
- November 19, 2009-parent Thanksgiving lunch
- November 20, 2009-Progress reports Distributed
- November 23-27, 2009-Thanksgiving break-(No school)

