
Tracy Times

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April Happenings at Tracy Elementary School!



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Edward Tracy Elementary School
Home of the **TRACY TIGERS**

News for our families:

- **Chorus Concert 5/5: Daytime Performance 9:30 and Evening Performance 7:00**
- **Early Dismissal 5/6 at 12:25**
- **Teacher In-Service 5/17**

artistic and literature abilities of our students. We feel Art and Library are an intricate component of a student's educational experience. Using the venue of these two disciplines,



Tracy Art Room News



Thank you to all that attended our Art and Literature Evening on Wednesday April 27th! We hope you enjoyed viewing all the creative talents that our students here at Tracy

School have shown throughout this school year. This year we combined the elements of Art and Library to showcase the



our students get a well-rounded view of the world around them, preparing them to be good citizens of the 21st Century.

Keep art and literature in your hearts!



PTA Book Trade



Tracy School had another successful PTA book trade on Friday April 15th! The students and staff had a blast looking through all the books



and choosing some for our collections! Thank you to our PTA!



Thank you!

Tracy School staff would like to thank all the parents who came to our Spring parent-teacher conferences in April! Your support is appreciated!



Music Notes

Our Spring chorus concert, “Tunes of the Times”, will be held Thursday May 5th! There will be 2 performances. The daytime performance will be at 9:30 in our auditorium and the evening performance will be at 7:00 in the auditorium. Students in 3rd and 4th grade chorus should arrive for the evening performance between 6:30 and 6:45! Good luck to our singers!



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Reading News: from Mrs. Pasquel



Practice Phonemic Awareness: “Phonemic awareness is not the same thing as phonics. Phonemic awareness deals with sounds in spoken words, whereas phonics involves the relationship between sounds and written symbols. Phonics deals with learning sound-spelling relationships and is associated with print. Most phonemic awareness tasks are purely oral.”

– Wiley Blevins in Phonics from A to Z: A Practical Guide

Phonemic Awareness is important because studies have shown:

- *It improves children' s word reading and comprehension

- *It helps with spelling

Activities:

- *Cut magazine pictures (commercial cards are also available-I' ve seen some at dollar stores) and match pictures that rhyme- a cat & a hat , a sign & a dime, a fish & a dish, etc.

- *Sing songs

- *Practice making rhymes “How many words can we think of that rhyme _____ with _____”

- *Play “I Spy” with beginning or ending sounds.

- *Create tongue twisters

- *Pick words (a child' s name/family names are a great start) and clap, snap, or tap out the sounds. For example -Bill /b/ , /i/ , /l/ Johnson is /j/ , /o/ , /n/ , /s/ , /o/ , /n/

- *Read Dr. Seuss or other authors that use rhymes. Read the story, then re-read the story leaving of some of the rhyming words-see if your child remembers them or can come up with one of their own.

