



## SUMMER READING TIPS

Make time for reading.

Read aloud with your child every day.

Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

Let kids choose their book.

Take your child to the city library.

Check out the Summer Reading Program starting June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM, Union Carnegie Library – 541.562.5811

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

It has been a wonderful year in third grade, and we've learned so much! Here are just a few things we've learned throughout the year:

**Math-** How to multiply, divide, estimate, and fractions.

**Reading-**We've worked hard on building fluency and becoming better readers. We even read multiple chapter books in our reading groups.

**Social Studies-** Community Leaders/Government, American Symbols, Presidents, and Branches of Government.

**Science-** Forces, Water Cycle, and the Solar System

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

I am happy to report that Mrs. Mills class all survived fifth grade! There has been much improvement in many areas, most importantly, taking responsibility. Most fifth graders now understand that work not finished at school is usually completed at home, and deadlines do matter. The class understands that there are consequences for all actions, especially the good ones.

The next area of improvement has been in math. They are much closer to knowing their times tables in their heads, not on a phone, calculator or paper times table. I also know that these children love to read and look forward to doing plenty of that during the summer months to be ready for sixth grade.

This class has been the best by far at assemblies where good behavior is expected. Many parents and teachers comment to me about how they pay attention quietly during presentations. That is really good news for their up-coming teachers.

Thank you to all the parents who helped support the education of their children by helping with homework and not providing excuses for them when they may fail. The kids have learned that failing happens sometimes, but it's not as important as how we respond to the set-back, that matters.

Sincerely,  
Rene' Mills, Fifth grade.

## Music

The 2016-2017 music extravaganza is coming to an end. The students performed for Veteran's day in November, Christmas Concert in December, learned new instruments and many, many, dance forms. The students sang many songs, learned solfege, note names, history, instrument families, and much more. The spring concert was held at the end of April and we have been learning about the music of multiple cultures and people groups. Our final fling is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to area nursing homes, to perform ukuleles, and to teach the residence how to play. WHAT A GREAT YEAR!

## 6th Grade

As the year quickly approaches summer, the sixth grade will be anxiously looking forward to many activities like Cove Play Day (5/11), visits to the Union Cemetery & Museum (5/31), and Swim Day (6/1).

In the classroom, students will be creating "Slime" and "Flubber" as we study physical and chemical changes of matter. Moreover, they will be investigating the Newton's three laws motion through the launching of water rockets!

Finally, in writing, the students are starting their "How to....." speeches in which they teach their peers a special hobby or talent that they have. In social studies, we are realizing just how important the Ancient Greeks were to our society.

With the school year drawing to an end, I wanted to express what a pleasure and privilege it is to be a 6th grade teacher. Thanks, Mr. Nowak

## 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade News

This school year seems to have flown by. Except for the unpredictable weather, it has been a wonderful year. The second graders have been learning about plants, time, money, measurement, and geometry. They are reading with much more fluency and comprehension than at the first of the year. In addition, they have been spending a lot of time writing. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will go with the fourth and first graders to the OSU Experiment Station on Highway 203 for a day of learning in the great outdoors. This has always proven to be a fun, learning-filled day that the students remember and enjoy. The last day of school for students is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for sharing your children with me this year.

## Kindergarten News

Thank You for sending your students to Union Elementary! These students have grown so much! I have felt privileged to get to know them and help develop their learning and confidence. I hope that you are as proud of them as I am! In this quarter, we have watched caterpillars develop into butterflies. The transformation reminded me of how much our students have grown up into very capable, soon to be, 1st graders. We came into school feeling a little scared and knowing very little about school. Now, we can sound words out, add & subtract, write sentences, solve problems with friends, and listen to others. We have had a great year! For anyone, coming into kindergarten or leaving kindergarten, all I ask is that you continue a love of learning all summer. There is a reading program at our local library this summer. Please, check it out!

## First Grade

It hardly seems possible that this year is over. It truly feels as though it just flew by. As I reflect however on this class and this past year, a warm smile comes to my face at some of the moments this class shared. New friendships were created, student improvement in academics was immense, and the confidence in each of the children's eyes is reassuring that continued success is on the horizon as they make their way to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! A couple things that stand out from the year, as a teacher, is the vast improvement in both mathematics and reading skills. The year-end measurements we do proved to be positive and reassuring that these first graders have had a successful year. Additionally, the growth they make from the beginning of the year to the end of the year in regards to self-management, independence, and time management is remarkable and always such a fun part of their learning, that I get to watch mature over the school year. It is never easy to say good-bye to a class full of young children whom you've spent a lot of time with each day, but I am always put at ease knowing that the hugs, smiles, laughter, and memories shared in first grade will be lifelong for them, which makes the transition a bit easier on a teacher's heart! I look forward to seeing the incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders next year and being a part of their learning journey as well.

This summer meals at no charge are available to all children and teens 1-18 years old. To find the nearest summer meal site, text "FOOD" to 877877 or call 1-866-348-6479



(1-866-3-HUNGRY) or visit [www.Summerfoodoregon.org](http://www.Summerfoodoregon.org)

## Fourth

The fourth grade class this year has had an awesome school year! Outside of all the things we have learned in reading, writing, science, social studies, and math; we have also had amazing experiences outside of the classroom. Our four day field trip across Oregon was full of learning experiences. They included a lava tube on Mt. St. Helens, the Astoria Column, Fort Stevens, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Oregon State Capitol, OMSI, and a jet boat ride on the Willamette river.

### Note from Mr. Johnson

It has been a true pleasure to be the Elementary Principal for the past four years. I have found the students to be enjoyable, funny and respectful. The parents to be realistic and supportive. The staff to of the highest quality I have worked with. I feel Union Elementary school is in "perfect hands," with Chris Dunlap as it principal for years to come.

Respectfully,  
Bill Johnson

## SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

Union SBHC will be open for mental health counseling all summer.

Jeff will be seeing clients on his usual days (Monday-Thursday), though his summer hours may vary slightly from his usual 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The SBHC summer hours will be on our front door and our outgoing phone message, and on the SBHC link located on the Union School District website.

Jeff will be accepting new clients all summer in addition to counseling his current students. We encourage parents/students to make an appointment to see him, though walk-in appointments are sometimes possible. Our phone is: 541-562-9418.

HAPPY  
SUMMER  
VACATION!