

**DR. HIGDON ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
June 2009**



Dear Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful year. Please look at the calendar activities that you have received on June 4 for academic ideas over the summer. Please have your child read each day and don't forget to study those math facts!

Congratulations to our fifth grade students! We wish them the very best and will miss each child dearly. They are a wonderful group of children and we expect to hear many success stories in the future.

Upcoming dates:

August 21:

New Student Orientation 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Meet and Greet 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Class List Viewing 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

August 24:

Students report to school K-5

August 31 Pre-K category 1 and 2

September 8 Pre-K category 3

September 10 Open House 6:00-7:30

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,
Peggy E. Mertes
Principal

Pre-k

We have had a great year in Pre-k. The children have done a wonderful job and we are so proud of them. Pre-k is so excited about going to Kindergarten – being at Dr. Higdon all day, eating in the cafeteria, and going to specials. They can hardly wait for August to come.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has worked so hard this year. Even though the end is close, we haven't stopped learning! We focused on blending and segmenting words. We continued to learn new sight words. We even used these words when writing sentences. Most of the last quarter in math focused on addition and subtraction. However, we also did a lot of activities with money. We raised ladybugs and caterpillars from larvae. When the ladybugs were grown and the caterpillars changed into beautiful butterflies, we let them go in Dr. Higdon's Butterfly Garden. Our final theme had us looking at animals from all around the world. Everyone chose one animal and presented information they learned about it to their class. We ended our year with a great program for all our parents and look forward to what we can learn next year as first graders.

1st Grade

During the last quarter of school the first graders have continued to stay busy little huskies. In Math we talked about 3-D shapes. In this unit the students were able to build buildings using the blocks and then draw them on paper. Each class made their own town: Thornton Land, Marksville, and Grimesville. In Reading we worked with prefixes, suffixes and our daily reading strategies we have been working on all year. On June 10th the first grade team will have a Fiesta to wrap up our unit on Mexico and also to celebrate all their hard work!

Second grade

Second grade has worked and accomplished so much this year!

In the fourth quarter, we have been reading about different talents that people have. We have read to find the main idea and supporting details, problem and solution, and making generalizations

In math, we learned how to add and subtract story problems. We learned how to measure in inches. Please practice adding and subtracting two digits by two digits over the summer.

In Social Studies, we have been learning about Canada. We have explored the land and territories of this country. We have continued to learn about our body and mind in Health.

We would like to see the students read chapter books over the summer. Have your child read everyday to practice reading fluency and comprehension. This will make

a smooth transition into 3rd Grade. We are very proud of our second graders this year and would like to see them continue to grow in all areas.

Lastly, we would like to thank our many volunteers this year. You have made our job easier each day. Thank you so much for all that you do each and everyday.

3rd Grade

Third grade has had an awesome year! We have been very busy learning the Fifty Nifty United States song so we can impress everyone at our last Celebration of Learning assembly. We have also worked hard reviewing all of the concepts learned this year so we could show all we know for the End of Year County Assessments. As this year winds down to a close we would like to thank our wonderful parents for all of your support this year in helping to encourage your children to learn and do their best. These third graders have learned so much and have shown such progress. Have a wonderful summer and best of luck with your fourth grade year. Third Grade Teachers

Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade Ends!

Fourth quarter seemed to speed by effortlessly. Literature and history projects were completed, with students beginning to show more personal responsibility. Several fourth graders qualified to serve on the Safety Patrol. They had certain criteria to meet, wrote an application, and were interviewed by Mrs. Cowan.

In Math, students multiplied three digit by two digit factors and practicing using different strategies to solve word problems.

A pizza party ended the year, one in which students were readied for fifth grade. Please continue to encourage reading of chapter books, and reviewing of basic Math facts.

5th Grade

Congratulations 5th Graders!

You have completed your time at Dr. Higdon Elementary, and you will now be moving forward to middle school. We hope you will take with you all of the ideas, tools, strategies and skills that you have learned here throughout the years. Remember to stay focused, be positive, and always do your best. Be sure to practice your math over the summer (complete your math packet at some point) and read plenty of books. Also remember to set goals and work towards accomplishing them. We expect great things out of you, so make us proud! Good, Better, Best, you never let it rest, till your good is better and your better is best!

Enjoy your summer, and stay safe!

5th Grade Team