

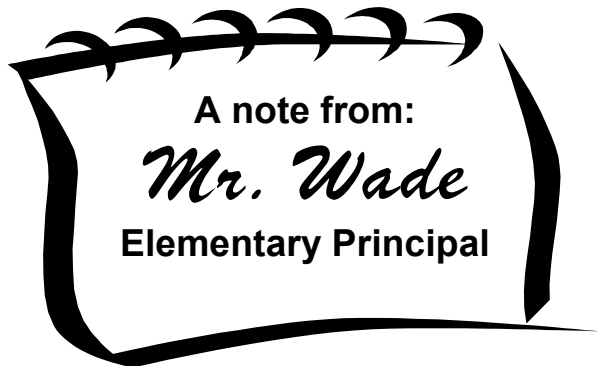
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Isn't it amazing that you can actually understand what you are reading!

According to Cambridge University it doesn't matter what order the letters in a word are in, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem.

This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole.

Amazing huh?

Someone once said, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." Keeping our minds active year around is very important. Even when school is out and your child is on Summer Vacation learning needs to continue. This way your child's brain will not become stale.

We encourage parents to allow their children to take advantage of the many educational opportunities available in the area this summer. On the back of this newsletter you will find several opportunities to make sure your child's summer includes a strong dose of learning.

Have a great Summer Break!



What's Up!

Teacher Appreciation Week-
Begins Monday, May 2.

Accelerated Reading Trip-
Thursday, May 5. Riverview Park,
Miami

Third Grade Trip- Pensacola Dam, Friday, May 5
from 8:00-3:00

Second Grade Kite Day- Friday, May 6 from 1:00 PM
to 3:00 PM.

Pre-K Fun Day- Monday, May 9.

Testing Reward Trip- (3rd, 4th, 5th) Tuesday, May 10.
Leave 9:15 AM Return 1:45 PM

Kindergarten Graduation- Wednesday, May 11 at
1:30 PM

Pre-K Graduation- Thursday, May 12 at 1:30 PM

5th Grade Trip to the Park- Thursday, May 12 from
10:00-3:00

Tiger Classic Track Meet- Friday, May 13.

Pre-K Orientation- Monday, May 16 at 1:30 PM

Blue Cross Kids Assembly- Monday May 16 at 1:30
PM

Alexander Awards Assembly- Tuesday, May 17
1st, 2nd Grades- 9:00 AM
3rd, 4th, 5th Grades- 1:30 PM

Beach Day 2005- Wednesday, May 18 starting at
12:30 PM

Last Day of School- Wednesday, May 18

Project Comet Summer Program- This years' summer Project Comet Program will run for two weeks. It will begin on June 6 and end on June 17. Students will focus on Reading and Math skills.

Both breakfast and lunch will be provided. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 AM and lunch will start at 12:00 PM.

Due to budget cuts, parents will be required to provide transportation.

Students must fill out an application as soon as possible to be eligible to attend. These can be picked up in the office of the elementary. For more information, call Mrs. Dorey at 675-4101.

Summer Reading Sufficiency

Program- Students who are in our Reading Sufficiency Program are encouraged to attend our summer program. This program is only for students in grades first through third grade that have already been placed. Your child will receive a special invitation in the mail soon. The program will begin June 6th.

Miami Public Library Summer

Reading Program- The Miami Public Library offers a wonderful program throughout the summer months.

This year's theme focuses on Fairy Tails, Knights and Wizards. Students can enjoy programs each week that include puppet shows, art projects, storytelling and more.

While you are there checkout a couple of books to read until your next visit.

For more information contact: Connie Bradley, Children's Librarian at 541-2292.

Reminder

**Last Day For Project Comet
Friday, May 6**

NYSP- is another great opportunity to keep your child active during the summer.

It is held at Northeastern A&M College. Students are allowed to attend any or all parts of the camp.

Students are served free breakfast and lunch each day.

All campers must have a completed NYSP Physical form. For more information call the NYSP Office at 540-NYSP (6977).

More Ways To Spend The Summer-

*Read with your child everyday. Read aloud. Have your child read to you.

*Plant a garden. See how seeds develop into plants.

*Start a neighborhood newsletter. Or have your child interview older family members and write a family history.

*Read newspapers together. Talk about what's going on in your town or in the world.

*Look for everyday ways you use math. Ask your child to figure out how much your grocery order should cost. Get him to keep track of how many miles your car runs on a gallon of gas.

*Read maps and make maps of your own. Have your child make a map of your neighborhood.

*Try an ethnic restaurant. Visit new countries on the internet.

*Also, contact your local church for more exciting ways your child can spend the summer learning.

