



Thank you to all our Giesinger families who attended our Giesinger Game night on February 15th. We were thrilled to have students participating in fun instructional activities across all grade levels. We appreciate our Sam Houston University pre-service teachers volunteering their time and preparing literacy materials and activities for our students! We heard many complimentary remarks about the night!

Thank you Giesinger PTO and room parents for a successful Dr. Seuss week. We celebrated Dr. Seuss Day on Friday, March 2nd, with community guest readers in all classrooms. It was a wonderful day for everyone!

Please mark your calendars for important March dates. The Second grade music program is on March 8th at 6:30 PM, Spring Break is the week of March 12th - 16th, and a school holiday is on March 30th.

In Conroe ISD we encourage reading at home and school because it increases the literacy rates of our students along with exposing them to a formal language (not a speaking language). At Giesinger we encourage the students to read their guided reading books at home, to read their library books and to gain information from text. Our district, as well as our PTO, support our reading initiatives through our guided reading books and instructional materials. Our PTO funds support the purchase of instructional newspapers (Scholastic News, TIME for Kids, Story Works, and/or Texas Weekly) for our grade levels. We use the newspapers to practice reading nonfiction text. The goal is for our students to have a love for reading that will last a lifetime. Thank you for giving your child time to read at home!

I hope each of you have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Melissa Hammond



✿ **From Our Assistant Principal...**

✿ I hope you've had a chance to connect with your child's teacher recently. If not, we encourage you to reach out and schedule a meeting during their conference time. Our teachers are wrapping up fresh literacy testing, district checkpoints, and benchmarks (3rd and 4th grades only) and are able to share that information with you. Are you ready to meet with your child's teachers? Here are some questions you might want to think about asking:

✿ What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?

✿ How does my child get along with classmates?

✿ What can we do at home to support what you are doing in the classroom?

Remember that your child's education is just as important to us as it is to you. It is truly a partnership between home and school. Thanks for all that you do. We could never do it without you.

Amy Barber



Happy March!

This month's character pillar is RESPONSIBILITY. One definition of responsibility is the opportunity or ability to act independently and make decisions. Four ways that students can act responsible are practicing self-control, being accountable for their choices, doing their best and keep trying, and finishing what they begin.

The website below is a great resource for teaching responsibility. It has free worksheet with fun activities and books that can be purchased.

<https://talkingtreebooks.com/definition/what-is-responsibility.html>

As the weather gets warmer, students may lose motivation with anticipation of summer time. Here are some tips on ways to stay motivated.

1. Get A Good Night's Rest

- * Elementary aged students need 10-11 hours of sleep per night.**
- * Eliminate light stimulation for at least an hour before bed.**
- * Establish a consistent bedtime and waking time.**

2. Create Goals

- * Save money for something special or just to save.**
- * Learn something new. (Game, Instrument, Fun Facts)**
- * Health Habits (Exercise, Eating, Etc.)**

3. Reward Yourself

- * A visit to the park.**
- * Have a movie night at home.**
- * Volunteer at a local shelter.**

4. Keep A Steady Routine

- * "Book End" your days – Have the same routines for AM and PM.**
 - AM: eat breakfast, get dressed, wash face, brush hair and teeth, etc....**
 - PM: play outside/practice, eat dinner, shower/bath, homework/read, go to bed....**

