

TIJERINA NEWS



October 2008

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CALENDAR

Oct. 29th

Parental Involvement
1:00 -3:00 pm



Haunted House
1:00 -3:00pm

October 31st

Kick off Literacy Month with
favorite book character costume

Be safe during Halloween
Trick or treating!



Sat. Nov. 1st

Dental Fair 9am – 12pm



Wed. Nov 5th

NNAT testing
K and 5th grades



Tues. Nov. 11

Literacy Night
5:00 - 6:30 pm



Nov. 17th-21st

Book Fair



Nov. 26 – 28

Thanksgiving Holiday
No school



From the Desk of Principal Daniels

At Tijerina Elementary, we are dedicated to maximizing student learning. As a function of this, I will be spending two full days every week in classrooms in order to help support the teaching and learning that happens on a daily basis. Ms. Belhouchet, our assistant principal, will be spending one to two days a week.

Due to this schedule, we may not always be able to speak with you when you drop in or telephone us. However, we really do value communicating with you. So when you want to meet with us, please call the office for an appointment.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and your patience and understanding as we implement these practices.

This month we kicked off our Accelerated Reader contest. Students read books and then demonstrate that they read the books by taking small quizzes on the computer. The more books they read, the more points they make. Students with the most points earn prizes. The top prize this year is a computer donated by Mr. Faz! It will be given to the student who has earned the most points by May 20, 2009.

Top Accelerated Reader Point Earners for October

Name	Points	Grade	Name	Points	Grade
Nataly	1.0	1st Grade	Jennifer A.	6.0	4th Grade
Jose S.	0.9	1st Grade	Crystal A.	4.5	4th Grade
Alfredo V.	0.8	1st Grade	Uriel	1.4	4th Grade
Jonathan	0.8	1st Grade	Nohelia	1.2	4th Grade
Virginia A.	0.8	1st Grade	Jasmin	1.0	4th Grade

Encourage Your Child to Read

Reading will help your child succeed. Start from an early age by reading to your child and listening to him or her read to you. Continue this habit through your child's early elementary school years. Make sure your child learns letters, learns how to put them together to make sounds, and then, learns how to recognize them on the page of a book. As your child begins to develop his or her reading skills, make sure your child is reading more difficult books. Ask your child questions to see if he or she understands what is being read. Introduce your child to languages other than English. Look for words in English that have come from other languages. If English is not your native language, help your child learn both your language and English.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

If your child's teacher requests a parent-teacher conference with you, don't panic. Your parent-teacher conference can show you where the teacher wants to take your child this year---and how she/he plans to get there. As you prepare for your conference, here are four questions you should ask your child's teacher:

- 1. What skills will my child be expected to master this year?** If you know that he's expected to know his multiplication tables by the end of the year, you'll be prepared to help him master them. If fifth graders do a big project on ancient Greece, you'll be prepared.
- 2. How will you evaluate my child's progress?** Schools use testing in different ways. Kids who don't do well on some tests might have to go to summer school. Other test could decide your child's grade in their report card.
- 3. What can I do at home to help?** As a parent, you have a critical role to play in helping your child. Ask the teacher how much time your child should expect to spend on homework. Ask if there are other ways you can support learning at home.
- 4. What is the best way for us to communicate with each other?** You're still the best expert on your child. You'll know the day he's sad because something happened at home or the day he struggled with his math homework. The more you can share things with the teacher, the better your child's year will be.

Even if the teacher does not schedule you for a conference, it is a good idea for you to schedule one with the teacher at least once during each semester. This way you won't be surprised at the end of the school year. You may schedule a conference during the teacher's planning time.

DENTAL FAIR

Join us for pancakes and milk.
Dental screening, oral hygiene
instructions and nutritional
counseling.

**NOVEMBER 01, 2008
9AM-12PM**