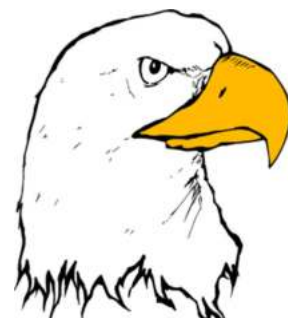


# THE EAGLE'S EYE



Oakland Primary School

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023



## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I want to start out by saying a big "THANK YOU" to all that came out, helped support, and gave to the Fall Festival! It was great to see so many smiling faces, both parents and students alike! We are truly blessed to have such great support from everyone involved.

It is hard to believe that the 1st quarter has come and gone, and we are nearing the Holiday Season. At Oakland Primary, we have many events going on during the months of November and December. Please make sure that you check the calendar in this newsletter, communicate with the teacher, as well as checking our school's Facebook Page for updates. From the Veteran's Day Program, parent workshops, Thanksgiving Holiday, PTA Santa Shop, various choir performances, and other events it is a busy and wonderful time of year!

Now that we are settled into the school year, please try to read each and every night with your child for at least 15 minutes. The benefits of reading for 15 minutes each night are seen in the classroom as well as outside of it. It will create a bonding experience, improve literacy skills, and increase language development among others. Research shows that students who spend at least 15-20 minutes per night starting in Kindergarten are much more likely to meet or exceed the state expectations starting in 3rd grade. Below you will find the web address and login information for Capstone interactive library, a great resource with thousands of interactive books, and a web address for Read Aloud.

[www.mycapstonelibrary/login.com](http://www.mycapstonelibrary/login.com)

User name: oaklandps

Password: eagles

[www.readaloud.org](http://www.readaloud.org)

Thank you for all that you do to help us in educating the "whole child."

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# LEADER IN ME

FROM MRS. COREY RIPLEY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Habit 2 is Begin with the End in Mind, which means Have a plan! Consider the following statements and talk through the questions with your child. You can use these concepts to think through how to have a successful day or how to have a successful week in school.



What is my plan?	What is most important to me?	How can I think ahead?	What are my expectations of myself?
What are the possible consequences of my plan?	What are my goals?	What is my personal mission statement?	What is one thing I can work on more?

# MATH TALK

FROM MRS. SHANNON KNUDSON, CURRICULUM COACH

Ideas to Increase Math Talk with Your Kids:

- Point out numbers in everyday life: on speed limit signs, on clocks, house numbers, sale signs in the grocery store, etc.
- Count things throughout the day: number of pretzels for snack, number of books read, number of blocks in the tower, or the number of Skittles.
- Talk about the time: the time you eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner, how many hours until daddy gets home, how long naptime is, etc.
- Check the weather: talk about the high and low temperature for the day and compare the temperatures that week
- Observe shapes: look at the shapes around you, discuss what shapes things are made up of (kids are brilliant at this!), and compare shapes.
- At snack time: divide snacks and discuss how many each child gets (i.e. there are 8 apple slices and 4 kids, so how many do you each get?), or discuss subtraction-how many do you have after you eat 1? 2?
- Discuss directional words: items in relation to one another (behind, on top of, across, under, between, etc.).

Ideas found on [www.Mathgeekmama.com](http://www.Mathgeekmama.com)

## MEDIA CENTER

During the month of December, we will be holding our very first Super Reader Reading Challenge!

- Every student who turns in a December reading log with entries will win a special treat.
- Students with at least 20 entries for December will earn a Super Reader brag tag for their necklace.
- Any Class that has a total of at least 300 entries for December will earn a book for their class.
- The class with the most entries for December wins an ice cream party!

This reading challenge will be using the normal Super Reader Academy December reading log. Listening to books on Capstone Library or other reading websites is wonderful; however, those books should not be included on the reading log. Our students need to be doing the reading or at least practicing their reading skills, not just listening. HAPPY READING!

Beatrice Davis,  
OPS Media Specialist

## NURSE'S NOTES

FROM NURSE OAKLEY

### PLEASE KEEP ME HOME IF...

I have a fever	I am vomiting	I have diarrhea	I have a rash	I have head lice	I have an eye infection	I have been to the hospital
						
Temperature of 100.4° or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or pus draining from eye	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit

### I am ready to go back to school when I am...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor, if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatments at home and no live lice present	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor, if needed	Release by my medical provider to return to school
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she must stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention if your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other social activities.

## GUIDANCE

During the month of October, Oakland students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities to celebrate Fire Safety Prevention Week and Red Ribbon Week!!

Shaw Air Force Base Fire Department visited with the students to speak with them about the dangers of fire and how to prepare in case of a fire. Not only were they able to meet Sparky the dog, but each student also had the opportunity to take a quick tour inside the fire truck!

During Red Ribbon Week, our students participated in spirit days that highlighted the 7 Habits. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a Red Ribbon Week poster contest. Each of our participants did an awesome job communicating a drug-free message through their artwork. There were two winners from each grade level. Pre-K winners were Kaasi Lewis and Macy Thomas. Kindergarten winners were Zyah Brown and Ezra Fry. First grade winners were Antonio Coplin and Jaxson Dicicco. As our grand finale to ending Red Ribbon Week, our students had a special presentation from Sumter Behavioral Health Services! Our special guest spoke with the students about the dangers of drugs and the importance of making good choices. Following the presentation, the students walked around the school and chanted "Say No to Drugs" to show everyone that they are proud to be drug-free!



## UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, 11/9, 9:00 - Veterans' Program

Friday, 11/10 - No School in honor of Veteran's Day

11/13-11/17 - American Education Week

Wednesday, 11/15, 9:00, 1:00 - Title I Parent Workshop

Friday, 11/17 - Spirit Day; Bubble Fundraiser

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, 11/29 - Fall makeup picture day

Friday, 12/1 - Eagle Buck Store

12/4-12/8 - PTA Santa Shoppe

12/5-12/15 - MAP testing window

Thursday, 12/7, 9:00, 1:00 - Title I Parent Workshop

Tuesday, 12/12, 5:30 - PTA/Choir Concert

Friday, 12/15 - Spirit Day

Tuesday, 12/19 - Holiday Sing Along; Half Day

Wednesday, 12/20 - Half Day

12/21-1/5 - Winter Break

1/8 - School Resumes; Beginning of 3rd Quarter



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<https://www.facebook.com/OaklandPrimarySchool>

## SCHOOL PERSONNEL & PLEDGE

Mr. Joshua Campbell, Principal

Mrs. Corey Ripley, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Shannon Knudson, Curriculum Coach

Mrs. Lucy Selle, Reading Coach

Mrs. Beatrice Backmon, Guidance Counselor

Ms. Lee Osborne, Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Beatrice Davis, Media Specialist

Ms. Taheshi Fortune, Teacher of the Year



I came to school today to learn;  
And I will learn.

I will act in such a way that  
I will be proud of myself,  
And others will be proud of me, too.  
I will have a wonderful day.