



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-February 17, 2017



Dear Parents,

We celebrated the first 100 days of school yesterday. It's hard to believe we are more than halfway through the school year! The children have been working with the number 100 in a variety of ways, including using a hundreds board to find patterns in our number system and counting by ones, twos, fives, and tens to develop fluency and number sense. The 100<sup>th</sup> Day celebration is an opportunity to recognize all the growth the children have made in their first 100 days at Goosehill Primary School. Thank you to Mrs. Kotzky and the kindergarten teachers for organizing such a fun and exciting experience for our youngest students. Thank you to all parents for helping the children to make such creative projects. They were proud of themselves and enjoyed having you as their audience.

We hope you've enjoyed reading **100 minutes** with your family this week. If you still have some minutes to go, please add to the Family Focus Homework Reading Log over the break. Please return it to your child's teacher when we get back to school on the 27<sup>th</sup> so that we can acknowledge and celebrate your family's participation.

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** (our first Thursday back after break) is *Read Across America Day*. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and the joys of reading with a performance by a Dr. Seuss Storyteller—courtesy of the Cultural Arts Committee, and a school-wide Read-In that afternoon. During our Read-In, all members of our school community will *drop everything and read* for fifteen uninterrupted minutes. All students will also be invited to wear an article of clothing with words on it---for all to read that day!



**"You're never  
too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and  
read to a child."  
-Dr. Seuss**

I hope you enjoy the time off with your family next week. Whether you are home or away, I hope you'll carve out some time to read aloud to your children. Reading aloud to children helps them experience interesting stories and ideas in books they aren't quite ready to read on their own yet. When adults read aloud to children, they also model important reading behaviors

and positive attitudes about reading. A landmark study about reading concluded that reading aloud to children is **"...the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."** Reading to your child enhances his/her comprehension skills, and builds vocabulary and background knowledge. Just a few minutes a day makes a big difference!

I will be presenting on the topic of reading comprehension and ways parents can support their children's skill development at home at the next GPFA meeting on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. I hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful vacation~ Happy Reading!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

