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Sageville Elementary Newsletter

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From the desk of Miss Mac:

January is a busy month for assessments in reading and math. Students in K-5 will be taking the FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) in the area of reading this week and we will begin MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) in the area of reading and math at the end of the month for students in Grs. 2-5. You will get these results at February conferences.

The on-line conference scheduler will go **“live”** on **Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 AM** and it is on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will provide February conferences on the following dates:

Thursday, February 8, 4:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, February 13, 4:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, February 15, 8:00-2:00 PM

We hope this time frame works for your family and we would like 100% participation.

There is no school on Thursday, February 15th or Friday, February 16th.

Congratulations to Connor Schreiber, Nathan Erner, and Bristol Soppe for selling the most cookie dough, candles and PTC discount cards. Our PTC is going to purchase 10 new Ipads and art supplies! Thank you for your fundraising efforts everyone!



2018-2019 STATE-WIDE VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

For Dubuque Community School District Preschool Classrooms

- **All 13** Dubuque Community School District elementary schools offer preschool.
- **What are the requirements?**
 1. family has to reside in the state of Iowa
 2. child has to be four years old by **September 15, 2018**
 3. There are **no** financial guidelines to meet, SWVPP is **free for all fours.**
- **When?** **Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at all elementary schools**
Slots do fill fast! Mark your calendars! Come early!
- **What do I need to bring?**
Bring proof-of-age (birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate)
Registration **will not be taken** without proof-of-age
Children **DO NOT** need to be present for registration. This is the paperwork process.

Calendar of Events

Monday-January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr.
No School

Thursday-January 18

The FAST reading assessment will be given to K-5 students today

Friday-January 19

Wear your pj's day!

Scrip orders due
9:45 Late Start
11:30 Gr. 5 Eagle Watch at Grand River

PTC Movie Night

Despicable Me 3

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Movie starts at 6:30 PM
There is no cost for the movie, concessions will be on sale. Bring a blanket and wear your pj's. Children must be accompanied by an adult! The "Sageville Store" will also have items for sale.

Friday Focus:

- Teachers will continue the work in Collaborative Inquiry, Book room and

Retelling can improve your child's reading comprehension



You've just finished reading a story with your child. One of the best ways to check comprehension and boost his understanding of the story is to ask him to retell it.

Retelling a story requires your child to think about the details and decide what's really important.

Give your child these three rules for retelling a story:

1. **Tell what's important.**
2. **Tell it in a way that makes sense.**
3. **Don't tell too much.**

Your child should be able to tell you what happens at the beginning, the middle and the end of the story. He should also be able to name the main characters.

You can prompt your child by asking open-ended questions, such

as, "What happened next?" It's OK if he doesn't remember all the details. That gives you a chance to say, "Let's go back and look at that part of the story again." Revisiting parts of the story will show your child that he sometimes has to read things more than once to gain a thorough understanding.

Studies show that this simple activity will help your child become a more thoughtful reader. He will start to pay attention to words whose meanings he doesn't know. He will focus on the story structure and pay more attention to important details. All of these things will improve your child's reading comprehension and make him a better reader—and a more successful student!

Source: B. Taylor and J. Ysseldyke, *Effective Instruction for Struggling Readers: K-6*, Teachers College Press.

Counselor Corner...Mrs. Kaiser

During the week of January 8th – 12th, I have been with grades 3 thru 5 with the focus on self-regulation. In third grade, we discussed identifying body cues when we are feeling uncomfortable and what coping skills to utilize when our body cues alarm us. In fourth grade, we played Jeopardy. Areas covered in our activity were healthy and unhealthy coping skills, aggressive, passive, assertive behaviors, what is a conflict, what do the words escalation and de-escalation mean and different scenarios of a conflict outcome. In fifth grade, we discussed coping skills and did the activity *Am I Balanced* and what to adjust if needed. Next week I will be working with small groups.

Tips for Parents: Please visit our guidance link on the Sageville website for helpful tips and articles.

<https://sagevillecounselor.weebly.com/helpful-tips.html>

Kindergarten Registration Packets will be mailed home to all children who are currently registered in the district or community preschools. If you have a child who will be age 5 on or before September 15th and do not get a packet, please call the school office.



Sageville's PTC

The "Sageville Store" will be open during movie night on January 19th. The following items will be available for sale:

Koozies-\$2.00

Car decals-\$1.00

Tumbler cups-\$8.00

Cinch bags-\$7.00

All of them have our great Sageville logo!



It's PJ day on Friday, January 19th!



Box Tops are due March 1