

# Tijerina Elementary School

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### VIPS

*If you would like to volunteer please stop by the office and register. This way you will be eligible to help us whenever you are able to.*

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## From the Desk of Principal Daniels

On behalf of the Tijerina School Community, we hope that all of our Tijerina families are doing well after the arrival of Hurricane Ike. Our school withstood the storm pretty well. As with the rest of our town, the biggest impact was the loss of electricity.

We were all anxious to return to school and are excited about getting back to our routine. As a staff, we have revised our pacing to address the lost instructional time. Students will not miss instruction on any of the appropriate grade level objectives. We are confident that working together, we can make sure students' educational experience is disrupted as little as possible.

Parents play a key role in helping make the back-to-school transition smooth. Here are just a few tips to help parents get back to the routine:

- Establishing a bedtime ritual
- Determine set times and location for homework
- Determining the route they will take to and from school
- Meet their children's teacher and school principal
- Prepare for and go to parent-teacher conferences
- Get involved in the school's PTA
- Stay on top of the school calendar
- Keep track of and attend school events.
- Read daily to their children

## Study Skills to Help your Child Succeed in School

What's the difference between a successful student and one who's not successful? According to experts, it may be the study skills they have learned. Here are four skills that can help make your child a better student:

1. **Set goals.** Before starting any study period, your child should set goals. Ask him, "What is the most important thing you have to do today?"
2. **Organize time.** To help your child organize his time, have him figure out everything he has to do. Then estimate how long each will take. He can use his study goals to decide which assignment to complete first.
3. **Ask questions.** Successful students make up questions as they read. Instead of just taking in information, they think about the questions the text is answering. By asking questions and writing them down, your child will have a better understanding of what he is reading.
4. **Measure progress.** If your child has decided to spend an hour reading a chapter in his science book, he should check every 15 minutes or so to make sure he's moving fast enough.

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## Calendar Events

Sept. 29 – Oct. 10, 2008	TPRI/Tejas Lee test (Kinder – 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr.)
October 2, 2008	Progress Reports
October 9, 2008	Fall Holiday
October 14, 2008	Family Night at the Zoo 3:30 – 6:00 PM
October 16, 2008	Hispanic Heritage Dress-Up Day
Week of October 20, 2008	Red Ribbon Week
October 29, 2008	Parental Involvement Day
October 31, 2008	Literacy Month Kick-Off Dress up as your favorite BOOK CHARACTER

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## Hurricane Relief Information

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The following disaster aid is available to our community:

<b>Food and water</b>	Comunidad de Gracia (6601 Sherman)	Monday-Friday 12-3pm
<b>Recovery Assistance</b>	FEMA	1-800-621-3362
<b>Food Stamps</b>	Texas Health And Human Services Commission 2110 TELEPHONE RD	1-877-541-7905 713-921-5108
<b>Ice</b> \$1 per 8lb. bag \$2.50 per 20lb bag \$5 per 40 lb bag No tax	Bill's Ice House 7315 Lawndale	713-926-6006

Other emergency relief information and phone numbers are available.  
Contact Mr. Morales or Ms. Vita to assist with other concerns or questions.

We are in dire need of volunteers to assist with unloading food supplies which arrive on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10am. If you are able to assist please contact Mr. Morales and schedule a time to help your neighbors.