

THE WESTSIDE POST

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

S.T.E.A.M. DAY
NOVEMBER 8

**ELECTRICAL MAGIC
SHOW**
NOVEMBER 9

VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11

**DEVOTED READERS
CONTEST ENDS**
NOVEMBER 15

**THANKSGIVING
BALLOON PARADE**
NOVEMBER 18

FALL BREAK
NOVEMBER 21-25

A MESSAGE FROM MS. GLOVER

November marks the beginning of "I Try Again" month. Our students receive tickets from teachers for trying again in difficult situations and for encouraging others not to give up. We draw tickets once a week to celebrate a few of those students. Watch our Facebook page for pictures of our weekly winners! Search Westside Elementary, Cabot School District to locate the page.

November is National Family Literacy Month. In 1994, the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) worked with Congress to designate November 1 as National Family Literacy Day. During the past 25 years, NCFL has joined with libraries, schools, and educational programs across the country to celebrate National Family Literacy Month each November. Reading to children is extremely beneficial. Research suggests that children who are read to early and often experience many positive outcomes that affect children's later literacy and language outcomes. When parents read to children it helps build strong bonds, increases children's vocabulary, and helps develop lifelong reading habits. It also strengthens children's social, emotional, and character development.

More information about the events on the right will be sent home soon.

Our Bookstore is open! Students can purchase a variety of gadgets. Prices range from \$0.50-\$6.00.



★ WESTSIDE ★ AFFIRMATION

ADULT SAYS.....KID SAYS

You are kind.....I am kind

You are strong.....I am strong

When you fail.....I try again

You are smart.....I am smart

You are important.....I am important

You work hard.....I work hard

You are respectful.....I am respectful

You are loved.....I am loved

Affirmations are important to us at Westside! We say the affirmations on the left to our students. We would love for you to say them at home as well.

MATH TIPS FROM MRS. COOK AND MRS. RAY



Which One Doesn't Belong?		
Purpose	This routine provides an opportunity for students to reason about images to decide which one doesn't belong. Because any answer is correct, students are able to focus on communicating their reasoning and justifying their choice.	
Summary	Students are shown 4 different images, which may be numbers, equations, shapes, images, or diagrams. <u>They decide which one doesn't belong and explain why.</u>	
Examples	Grades K-1	Grades 2-4
	<div>A</div> <div>B</div> <div>C</div> <div>D</div>	<div>A</div> <div>B</div> <div>C</div> <div>D</div>
Questions to ask	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which one doesn't belong? Why? What is the same and different about the others? Can you think of a reason why another one doesn't belong? 	

READING IDEAS FROM MS. ZULPO

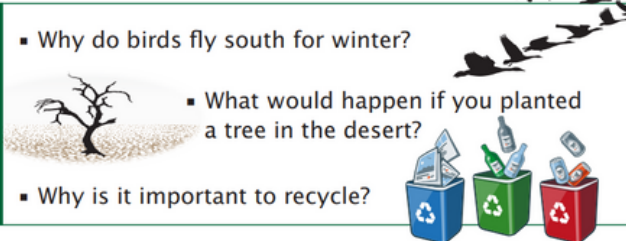
Having conversations when reading with children helps them develop higher level thinking and language skills, such as predicting, problem solving, or contrasting. While reading books aloud, ask the child questions and talk about the content of the story together before, during, and after reading. Use open-ended questions to ask the child to think about the book's messages and what is happening. See the box below for examples of questions to ask children when reading different types of books. Ask the child to apply the book's messages to the world around him by connecting events to his own life. Ask more and more complex questions, so the child continues to build her vocabulary and language skills.

What skills will this practice help build?

Having conversations about what they are reading helps children build vocabulary and develop skills using language typically found in school settings. Building their skills to think and connect ideas from many contexts allows children to follow more complex language, which they might find in stories, instructions, and descriptions of historical events or nature.

Example questions for informational books
that explain facts about the world, such as books about animals

- Why do birds fly south for winter?
- What would happen if you planted a tree in the desert?
- Why is it important to recycle?



Example questions for narrative books
that are about a series of events, whether fictional or nonfictional, such as stories



- Why did the character do what he did?
- What else could she have done?
- If you were in that story, what would you have done?

BOOK PICK OF THE MONTH:

Little Betsy will learn that happiness is made up of simple things in life, both small and big. With the help of the magic stone, she will begin to feel gratitude for her parents, friends, and toys. But what happens when little Betsy forgets to use the magic of her stone? She will realize that the power of gratitude is hidden in her heart. "Gratitude is my superpower" will teach your little ones to appreciate the warmth of home, time spent playing with friends, and family relationships.

This book will help your kids in many ways:

- they will focus on the blessings they receive every day,
- they will begin to appreciate what others do for them,
- they will feel true happiness when they realize that they have everything they need.

