



Southwick Elementary School

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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 at the BEST school in the district!

Website: www.eacs.k12.in.u

Time for a Story

Want to spend time with your youngster, build his/her reading skills, and help him/her to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud to him/her. Here are some suggestions.

Read regularly – Try to read to your child every day. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Bring along a book, and read to him/her during a sibling’s sports practice. Or curl up together with a book when you get home from work.

Take turns choosing books – Your youngster may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety (nonfiction, poetry).

Let him/her participate – Ask your child to turn the pages while you read. Also, he/she can finish sentences that rhyme or fill in words he/she knows. Go slowly so he/she has time to understand the story and look at the illustrations. He/she will enjoy read-aloud time more if he/she plays an active role.

Be Playful – You can use different voices for different characters (a high squeaky voice for a mouse or a deep, booming voice for a horse). Or substitute your youngster’s name for the main character’s name, and use family members’ names for other characters. *Note:* You don’t have to be an expert reader – your child will love it when you read aloud because it’s you!



What’s Happening

April

1 Fri Spring Break Begins
11 Mon Students Return

11 Mon Scholastic Books Fair Begins

14 Thurs Project Reads – Room 21 3:00-4:00

15 Fri Scholastic Books Fair Ends

19 Tues Philharmonic – In Gym 9:00-10:30

20 Wed Spring Pictures – Only students purchasing Pkg

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29 Fri 2nd Grade to ZOO w/sack lunches



Attendance:

Part of our school wide improvement plan will be to meet 99% attendance rate at the end of the year. Below are the attendance rates for each grade level:

Current Attendance Rate as of 3/31:

Pre-K – AM – 96.3%; PM – 96.2%

Kindergarten – 97.3%

1st Grade – 96.2%

2nd Grade – 96.3%

Overall – 96.8%



Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your youngster’s entire school career. Show your child that school comes first by keeping days off for illness & family emergencies at a minimum. Also, schedule appts for after school or over school breaks.

FUNDRAISERS

Box Tops – Parents please keep sending in your box tops. We have collected over \$600 so far this year. The money will be used for supplies and special needs for our students here at Southwick.



Jump for the Heart – Our students raised \$706.59 for heart awareness.



Pennies for Patients – Our students raised \$2831.00 for children with Leukemia & Lymphoma.

5 Tips to Pack a Healthy Lunch

- 1. Get creative with Veggies:** Children tend to eat these better when sent with a dip. Also consider grilled or roasted veggies instead of raw.
- 2. Keep your Child Hydrated:** If your child doesn’t drink enough water, try sending water-packed foods such as watermelon, strawberries, cucumbers, grapes etc.
- 3. Think Outside the Sandwich:** Hard-boiled eggs, Greek yogurt, cheese, nuts or seed butters are a great way to get protein and change up the sandwich routine.
- 4. Pack the Power:** Fiber, protein & healthy fat have “staying power” to keep your child energized all day.
- 5. Make it Fun:** Consider making some traditional favorites yourself such as sweet or salty snacks your child craves.

