The Wildcat Weekly

Winside Elementary School

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL .... Elementary Student Council application forms were sent home with students in grades 4-6. Students must have their completed application form submitted to Mrs. Hinrichs by Friday, November 6th. This year's teacher sponsors are Ms. Loetscher and Mrs. Hinrichs. We are excited to see what this enthusiastic group of students will do this year!

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM.......... A Veterans Day program is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents and community members are welcome to join us as we honor our veterans on this day.
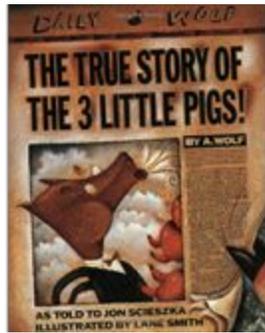

THANKSGIVING BREAK.......... Students will dismiss at **1:30** on Wednesday, November 25th. No school on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th.

Reading Tips for Parents

http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/more-reading-resources/reading-tips-parents

Keep reading lively and interesting with these 7 tips. Learn new ways and means to support and open up this new wonderful world to your child.

By **Anne Schwartzberg**

Even if your child is motivated to read, supporting her with a variety of ways and options will keep her momentum going. Here are 7 tips to open up the wonderful world of reading for your child.

- **Reading Tip for Parents: What's "Just Right"?** Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.
- **Reading Tip for Parents: Map it Out** It's important to provide your child with a variety of fiction and non-fiction reading. A fun way to do this is to get a map and show them the way from your house to the grocery store or another familiar destination. Have your child write out the directions, street by street, and then read them to you as you walk or drive to the store – like a living GPS!
- **Reading Tip for Parents: Card Tricks** Do you think effective reading only takes place at libraries and book stores? Think again! There are reading opportunities everywhere. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the greeting cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday wish or get-well sentiment.
- **Reading Tip for Parents: Picture This!** During your next outing or gathering, take action-packed photos, then have your child create captions to go with each picture. Assemble the pictures and captions in a picture book or album, and add speech and thought bubbles to create a personalized – and probably hysterical -- graphic novel.
- **Reading Tip for Parents: Last Comic Standing** Take time to read comic strips together. Share favorites from your own childhood and have your child put his favorites on the fridge. Read them aloud, and often -- repetition is a great way to build reading skills. Soon, he'll love looking forward to the "Sunday funnies" each week.
- **Reading Tip for Parents: Become a Fan** Your child will soon develop a love for particular authors and illustrators. Nurture her fan-ship by helping her write a letter to her favorite author. Many authors have their own websites with contact information, but here's a great place to start your search (**http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/authors/all.htm**). You can also contact the book's publisher, the mailing address for which can often be found on the back of the title page or on the publisher's Web site.
- **Reading Tip for Parents: Labels of Love** Word recognition and vocabulary are important parts of reading. On a rainy day, get some paper and tape and start labeling everything in your home -- from furniture to small knick-knacks. Reading these labels repeatedly will build your child's mental word bank. If your family is bilingual, create labels in both languages.