



April 13, 2017

We are in the final week to sell raffle tickets for our upcoming Spring Fling! Remember to be eligible for prize students must have raffle tickets turned in by 7:50 Friday, April 21! We will also be selling tickets in the morning for our class baskets in the upcoming week. Students may buy tickets in the mornings and they will count toward their total tickets sold. Stop by and check out the grade level baskets. They are get better and better each year! We also still need volunteers to work a one hour shift during Spring Fling. We also need donated desserts for the food line. Send me an e-mail if you haven't already volunteered. This evening doesn't work without your help.

ISTEP+ Part 2 Begins Next Week

Test. It's a word full of many different meanings. Important...something to care about...something that can mean so much we get apprehensive thinking about it. Tests are important, especially to school children. A test may measure a basic skill or give the school information to best support a child's learning path. So it's important to do well on tests. Like them or not, they are here to stay. Besides, the ability to do well on tests can help throughout life in such things as getting a driver's license, trying out for sports, or getting a job. Without this ability, a person can be severely handicapped.

On Test Day

- **Ensure your child eats a good breakfast** – Studies show that children perform better at school when they aren't hungry. It's important to give your child a good breakfast at home or ask your child's school about options for breakfast. As long as your child arrives before the bell, most schools offer breakfast and some schools offer breakfast in the classroom.
- **Help your child get enough sleep** – Your child will need to have a good night's rest to perform well on the test. Children ages 7 to 12 need 10 to 12 hours of sleep a night, while children ages 12 to 18 need 8 to 9 hours. Make sure bedtime the night before the test is early enough to provide enough sleep.
- **Dress your child in comfortable clothing** – Students will sit for long periods of time when taking tests, and it's important they feel comfortable in what they are wearing so they focus on the test rather than their clothing.
- **Prepare the night before** – Lay out clothes and school supplies the night before the test to create a smooth morning routine. It's important for your child to feel calm and organized as they prepare for a test.

Important School Dates and Events in the Next Month:

- April 14 - No School - Unused Snow Make-up Day
- April 17 - No School - Unused Snow Make-up Day
- April 18 thru May 3 - ISTEP+ Part 2 (Please avoid scheduled absences/appointments during the morning on these days.)
- April 19 - tickets go on sale for Lion King Jr. www.tututix.com
- April 22 - Spring Fling - 4:00-7:00
- April 27/28 - Munch and Read
- April 28/29 - North Spencer Elementary Drama Club Presents the Lion King Jr. at HHHS!
- May 5 - Grade 4 Field Trip
- May 8 - Blood Drive - Information in this week's folder

School and District Information:

Our Changing DT Family: We would like to welcome Jenna Fulkerson to our DT Family! Jenna has taken the position as our media assistant. If her name sounds familiar it is! Jenna filled in for Mrs. Weyer while she was out on maternity leave. We are all excited to have her here until the end of the year.

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We are also excited for Abby Jo Galyan who was previously in this position. Mrs. Galyan took the position as children's librarian at our town library. Be watching summer reading program information soon from her in this new position.

Literacy Progress Monitoring:

We recently monitored our whole school's reading growth using DIBELS and SRI. Your child's reports are in this week's folder. Again, the most important thing to be looking for is growth for your child. As a reminder of benchmark goals I have included end-of-year benchmark goals for DIBELS and the end of year benchmark goals for SRI. If you have specific questions please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher.

DIBELS Fluency Goals:

- Grade K First Sound Fluency:
- Grade K Phoneme Segmentation:
- Grade K Nonsense Word Fluency:
- Grade 1 Nonsense Word Fluency:
- Grade 1 Oral Reading Fluency:
- Grade 2 Oral Reading Fluency:
- Grade 3 Oral Reading Fluency:
- Grade 4 Oral Reading Fluency:
- Grade 5 Oral Reading Fluency:
- Grade 6 Oral Reading Fluency:

DIBELS End-of-Year Grade Level Goals

(this is a first semester skill - 52 by January)
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44 Sounds & 7 Recoded Words per Minute
96 Sounds & 30 Recoded Words per Minute
69 WPM
111 WPM
123 WPM
144 WPM
155 WPM
162 WPM

SRI Comprehension Goals:

- | | SRI Grade Level Bands |
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| ■ Grade 1: | 100-400 |
| ■ Grade 2: | 300-600 |
| ■ Grade 3: | 500-800 |
| ■ Grade 4: | 600-900 |
| ■ Grade 5: | 700-1000 |
| ■ Grade 6: | 800-1050 |

End of Year Benchmark Goals

| Aligned to the new Indiana College and Career Readiness Standards |
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| 270 |
| 500 |
| 700 |
| 800 |
| 900 |
| 950 |

Construction Update:

Finish work continues in our new restroom. We are to the point TP, soap, and paper towel dispensers are being installed! Just waiting on the day they come and tell me we are free to use them!

Conscious Discipline Thought for the Week:



"Teach your children that strength doesn't come from what you CAN do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't do." ~ Growth Mindset Quotes

Community News and Events:

- April 15 - 8:00 - 10:00 - **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**. Sponsored by Spencer County Council on Aging. 714 Sycamore Street, Rockport. Breakfast \$5. Kids 10 and under free.
- April 29 - **Family Fun Day** from 10-1 at Rockport Courthouse lawn. Free!
- May 6 - **Mr. Lincoln's 5K Run/Walk** - fliers in the office
- **Girls' Basketball Summer Camp** fliers for girls currently in grades 1-6 are now available in the office.
- **Swim Lesson** info for any child and **Swim Camp** info for students in grades 4-9 is now available in the office. Both activities will be held at HHHS. Forms available in office.

Thank you for sharing your kids with us! Together we can change the world!

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