



Appleton Elementary School



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For Your Calendar

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Parties
Feb. 19 - No School - Presidents' Day
Feb. 20 - 5:00-8:00pm Culver's Restaurant Night
Feb. 22 - 4:10pm PTA in the library
Feb. 28 - 4th grade at Safety Fair
Feb. 29 - 6:00 pm 4th grade musical
Mar. 13 - Last Day of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 14-15 -No School - Planning Day & Teacher Workday
Mar. 18-22 Spring Break
Mar. 25 - Students Return to School

Dear Appleton Community,

THE BEST PREDICTOR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS IS...

If I could share one piece of advice that makes all the difference in the world for a child's academic success or one "magic bullet" to academic success it would be this... **reading volume outside of school hours is the best predictor of academic success!**

The combination of time spent reading and the number of words students actually consume as they read is defined as reading volume. Viewed across a year, there are striking differences in reading achievement between the high-volume readers outside of school and those students who avoid reading.

Student and Number of Minutes Reading Outside of School	Number of Words Read in a Year	Minutes Read in a School Year
Student A Reads 20 Minutes each Day	1,800,000	3,400
Student B Reads 5 Minutes each Day	282,000	850
Student C Reads 1 Minute each Day	8,000	170

Now take those numbers and multiply them by 6, the number of elementary years from Kindergarten through 5th grade. As you can see, there is a major advantage for the child where reading outside of school is a priority.

Reading outside of school hours has a profound influence on students' cognitive abilities, their vocabulary development, and knowledge of the world. Keep in mind that children spend 1,190 hours a year in school versus 6,475 hours outside school. I know it can be tough to get in those minutes. But it is worth it!

Happy Reading!

Thank you for your support,

Corey Hafey

Audit Finds Excellence!

Two recent audits by the D51 Finance Department found our Appleton secretary, Lisa McClelland continues to serve your children with excellence. Comments from the audits include: *“Lisa, your records are impeccable.” “Neat and orderly.” “No exceptions found.” “Excellent work!” “Thank you for your dedication and hard work.”*

Need To Buy Furniture?

If you are planning on buying furniture, consider American Family Warehouse. They will give a percentage of the sale to the Appleton PTA if you mention you would like the donation dedicated to our school.

Little League Sign Ups Going on Now

Orchard Mesa Little League

Online Registration Open!

<https://www.orchardmesalittleleague.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2070173>

Monument Little League

Online Registration Open! <http://www.monumentlittleleague.org/home>

Fruita Little League!

On-line registration is open www.fruitalittleleague.com

Go Bookworms!

Corey Hafey - Principal