

Barnaby Bulletin

"Limitless Learning!"



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Mark Your Calendars:

- January 3-24 – DRA Testing for Kindergarten-Grade 5
- January 5-6 – Science FAST 2 for Grade 5 only
- January 9-10 – Reading FAST 2 for Grades 3-5
- January 10 – PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- January 11-12 – Math FAST 2 for Grades 3-5
- January 16 – School Closed (Dr. King Day)
- January 20 – End of 2nd Qtr.
- January 23 – School Closed for Students (Grading/Planning Day)
- January 25-27 – SRI Testing for Grade 2
- January 27 – PTO Comedy Night @ 6:30 pm

Happy New Year!!

Happy 2012 to all!! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season!

As we move further into the school year, we want to remind you that there is still a lot of work ahead of us! Our 2nd quarter is ending on January 20 and during this month, we are assessing where our students are in all of their subjects.

In order for our students to move forward, we need them to continue to read. Here are 10 tips from http://iusd.org/parent_resources/tentips.htm to assist your child with reading:

CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOK

1. Too Easy. Ask your child to select a book and read. If two or three pages can be read without mistakes, ask the child to find a more difficult book to read.

2. Too Hard. If the child makes three mistakes per page, it may be too difficult and frustrating. Find an easier book for your child to read. HOWEVER, if the story and ideas seem very interesting to him/her, don't worry about the number of words not understood or recognized.

3. Just Right. Ask your child to read silently for several pages, then ask, "Please explain what you have just read," with the book closed. If your child can give you a brief idea of what the story is about, then he/she is reading and understanding the materials. If the child cannot understand or recall the story, then you know he/she has poor reading comprehension.

IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING

4. Reading For Understanding. Children may be able to read the words, but often do not understand what the words mean. Helping them understand the world about them by talking to them about the things they see and use will improve their understanding of words. This may mean using difficult vocabulary and explaining what the words mean.

5. Improve Reading Understanding. Watching television and talking over the plot or talking about advertising, billboards and signs as you are driving down the street are ways of improving your child's reading comprehension. He/she will have

a better understanding of what is heard, seen, and sensed.

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Principal's Book of the Month – [The Keeping Quilt](#)

This month, our featured Principal's Book of the Month is [The Keeping Quilt](#) by Patricia Polacco.

When Patricia's Great-Gramma Anna came to America as a child, the only things she brought along from Russia were her dress and the babushka she liked to throw up into the air when she was dancing. Soon enough, though, Anna outgrew the dress and her mother decided to incorporate it and the babushka into a quilt. "It will be like having a family in backhome Russia dance around us at night," she said. And so it

was. Together with her Uncle Vladimir's shirt, Aunt Havalah's nightdress, and an apron of Aunt Natasha's, Anna's mother made a quilt that would be passed down through their family for almost a century. From one generation to the next, the quilt was used as a Sabbath tablecloth, a wedding canopy, and a blanket to welcome each new child into the world.¹



¹<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/book/keeping-quilt>

Head Start/PreK

Happy New Year Head Start and Pre-k Families! This month we will be starting the "Animals Everywhere" theme. We will be learning all about different animals-, Habitats, what they eat, how they move, how they are alike and different and more!

In language arts we will continue to work on many objectives including:

- Letters and letter sounds focusing specifically on F, A, and Z

- Sight words
- Retelling stories
- Sounding out words

In math, we will work with:

- Sorting and Graphing
- Counting sets
- Alike and different
- Estimating

Please label hats, gloves, scarves, etc. Continue to check your child's folder daily.

Kindergarten

Welcome back!! We hope everyone had a safe holiday. Please be reminded that your child must be in school uniform everyday. This includes white, brown or black shoes. We are finding many students wearing shoes of various colors and are not school uniform. In addition, please dress your child appropriately for the weather; winter coats, gloves and hats. We are currently in need of school supplies. Please provide crayons,

pencils, glue sticks and copy paper; the sooner the better.

The skills are progressively getting harder and we are now in the process of preparing the children for first grade. It is very important that we have your support in reviewing skills and homework completion. are running low. Please send in a box of crayons and copy paper. Thank you for your continued support.

"Seek the wisdom of the ages, but look at the world through the eyes of a child."

– Ron Wild

First Grade

Happy New Year! Here's to a happy, healthy safe year!

Field Trip to Harmony Hall! Our field trip to Harmony Hall is January 25th. Money and permission slip - \$12 due on 1/16/12!

We are back in the "swing" of things!! Please remember homework Monday through Thursday! No Homework, No recess!

Homework includes Reading, Math AND Spelling Contract Activities each day!

Please replenish your child's supplies! (pencils, crayons, glue sticks, copy paper, and hand sanitizer)

Please adhere to the uniform policy. Students must wear proper tights and sweater/sweat shirts.

Second Grade

- Our field trip to the aquarium is scheduled for January 18, 2012. If you were unable to pay for your child prior to the break, money can still be turned in until January 9th. The cost of the trip is \$25.00. If there are not enough participants, the trip will have to be canceled and money will be refunded.
- The second grade team is in need of copy paper. If you are able to assist, this will be greatly appreciated.
- Please check your child's school supplies. Supplies such as crayons, pencils, glue, notebooks, etc may need to be replenished for the second half of the school year.

- Your child is to complete all of their homework nightly. This includes spelling tic-tac-toe, book responses, math, science, writing, etc. Homework is given to reinforce the skills that have been taught in school. A weekly grade for homework is also given.
- In math, your child will begin adding and subtracting two digit numbers with and without regrouping. It is extremely important that basic addition and subtraction facts are known. Flash cards that can be

purchased at the Dollar Store, Staples, Kmart, can assist your child with this skill if they are having difficulties.

