

NEWS & UPDATES FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

March 2nd - 6th
Read Across America Week/
Spirit Week

March 12th
Parent Teacher Conferences
(No School for Students)

March 13th
(No School for Students)

March 18th
Parent Café



**SIDE
NOTE**

*The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.*
-Dr. Seuss

MRS. EDISON'S CORNER
WHY READING IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD



We all know reading to our kids is a good thing but are you familiar with the specific advantages your toddler or preschool age child can receive by being exposed to the merits of reading? Below are some benefits that highlight the importance of reading to your child between the ages of two and five.

1. A stronger relationship with you.
2. Academic excellence.
3. Basic speech skills.
4. The basics of how to read a book.
5. Better communication skills.
6. Mastery of language.
7. More logical thinking skills.
8. Acclimation to new experiences.
9. Enhanced concentration and discipline.
10. The knowledge that reading is fun!

Books have the power to benefit toddlers and preschoolers in a myriad of ways. As a parent, reading to your child is one of the most important things you can do to prepare him with a foundation for academic excellence.

As spring approaches, please check out events at your local library. The closest library to Cedar Tree Academy is Anacostia Library located at 1800 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020.

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT CORNER

DONATE NEW OR USED BOOKS TO CEDAR TREE ACADEMY

As we prepare for another break in April, we want to remind our parents and students about the importance of keeping an active mind. Reading and reviewing lessons from class over the break can help students retain what they have learned.

To ensure that all students have ample books to read over the break, please donate new or gently used books. Books can be dropped off outside during morning arrivals or afternoon dismissals.

Also, students can exchange books donate a book and chose another book from the donation bin. If you are in need of books during spring break, please inform your child's teacher.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

In an effort to increase family literacy, we challenge all families to write a story. The story can be about your family or fictional characters. Make it as interesting as possible, using illustrations and vocabulary words that your child has learned or is learning at school.

Once the story is complete, read it together. Be sure to talk about your favorite part of the story. If possible, exchange stories with a classroom friend and read and discuss it together.

HOME/SCHOOL CONNECTION

Have you ever walked into a primary grade classroom and thought to yourself, "Why is this teacher SO obsessed with posting words all over the wall?" Well, there's a method to the madness.

Teachers use word walls as an important tool for helping children learn to read and write.

Word walls are actually one of teachers' favorite reading and writing tools because there are so many fun follow up activities that use them.

You will need:

- 1 large piece of poster paper
- Markers
- Tape

Simply write word families (red, ted and bed all end with -ed); common words (the, and, a); names of friends and family members (Sam, Stephanie, Mom); challenging words (elephant, extraordinary); holidays (Halloween, Valentine's Day, Kwanzaa) and more on the large poster paper.

Affix poster to the wall in a place where your child will see it regularly. Also, remember to add words to the chart to increase vocabulary and word recognition.

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APPLY TODAY

GAME CENTER

Unscramble the Spring Words

Can you unscramble these words?

1. R I N A _____
2. L F W O R E _____
3. D I N W _____
4. U N S _____
5. G I R S N P _____

Answer Key: RAIN FLOWER WIND SUN SPRING

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