



Southwick Elementary School

Principal: Natalie Drummond August 18, 2014

Title 1 Administrative Assistant: Andrew Wagner

Mission: Together, the families, students, community members, and staff of Southwick inspire lifelong success through teaching and celebrating cultural diversity, differentiating instruction, communicating high expectations, and providing authentic learning experiences in a safe, positive environment.

Vision: The Southwick Community embraces diversity, develops a love of learning, and values high expectations.

School Wide Expectations: Be Caring, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Website: www.eacs.k12.in.us

Greetings Parents,

WELCOME BACK. I hope everyone enjoyed their "Summer Break", and are excited and ready to return. We have some exciting news to pass along regarding Southwick data, and EACS overall scores.

East Allen County Schools **ISTEP scores across the district rose over 5%**. These are some of the highest gains across the state. **CONGRATULATIONS....**

Kindergarten: EOY TRC - 49% proficient, mClass Math - 63%

1st Grade: EOY TRC - 58% proficient, mClass Math – 72%

2nd Grade: EOY TRC - 46% proficient, mClass Math – 70%

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent or not present at the start of the school day, please make sure to call the school at 446-0250 and select Option 1 to reach the Attendance line by 8:30 and report why they will not be here. Please send in all Doctor's return to school slips.

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It is also very important for us to have current contact information on file for all of our children. You can use Parent Access to not only check your child's grades and attendance, but to keep contact information up to date. The only update you cannot change is residency. It is critical for you to bring in your new lease so we can get this updated in our records as soon as possible and provide you with correct bussing for your child. If you do not have a Parent Access code send a note to the office so we can provide you with one.

Grade Level Information

Kindergarten: Reading/LA – Rolling out Daily 5, Focusing on 3 ways to Read a Book. Read the Pictures, Read the Words, and Retell a Story/ **Identifying Letters and Sounds – M and A. Writing** – Introducing the 6 Traits of Writing, Focusing on Ideas **Math** – Counting and Identifying 0-5.

First Grade: Reading/LA – 5 Components of Reading, Print Concepts, Rhyming Words, Beginning Sounds, Story Elements, Sounds, and Make Predictions.

Writing – Six Traits, Writing Process (left to right/top to bottom). **Math** – Addition Strategies, Problem Solving, Story Problems + and -.

Second Grade: Reading/LA – CAFÉ/Daily 5, Short and Long Vowels, Action Verbs. **Writing** – Ideas/Organization **Math** – Place Values, Even and Odd Numbers, Adding + 0.

Reading Reminder

- Parents, please have your children reading 20 minutes per night grade level appropriate books. If you have any questions regarding grade level books, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

What's Happening

September:

1 Monday	Labor Day (No School)
3 Wednesday	1 st Grade Field Trip (Hinrichsen/Rochford)
4 Thursday	1 st Grade Field Trip (Kunberger/Toffelmire)
5 Friday	1 st Grade Field Trip (Robinson/Gerig)
12 Friday	School Wide Pictures



Weather Reminder:

Please make sure to tune into your local news channels, radio stations, or even news websites for up to the minute school information. Southwick falls under the heading of

East Allen County Schools.

Web Sites to Check for Delays or Cancellations:

www.indiananewscenter.com

www.wane.com

www.eacs.k12.in.us

If we delay on a Wednesday, school will be dismissed at normal time (3:00 pm).

AM/PM Car Rider Procedures

- Please pull up into the next available spot when dropping of your child, and while waiting in your vehicle to pick up after school. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CAR UNATTENDED IN THIS AREA.**
- To avoid congestion in the building, and assure students get to correct vehicle, we ask that parents do not enter the building to pick up their child. Car rider numbers will be radioed, and students will come out of building in order of called numbers.
- If a student wishes to eat breakfast at Southwick, please arrive to school by 8:00 am.

A.L.I.C.E.

Parents, EACS will be rolling out a new School Safety Program this year. Southwick will be introducing this program over the next few weeks to students. This is just an introduction, and what A.L.I.C.E stands for:

- A** – Alert
- L** – Lockdown
- I** – Inform
- C** – Counter
- E** – Evacuate