



A World of Possibilities!

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School Vision

Reaching all students one student at a time.

Dates To Remember

December 19-January 4nd
No School



Mission Statement

W. O. Parmer— A World of Possibilities – where kids come first and we partner with families to develop enthusiastic learners.

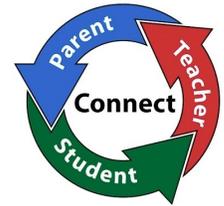
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Principal's Corner

In November's Newsletter, I explained the Alabama Literacy Act and how it will affect your child when he/she reaches the third grade. Many of you have asked me what you can do at home to make your child a better reader. One of the most important predictors of a child's academic and future success is the ability to read by the end of third grade. Everything that happens in your child's life in the early years has a lasting impact on their future potential. Families are essential in setting high expectations for learning and encouraging their child's academic achievement, growth, and success! Your active participation and partnership with your child's teacher and school, along with reading support at home, is critical to their success in meeting the assessment standards established in Alabama.



The term "science of reading" refers to the research that reading experts have conducted on how we learn to read. Based on the science of reading, the [2000 National Reading Panel Report](#) stated that students need explicit instruction in the five essential components of reading: phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.

Over the next five months, I will have a section in my newsletter dedicated to one of the essential components of reading. This month we will learn about phonological awareness. Phonological awareness is "getting your ears ready for what your eyes will see." This is word play.
From Michael Heggerty, Ed.D:

Hearing Words that Rhyme

Encourage your child to listen for words that rhyme when you say them aloud, such as fun, sun; hat, cat; and fish, wish. See if your child can produce new words that rhyme with the words you say—fan, pan, ran, can, tan.

Nursery Rhymes

Mother Goose rhymes can be fun to recite and sing. You can sing the rhymes, read nursery rhyme books, and use finger plays to act out a rhyme (i.e. *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*). Ask your child to tell you the rhyming words they hear in the nursery rhyme.

Read Books with Rhyming Words

Many children's books are filled with rhyming words and reading them aloud can help your child hear and recognize words that rhyme. Books by Dr. Seuss, *Is Your Mama a Llama?*, *Sheep in a Shop*, *Falling for Rapunzel*, *Rhyming Dust Bunnies*, and *Rumble in the Jungle* are just a few books that are fun and engaging to read aloud to your child.

Sing Songs with Rhyme

Songs like "Down by the Bay", "Hey Diddle Diddle", and "The Name Game" are fun to sing with your child. We know from brain research that rhythm and song can help a child retain a skill or concept, and it is a fun way to engage in wordplay.

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Educational Gifts for Children



If you're still shopping for Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, or any other holiday or celebration that involves children. Please consider Educational gifts.

We hope this list is useful:

Kindle Fire with Alexa— Use Alexa for quick access to the information. Enjoy Kindle eBooks, apps and games as well as STRIDE and myOn for tutoring.*

Books— A book is a gift you can open again, again, and again!

Computer or smart tablet- Students are able to research information, get tutoring help (STRIDE, myON, PBIS Kids, etc.), and access educational videos.*

Art 101 -This wood art set comes with 142 pieces to let creativity flow. The wood case conveniently stores the entire set.

Bloxels Build Your Own Video Game-A mix of physical and digital tools helps you create your very own video game.

Crayola Inspiration Art Case - It has so many different things in it to create with; crayons, markers, and colored pencils... Just add paper.

Ozobot Bit Coding Robot - Ozobot will follow the lines you draw on paper. It's as easy as that! Once your child gets the hang of coding, they can use your computer to write and upload codes into the robot to have it do more things. It is so cool!

The Magic School Bus: Real Science -I love these kinds of kits that have book tie-ins. The books inspire the kids to try the experiments at home or to just observe the world around them in a different way. From ocean study to germs, animal tracks and slime, there's something for every kid.

Weatherproofing Our Children!!

Winter weather has made its way to Greenville! It is

important that you check each morning to make sure your child is dressed suitably for the weather. Please remember our

students must travel outside the building during the course of the school day, in addition to outside P. E.; therefore, it is

necessary that they are dressed for the weather. If students wear shorts or dresses, please make sure they have on thick tights, leggings, or long socks.

