

Strodes Mills Elementary School

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Winter Break means a well-deserved reprieve from homework and daily obligations. But before you know it, the holidays are over and it is back to the bus stop. To prepare for a smooth re-entry and a successful second semester, don't let school skills like reading, writing and math slide completely during winter break. Try these family-friendly activities to keep skills sharp:

- **Read for pleasure** – stash your school books and read for fun with your family or alone.
- **Cook up an easy lesson** – invite your child to help you whip up a “special dish” in the kitchen. Half tablespoons and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup measurements are great practice with fractions.
- **Write thank-you notes** – penning notes of appreciation to gift-givers teaches gratitude and helps polish writing and spelling skills. Enjoy a mug of hot cocoa while doing it.
- **Make the most of car rides** –check out license plates to practice letters and numbers.
- **Maintain reasonable bedtimes** – with no school to get up for in the morning, it can be tempting to let kids become night owls. A few days before school starts again, ease back into the regular bedtime schedule.
- **Ask for grocery list assistance** – have your child help choose what to buy, decide how much you need, check your supplies to see what you already have and write a list.
- **Let kids help with online shopping** – need a last minute gift for someone. Log onto your favorite shopping sites and let your child help you select presents.
- **Have a family game night** – Board and card games reinforce skills such as counting, reading and drawing.

Discount cards are still available in the school office for \$10.00.



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration will be at Strodes Mills on March the 7th and 8th for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Please fill out the registration form and return it as soon as possible. We are getting the packets of information ready to send out the 1st of February. If you have a friend, neighbor or relative that would not have access to the registration form please have them call or stop by the school office for a form.

Cold Weather and Recess

Children will go outside for recess as long as the Real Feel temperature is 32 degrees or above. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside recess.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/8 – 17 DIBELS Testing
- 1/13 Kindergarten Readiness Workshop 9:00 – 12:00
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Day – No school
- 1/19 ACT 80 Day – No school for students
- 1/26 Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff Assembly 1:45 PM
- 2/13 PSA meeting at 6:30
- 2/16 ACT 80 Day – No school for students

Special “**CONGRATULATIONS**” goes out to **all** the students at Strodes Mills Elementary School for doing a fabulous job at the Christmas Choral Concert! Keep up the good work!

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

If you bring your child at 8:20 or after, you need to come in to the office and sign them in.

Children being picked up at the end of the day are dismissed at **2:45 PM**. Please make sure you send in **a note**. Especially, if someone other than a parent is picking them up.

Excuses must be sent in **within three days** of an absence or it will be marked unexcused. After 6 unexcused absences, that information will be passed on to Children and Youth. It is not a MCSD policy but a Pennsylvania state mandated policy.

TWO and THREE HOUR DELAYS

Students **will not** be served breakfast on school days that we have a 2 or 3 hour delay. School does not start until 10:20 AM on a 2 hr. delay and the first group of students go to lunch at 11:00 AM.

HOMEWORK

If your child is ill and you would like to pick up their homework, either email the teacher or call the office **before 11:00 AM** if you want to pick it up that afternoon.

LOST AND FOUND

Can't find your child's jacket??? We have nice clothing items at our Lost and Found section. Please label **all** of your child's items and then we can return any found items quickly.