

Happy February!

There are many exciting activities and school-wide events this month and we are looking forward to sharing them with our *Giesinger Eagles* and their families.

If your child has a JJ Watt jersey or shirt and would like to wear it on the 99th day of school then mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 7. It's a fun and easy way to celebrate the 99th day of school.

Our Kinder Eagles are celebrating the 100th day of school on February 8. It's exciting to be 100 days smarter and I love all of the ways our kindergarten students celebrate that.

Students and their families are invited to walk in the Black History Parade on Saturday, February 10. We are meeting in the Louisiana Pacific Tower parking lot on 2854 at 11:30 AM. The parade begins at noon and ends at 12:30 PM at Washington Junior High. If you are walking in the parade, please arrange for a ride back to your car at the Louisiana Pacific parking lot. All students participating in the parade are asked to show their Eagle pride by wearing a *Giesinger* shirt or blue and white.

Students will have their classroom Valentine exchange on Wednesday, February 14. Grade level newsletters will have more information regarding this activity. The Kona Ice will be here during recess for students to purchase a Kona Ice treat for \$3.00. Cash can be turned into your child's teacher prior to February 14th and money will be accepted that morning also.

Thursday, February 15, is *Giesinger Game Night* from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. We hope all families will attend our evening of math & science games. Our teachers are working hard to ensure a fun, yet instructional evening with our *Giesinger* families. Papa John's pizza will be available for purchase for dinner. Pizza will be available by the slice or whole pizzas can be pre-ordered for families. Look for the Papa John's flyer coming home in Tuesday folders.

Monday, February 19, is a student holiday celebrating President's Day. Enjoy your three day weekend!

The fourth grade Festival Choir will be participating in the Conroe Feeder Festival Choir on Thursday, February 22, 7:00 pm at Conroe High School.

Have a great month and Happy Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,
Melissa Hammond



From Our Assistant Principal...

What a great first month back at school! Our Eagles are working hard and we are right back into gear. Homework is often a hot topic and supporting that home-school connection through this time of practice is a great way to see what our students are working on. Please communicate with our teachers if you are having trouble or finding difficulty helping your child. We are here for the same reason, our students' success!

~Mrs. Barber~

TIPS FOR HELPING WITH HOMEWORK

(By Dr. Charles Faye-Love & Logic Institute)

- **Set aside a time for family learning.**

Set aside time devoted to "family brain cell development." During this time, there should be no TV, video games, computer games, etc. The best way to create a love of learning in your kids is to show them how much you enjoy it.

- **Help only when your child really wants it.**

Some parents make the mistake of forcing help upon their kids. This only creates frustration, anger, and kids who believe they can't learn without their parents' help.

- **Move away from your child before he/she "gets it."**

Some children believe they can only learn something, or "get it," when an adult is in the same room...or is guiding them every inch of the way. To prevent this dependency, avoid falling into the habit of sitting at the table as your child does his/her homework, especially when he/she is on the brink of learning something new.

THE CARDINAL RULE FOR HELPING: Never Work Harder Than Your Child



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This month our Character Pillar is **RESILIENCE**. Resilience is a new pillar this year and one of my favorites. Resilience means being able to recover quickly from difficulties. We want our kids to be the best they can be, and it's hard to see them struggle or fail. But if they never make a mistake, how will they learn?

We do kids a disservice when we step in so soon so they never experience making mistakes. In fact, children learn more when we allow them to make mistakes; it's all in how we teach them to handle it.

- from "Eight Ways to Help Your Students Build Resiliency"

This is a great article with 8 steps to help your child build resilience. These steps are geared toward school but can work well at home too.

<https://www.weareteachers.com/8-ways-to-help-your-students-build-resiliency/>

It's all about balance, knowing your child, and consistency.

Resilience Ideas:

- Teach the power of the word **YET**. "I don't know my sight words." "I don't know my multiplication facts." "I can't read." Add the word **YET** to the end of these sentences. One word changes these in such a powerful way.
- **Crayon Analogy:** Crayons color the same weather they are fresh out of the box or broken.

The week of February 12-16, Giesinger Elementary will be celebrating Acts of Kindness Week. This week students and staff will step out of their normal routines and attempt new acts of kindness each day. Students will learn about kindness on the announcements and in their classrooms. Some students have been chosen to participate in random acts of kindness throughout the week and all students will participate in the creation of our school's Kindness Rock Garden. This is going to be a fun week filled with love and learning.