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Cherrywood Acres Public School



Ten Tips: Helping Your Child Read Effectively

CHOOSING A BOOK

1. Too Easy. Ask your child to select a book and read. If two or three pages can be read without mistakes, ask the child to find a more difficult book to read.

2. Too Hard. If the child makes three mistakes per page, it may be too difficult and frustrating. Find an easier book for your child to read. HOWEVER, if the story and ideas seem very interesting to him/her, don't worry about the number of words not understood or recognized.

3. Just Right. Ask your child to read silently for several pages, then ask, "Please explain what you have just read," with the book closed. If your child can give you a brief idea of what the story is about, then he/she is reading and understanding the materials. If the child cannot understand or recall the story, then you know he/she has poor reading comprehension.

IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING

4. Reading For Understanding Children may be able to read the words, but often do not understand what the words mean. Helping them understand the world about them by talking to them about the things they see and use will improve their understanding of words. This may mean using difficult vocabulary and explaining what the words mean.

5. Improve Reading Understanding. Watching television and talking over the plot or talking about advertising, billboards and signs as you are driving down the street are ways of improving your child's reading comprehension. He/she will have a better understanding of what is heard, seen, and sensed.

HELPFUL TIPS

6. Make Reading Useful. Give your child tasks to do that are within his/her reading ability. Examples: reading the road map on trips, ordering from a menu, reading the directions for assembling a model, or reading advertising.

7. Reading To Children. Reading is not meaningful until the child wants to read. The child will want to read when he/she sees other family members acquiring useful information through reading. Reading to a child stimulates seeking more resources for reading.

8. Reading For A Purpose. There needs to be a reason for reading that is child-centered. Reading directions for model cars, airplanes, boats, doll houses, etc., recipes, "how-to" books, or repair manuals needs to go beyond just reading. The child must interpret what is read and then experience the results.

9. Develop Speaking Skills. Speaking in complete sentences to express ideas in a logical order is important too. Helping your child organize spoken ideas also helps him/her learn to read and write. Most children learn to tell others their ideas before they can read.

CAUTION:

10. Don't Go To Extremes. Reading, like speaking, is a tool that should be comfortable to use. It is a method used to transmit information and to transport yourself mentally, using words as images, to other times and places. Make reading fun. Read jokes. Read comedy. Read fiction and non-fiction. Read a variety of materials.

KIDS THAT READ ARE SURE TO SUCCEED!



District School Board of Niagara

March 2011

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Trivia Night
- ☺ Dig It The Musical
- ☺ Bingo
- ☺ School Council
- ☺ DSBN Roadrace

March Break Reminder

Just a reminder that March Break is during the week of March 14-18. We return to school March 21.

Lunch Connection

Don't forget Healthy Hot Lunches are available to order online at:

www.thelunchconnection.ca

News From Our School Council

If you have not been out to a School Council meeting yet, please join us at our regular meeting Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30pm. We will be discussing school parking issues.

DSBN ROAD RACE-Sunday, April 17th, 2011



DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines
Proceeds to benefit Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners
1km (10am) Fun Run and 5km (10:30am) Road Race for all ages

Barbecue & Family fun for participants

Prizes for top finishers in each age category of the road race

T-Shirts and participation ribbons for all who pre-register

School participation prize

Chip Time Results for 5km race

**For registration and more information please go to
www.efnonline.ca**

Changing Weather

We are now entering that time of year when weather is constantly changing. Please be sure to send your children with appropriate clothing for the weather that day. The temperatures, although rising are still quite cool. Please make sure your children still have their hats and mittens, so they can enjoy their time outside. It is also recommended, especially for our younger students, that parents be sure to send a dry change of clothes (including socks). Our playground is often wet and muddy as we approach spring. Children work best if they are comfortable and dry.



Please know that we are aware of the ice surrounding our school. We are doing our best to make sure that our sidewalks and walking areas are salted and clear. Please explain the dangers of playing on the ice to your children, avoiding any unnecessary falls.

Dig It Musical—May 11th and 12th

The students at Cherrywood are in full practice mode for our upcoming spring musical "DIG IT". The play is about two kids on an archeological dig where the oldest skeleton in the world was discovered. It was a three million year old skeleton that they called Lucy (this is actually true). Lucy then takes the two kids on a historic trip through ancient civilizations.

The musical has many different scenes and costume changes. If you have any of the following items and would like to donate them to us, it would be greatly appreciated. White sheets, long sleeve black turtle necks, black sweats or tights, Egyptian costumes.

Thank you for all your support! We hope to see you at the show!

Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Parents come and bring your friends to Cherrywood Acres 1st Annual Trivia Night. This event is a great way to help support our Arts program here at Cherrywood while having an amazing time. For only \$15 per adult (over 19 yrs. old only), you can enjoy a night of trivia and a silent auction. This will also include pizza and snacks and a cash bar.

Saturday, April 02, 2011

7:00pm—??

**Royal Canadian Legion
AC McCallum Branch 479
5603 Spring St.**

We have started to receive items for our silent auction, thank you to those of you who have donated already. We are still in need of more things. If you, or know anyone who could donate, a prize, gift card or item for the auction please bring it to the office.

For additional information, or any questions please contact the school office.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

Be sure to support our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. Students will be selling Chocolate bars for \$3.00 each. Proceeds will benefit our gym equipment.



DSBN Academy

DSBN Academy will be a Grade 6–12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to be the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

DSBN Academy Strategies for Success:

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Single track academic program
- Advisory program support
- After school "encore" programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation

Applications are due Thursday, March 10.

Please see your Principal for an application form.

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Questions? Contact Tom Reynolds,
DSBN Academy Program
Coordinator
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March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Day 1</i>	2 <i>Day 2</i> <i>Gr 7 D & T</i> <i>Parent Council</i> <i>6:30pm</i>	3 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Mad Science</i> <i>3:30</i>	4 <i>Day 4</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Connection</i>	5
6	7 <i>Day 5</i>	8 <i>Day 6</i>	9 <i>Day 7</i>	10 <i>Day 8</i> <i>Reusable Water</i> <i>Bottle Day</i> <i>Heritage Fair</i> <i>Gr 7&8</i>	11 <i>Day 9</i> <i>Beach Day</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Connection</i>	12  <i>Don't forget to put</i> <i>your clocks ahead</i> <i>1 hour</i>
13 <i>Daylight</i> <i>Savings Time</i> <i>Begins</i>	14 	15	16	17 	18	19
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MARCH BREAK						
20	21 <i>Day 10</i>	22 <i>Day 1</i> <i>World Water</i> <i>Day</i>	23 <i>Day 2</i> <i>Gr 7 D & T</i>	24 <i>Day 3</i>	25 <i>Day 4</i> <i>DSBN Earth Hour</i> <i>Participation</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Connection</i>	26
27 <i>Earth Hour</i> 	28 <i>Day 5</i>	29 <i>Day 6</i>	30 <i>Day 7</i>	31 <i>Day 8</i>	