Third Grade

Welcome to a new year! We have high expectations for the students. . The students' reading levels will be reassessed in reading (DRA Testing).

Please check SchoolMax weekly to keep abreast of your child's grades. This is an online program to help families track their child's grades.

Reading – The students will begin Theme 3 – Incredible Stories. The students will also prepare for the upcoming FAST and study skills for the M.S.A. Test in the spring.

Math – The student's will:

- Identify multiplication as

- repeated addition.
- Learn how multiplication is related to division
- Identify geometric patterns
- Please help your child review the multiplication facts nightly.

Social Studies – The students will conclude Unit 3 – Communities at Work The students will also learn about the important contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Science – The students will discuss:
Properties of Matter

- How are properties of matter addressed?
- Compare the physical

properties of matter

Please make sure your child continues to read nightly. Please submit a summary, poster, graphic organizer, etc. to get credit for reading. This is for the school-wide 25 Book Campaign. The student must read 120 pages to get credit for a report.

Fourth Grade

Curriculum News!
Please read with your child nightly to help improve reading and comprehension skills.

Please continue to practice multiplication/division facts with your child nightly. Flash cards are a suggested resource.

Other news!

FAST 2 is approaching. The reading assessment will be January 9-10, 2012 followed by the math on January 11-12, 2012. Please ensure that your children get the proper rest nightly. Parents please remember to check your

child's book bag and agenda book nightly.

Grading Policy: Assessment's- 50%
Class work- 35% and Homework- 15%
Though homework is only 15% it makes a HUGE difference.

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Please contact us if you have any questions.

We welcome your visits, donations to the

classroom/ grade level and you're Support!!

Fifth Grade

- Please remember to refresh supplies as necessary. Items such as pencils and glue sticks may need to be replaced. Please make sure you are prepared to end the quarter strongly!
- In math, we continue to practice decimals and fractions. Be on the look out for an upcoming test regarding these skills. Also, as we enter the new unit, a new home

connections letter will be given to all students. Upon receipt, please make sure it is signed and returned to Mr. Jones

- Science FAST Testing Dates - 1/5-6/12
- Math and Reading FAST Testing Dates - 1/9/12 - 1/12/12

Great work for submission of theme quilts! The next genre in reading focuses upon biographies and informational text.

Please make sure students read nightly.

During these winter months, please make sure students are dressed properly. Also, additional tissue for the classroom would be greatly appreciated.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

Fun Friday

Barnaby Manor ES has a school-wide behavior system and part of that system is our color chart. The students that remain focused and on task throughout the day, stay on Orange. If students are having problems following the rules they flip to green, yellow, blue or red. *Students that have remained on Orange and/or Green for 80 – 100% of the school days in the month, earn the privilege to participate in Fun Friday. For the month of December, 67.3% of the students earned this outstanding privilege. Congratulations!!!*

This Month's Character Focus: Respect

Activity: Respect Poster Contest

Who? Students in Head Start-Grade 5

What? Create a poster showing what respect looks like to you

All Entries should include:

- A definition of respect written in the student's own words
- 3 illustrations showing examples of respect
 - 1 illustration showing what respect looks like in the cafeteria
 - 1 illustration showing what respect looks like in the hallway
 - 1 illustration showing what respect looks like in the restroom
- A caption explaining each illustration

When? All entries are due by Friday, January 20

Winners will be announced on Friday, January 27. The Winning Posters will be posted in the building.

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Attendance Updates

Our attendance goal for the year is 95%. During the month of December, we did not reach that goal as a school; we had 94%

- Head Start – 97%
- PreK – 86%
- Kindergarten – 93%
- First Grade – 91%
- Second Grade – 94%
- Third Grade – 97%
- Fourth Grade – 95%
- Fifth Grade – 95%

We're on the Web! Check out our BMES Website!!

<http://www1.pgcps.org/barnabymanor/>

Grade Level Google Sites

Check out the Google sites below for specific grade level information.

PreK: <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/barnaby-manor-half-day-pre-k/>

Kindergarten: <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/kindergarten-2011-2012/>

Grade 1: <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/barnaby-manor-first-grade-2011-2012/>

Grade 2: <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/barnaby-manor-second-grade-2011-2012-school-year/>

Grade 3: <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/3rd-grade-site/>

Grade 4: <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/barnaby-manor-4th-grade-2011-2012/>

Grade 5: <https://sites.google.com/a/pgcps.org/barnaby-manor-elementary-5th-grade-2011---2012/>

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HELPFUL TIPS

6. Make Reading Useful. Give your child tasks to do that are within his/her reading ability. Examples: reading the road map on trips, ordering from a menu, reading the directions for assembling a model, or reading advertising.

7. Reading To Children. Reading is not meaningful until the child wants to read. The child will want to read when he/she sees other family members acquiring useful information through reading. Reading to a child stimulates seeking more resources for reading.

8. Reading For A Purpose. There needs to be a reason for reading that is child-centered. Reading directions for model cars, airplanes, boats, doll houses, etc., recipes, "how-to" books, or repair manuals needs to go beyond just reading. The child must interpret what is read and then experience the results.

9. Develop Speaking Skills. Speaking in complete sentences to express ideas in a logical order is important too. Helping your child organize spoken ideas also helps him/her learn to read and write. Most children learn to tell others their ideas before they can read.

CAUTION:

10. Don't Go To Extremes. Reading, like speaking, is a tool that should be comfortable to use. It is a method used to transmit information and to transport yourself mentally, using words as images, to other times and places. Make reading fun. Read jokes. Read comedy. Read fiction and non-fiction. Read a variety of materials.