

# Schwarzkoﬀ

## SNIP ITS

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Dec:

- 3-7<sup>th</sup> Santa Shop
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bagel Day  
Chuck E Cheese 3-9
- 13<sup>th</sup> Holidaydance 6-8 PM
- 18<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visits the DIA
- 24<sup>th</sup> Winter Break

#### Jan:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Return to school
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bagel Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> No School
- 24<sup>th</sup> ½ Day 11:29
- 25<sup>th</sup> ½ Day 11:29  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Card Marking

#### Feb:

- 4-8<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> PJ's and Pancakes
- 13<sup>th</sup> Count Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bagel Day
- 17-21 Winter Break

#### Mar:

- 15<sup>th</sup> Bagel Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cougar Carnival

#### Apr:

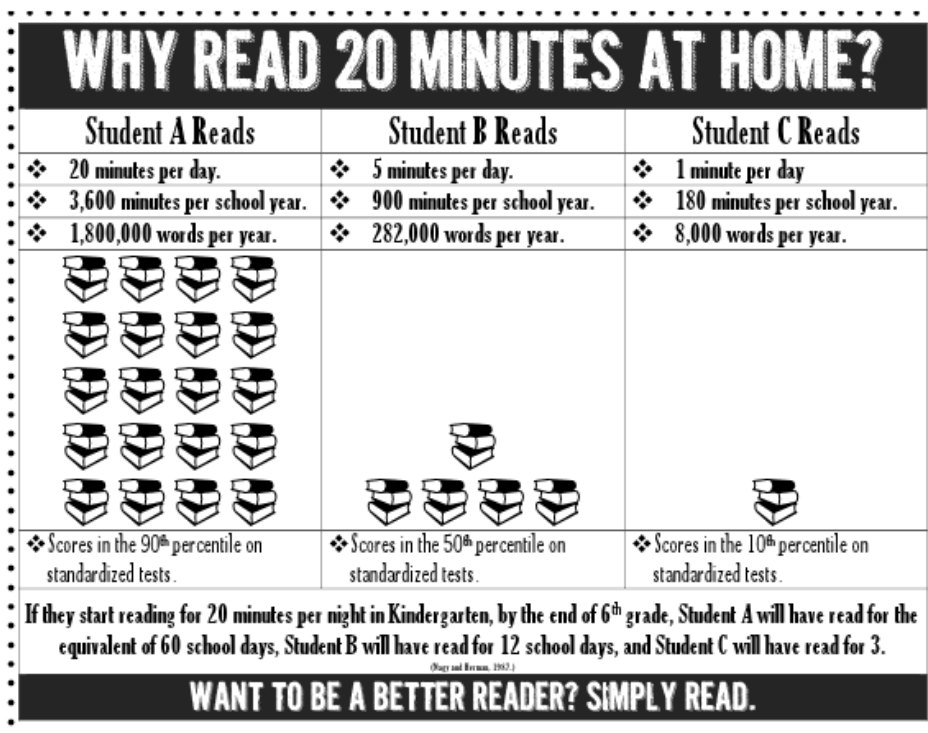
- 12<sup>th</sup> End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 19<sup>th</sup> No School

### Parent Survey

Thanks so much to the hundreds of parents who took time during parent teacher conferences to take the Schwarzkoﬀ PBIS Parent Survey. We gave out many golden PAWS as a student reward. We appreciate your feedback on our new program. We will use the feedback from the survey to improve our program.

### Take Home Reading Program

At this time, most classrooms have their take home reading program up and running. Our building wide expectation is students are reading at home for at least 15 minutes a day, 4 days a week. We provide your child with a leveled book to give them access to reading material at their instructional reading level. Setting aside time to read aloud with your student is critical to their long-term success. Here is a chart that shows the gains for students that read 20 minutes a day compared to students that read less.



Breakfast 8:05 – 8:25

Lunch 11:10 – 11:35 K

11:15 – 11:35 6th

11:20 – 11:40 3rd & AIM

11:35 – 11:55 4th

11:40 – 12:00 5th

11:45 – 12:05 1st

11:45 – 12:05 2nd

Recess 11:35 – 11:55 K

11:35 – 11:55 6th

11:40 – 12:00 3rd & AIM

11:55 – 12:15 4th

12:00 – 12:20 5th

12:05 – 12:25 1st

12:05 – 12:25 2nd

## PR.I.DE. (Positive Respect, Integrity, Dedicated Effort) PBIS Update



Our number of office referrals in November were way down from October with a total of 4 office referrals for the month. Our students also enjoyed our first PBIS reward assembly. Students were drawn randomly from PBIS rewards to participate in the assembly. The selected students completed in Minute to Win it Games with an Ultimate Challenge of Teachers versus Students to assemble giant puzzles of my face. In the end, the students won, and a great time was had by all. Students can look forward to PBIS Reward Assemblies to be held every month.



### All I Want for Christmas....

This Christmas, I am asking parents to consider giving your child gifts that will help them to grow creatively, academically, and socially. This time of the year, I often ask students, “What do you want for Christmas?” When a Cougar tells me, they asked for a board game, dolls, Legos, or other toys that inspire imaginative and cooperative play...it warms my heart. Too often my kids tell me they only get technology items for Christmas. A 2017 report released from PBS states, “Children ages 2 to 4 spend 2 hours and 40 minutes, and kids ages 5 to 8 spend nearly 3 hours (2:58) with screen media daily. About 35 percent of children's screen time is spent with a mobile device, compared to 4 percent in 2011”. In fact, [the American Academy of Pediatrics](#) credits play for its ability to build confidence, resilience and conflict resolution skills. Some [experts](#) feel a lack of play may result in childhood depression and anxiety.

Here are some great gifts to consider:

- Books (Series books, Junie B. Jones, Michigan Chillers, Diary of a Wimpy Kid)
- Card games (Uno, Skip Bo, Old Maid, Go Fish, Sequence, Pyramid)
- Board games (Clue, Shoots and Ladders, Trouble, Sorry, Monopoly, Hedbanz, Life)
- Dolls
- Action Figures
- Blocks of all types
- Art supplies
- Play-dough
- Hot wheels cars
- Nerf toys
- Sports games

### Coming Up

#### Apr:

26<sup>th</sup> Skating Party 5-7  
Daddy Daughter Dance

26<sup>th</sup> Bagel Day

#### May:

10<sup>th</sup> Muffins with Mom

17<sup>th</sup> Bagel Day  
Mother / Son  
@Jimmy Johns

31<sup>st</sup> Field Day

#### June:

4<sup>th</sup> Donuts with Dad

6<sup>th</sup> Field Day Rain Date

7<sup>th</sup> Safety and Service Squad  
Bowling

10<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Promotion

13<sup>th</sup> ½ Day

14<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion  
9:00

Last ½ Day School