

Terminal Park Elementary

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE TERMINAL PARK STAFF

Terminal Park families,

The New Year is almost here! We hope you have a wonderful winter break as we finish 2017. The following information is intended to help you be more aware of what is happening at our school and better able to partner with us.

Winter Break Learning

Winter break is a wonderful time for students and families to enjoy a break from the rigorous school routine, but that doesn't mean there needs to be a stop to learning. Please consider some fun activities you can do to keep your child's mind active during winter break. A few ideas include:

Visit the public library and checkout books for your child to read independently or for you to read together. Make sure your child is doing some form of reading every day.

Play games that require some use of reading or math skills.

Provide activities or projects, such as baking and crafts, which require use of some reading skills to follow instructions or measurement and other math skills to accomplish a task.

Point out and discuss new vocabulary as you watch movies, shop, or visit new places. (The opportunity to learn new words is always available.)

Ask your child to teach you about something he or she is learning in school or about another topic that he or she likes to learn about.

Tiger Character Trait - Compassion

Throughout the school year we will teach the following Tiger Character Traits that are important for our students to develop: integrity, respect, compassion, responsibility, and perseverance. During January and February we are focusing on compassion,

which includes treating others with kindness, helping others in need, demonstrating empathy, forgiving others, complimenting others, and expressing gratitude. We hope you will ask your child about compassion and how to apply this important character trait at school as well as outside of school. Compassion is an important part of success in all areas and stages of life.

School Behavior Expectations

Our staff work hard throughout the school year to teach behavior expectations to students and teach them again and again as much as needed to make sure each student understands how to be safe and successful at school. The first week after winter break, January 8-12, we will conduct a behavior expectation "boot camp" to thoroughly review all of our Tiger Expectations. Please ask your child what he or she is learning about safety, respect, responsibility, and best learning effort and encourage him or her to strive to improve.

Reading Family Night







We will have a reading family night with a college preparation theme on Thursday, January 25th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. The reading night will include dinner, activities, and prizes. We will have a guest speaker from our department of student learning to share information about the importance of college. The event will be informative and fun! You don't want to miss it! Reminders with additional information will be sent closer to the event.

We appreciate all you do to support your child's learning and our school. We encourage you to be involved and communicate with us about any questions or feedback you have. Happy New Year and best wishes for an amazing 2018!

Sincerely,

Tom Dudley, Principal

January 2018

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| |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | WINTER VACATION CONTINUES | | |  | |
| 7 | 8 1ST DAY BACK FROM WINTER VACATION LATE START | 9 PTA MEETING 6:30 | 10 | 11 | 12  | 13 |
| 14 | 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY NO SCHOOL | 16 GOOD CITIZENSHIP DAY | 17  | | 19  | 20 |
| 21 | 22 LATE START | 23 | 24 | 25 FAMILY READING NIGHT 5:30-7:30 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 ELEMENTARY IN SESSION LATE START | 30 | 31 FULL MOON TONIGHT | |  | |

Traffic and Parking Reminders

We greatly appreciate everyone who drives and parks appropriately on and around our school campus. Speeding and parking in undesignated areas create safety problems and decrease efficiency of school and school district operations. Please make sure to always drive slowly on the roads by schools and be especially cautious in the parking lot. Nobody should drive or park in the bus zone or in the area behind the gym that is designated for maintenance and deliveries. Even if you are staying in your car to wait, please make sure you are only driving and parking in appropriate areas. We realize that parking down the street and walking to campus is not as convenient, but this is sometimes necessary. Thank you.