



Lincoln Elementary School

Dr. Matthew E. McFarland Sr.
Principal

January 26, 2018

Important Dates

February:

- ✓ 2nd – School Spirit – Wear a team jersey/shirt
- ✓ 13th – Spring Picture Day
- ✓ 14th – School Spirit – Wear red/pink
- ✓ 20th – PTO Meeting - 630PM - Cafe
- ✓ 23rd – Lincoln Book Store Open



Important Announcements/Reminders

At the beginning of the year we organized classroom reading groups to focus more precisely on the strengths and needs of individual students. Determining these strengths and needs were accomplished through an assortment of beginning of the year reading and writing assessments. Our goal was to provide students with individualized instruction in reading based on their individual needs.

Now that we have reached the middle of the school year, our teachers have been re-assessing our students in order to determine the growth and changes in strengths and needs that has occurred since the beginning of the year. As a result, some students may experience a slight shift in the groups that they work in or teacher(s) that they meet with throughout the school day. This additional assistance may be provided by Mrs. Sherry Becker, Mrs. Kate Davis, Mrs. Lisa Gray, Mrs. Shannon Jones, Mrs. Becky Ledford, Mrs. Joan Malone, Mrs. Sharon Smith, Mrs. Andrea Bortner, Mrs. Dee Dee Becker or Mrs. Julie Henry. The time spent with another teacher is to help accelerate your child's learning.

Thank you for all the time you spend reading with your child and all you do to help your child to become a life-long learner and reader. Should you have any questions regarding our approach to reading or the additional support that we provide, please do not hesitate to call me at 717-334-6254, option 4, extension 7150.



Counselor's Corner

Building good character in your child can be challenging and feel overwhelming at times. In order to help your child build positive personal qualities, parents can do a few key things. First, you can encourage your child with words and even simply show them you believe in their positive potential. This includes actively acknowledging your child's behavior when they do something positive. Children are known to repeat behaviors that earn them attention from their parents. Secondly, using positive



character building statements such as "You are a child who knows how to play nicely with her friends" are helpful. It is better to avoid repeatedly focusing only on the negative behaviors in your child. Lastly, character development is built with opportunities to do good deeds. For example, allowing your child the chance to volunteer at a food bank or give to charity are ways to help build character. Having meaningful discussion about these experiences enhance the opportunity to build character even more.

– Mrs. Staub

Lincoln Book Store

Attention All Lincoln Readers:

The Lincoln Bookstore is back again this year! Students can get wonderful books for just \$1 for soft covered books and \$2 for hard-covered books! We also have a bargain table where books are only 25 cents! The Lincoln Bookstore will be open the 3rd Friday of every month (if school is in session) during the morning (8:15-8:30a.m.) and during lunch/recess. Every student who buys a book will be entered in a raffle to win a variety of prizes! We look forward to seeing you there!

Lincoln Bookstore Dates:

February 23, 2018

March 16, 2018

April 20, 2018

May 18, 2018

Yours in education,

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Make Every Minute Matter"