



Making the Connection

From School to Home



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Dates to Remember



Franklin County School District

Nov 23-27, 2020	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 3, 2020	Parade Day (60% day)
Dec. 16-22, 2020	2nd 9- Weeks Test
Dec. 23, 2020-	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 5, 2021	
Jan. 8, 2021	2nd Semester Begins

From across the globe



November is

National Alzheimer's Disease Month
 National Epilepsy Awareness Month
 National Scholarship Month
 National Diabetes Month

November 8	National S.T.E.M Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 14	World Diabetes Day
November 19	National Parent Involvement Day
November 20	Future Teachers of America Day
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 27	Black Friday

Worth Noting

"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."
 - B.B. King

Share the Wonders of Science with your Elementary Schooler:

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to teach your child about science. Just do some simple things like these:

- Encourage your child to collect and organize objects, such as leaves, rocks, shells or bottle caps.
- Encourage investigation. Give your child a magnifying glass. Ask him, "What things do you see?" "What's similar and what's different?"
- Talk about the science that happens in your home. For instance, which cereals get soggy? Why do foods in the refrigerator get moldy? Why do some plants need more water than others?
- Show an interest in science. Look at the moon and the stars with your child. Weigh snow. Mix paints.
- Include your child—as an observer or, better yet, a helper—when you make household repairs or work on the family car.
- Nurture curiosity. Ask your child questions. "Why do you think ...?" "What might happen if ...?" and "How can we find out ...?"
- Go to the library. Check out books on different scientific topics.
- Give your child something to take apart—a ball point pen, a candle, an old toy. Encourage him to figure out how it works.
- Talk about the weather. Have your child record the temperature each day for a month. Note whether the day was sunny, cloudy or rainy. Which was the hottest day? How many rainy days were there?

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Are you making read-aloud time the best it can be?

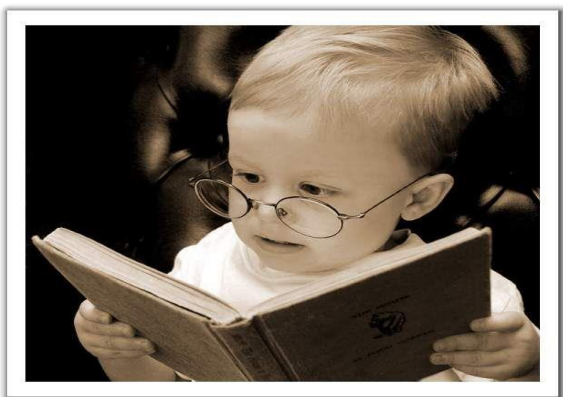
Time spent reading aloud is critical to helping children become better readers. It's also fun! Are you making the most of your read-aloud time? Answer yes or no to each of the questions below to find out:

1. Do you have a regular read-aloud time with your child that lasts at least 20 minutes each day?
2. Do you let your child take a turn reading aloud to you?
3. Do you make read-aloud time fun for your whole family by taking turns picking books you want to read together?
4. Do you stop reading at an exciting place so your child will want to read again the next day?
5. Do you sometimes stop to talk about what you've just read or to make predictions about what's about to happen?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you're making the most of the time you spend reading aloud with your child. For each no answer, try that idea in the quiz.

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Family meals are linked to school success

Busy schedules can make it hard to find the time for family meals. However, studies show that kids who eat meals regularly with their families tend to earn better grades. They are more likely to talk with parents and are less likely to use drugs and alcohol.

This school year, strive to eat dinner as a family at least once a week. To get the most out of family meals:

- Ask your child to help. Get her involved in planning and preparing the meal.
- Turn off the TV and keep mobile phones and tablets off the table.
- Talk about everyone's day. Ask each family member to share something that happened that day.
- Keep the conversation positive. Don't use this time to lecture your child about something. Make family meals and dinnertime conversations something everyone in the family looks forward to!

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Upcoming Sporting Event (s)

Nov. 6 Forest Co. vs. Franklin Co. (1st Round of playoffs) Game time: 7:00



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