

Stewart Shuttle

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THE PRINCIPAL'S POSITION

It is amazing that we have reached the first semester to the school year. We have had such a wonderful start to the year. I have been very impressed at the support the community and parents have towards Stewart and the staff. I hope that we can continue this great partnership.

If you would like to be more connected at Stewart, we have an opportunity to get involved. Starting very soon, we will begin a junior Lego league for some third grade students. If you are interested in sponsoring/coaching this team, please email or give the office a call. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about the program.

I really appreciate the many volunteers behind the scenes. It is such a great feeling to have so many willing to work with kids throughout the school week. It takes teamwork to continue with the excellent traditions here at Stewart. I greatly appreciate the support you make towards your child's education.

Mr. Adam J. Miller
Stewart Elementary Principal



BUILDING STRONG MATH AND READING SKILLS



From the Title Team
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Here are some quick ideas to use at home to help build strong reading and math skills. Below is a list of reading activities and math websites to enjoy at home.

Preschoolers

- Read a bedtime story
- Read the same books over and over
- Give your child markers or paper and pencils and encourage "writing"
- Give your child a chalkboard and chalk
- Write messages to your child
- Label your child's possessions
- Put magnetic letters on the refrigerator

5 & 6 Year Olds

- You read to me and I'll read to you
- Fill in the blanks. Read poetry and verses that rhyme. Stop before the end of the line, having your child fill in the missing word
- Play sound games. A simple starter is "Riddle, riddle, ree. I see something you don't see and it starts with T."
- Create a newspaper
- Write a wish list
- Make a calendar and note events
- Write a fill-in-the-blank story
- Start a memory box
- Cook from a book

7 & 8 Year Olds

- Write a book about something real or imagined
- Keep a journal
- Write a thank-you letter
- Write your own cards
- Keep score at sports events
- Start a scrapbook
- Explore your family's letters and albums

9 & 10 Year Old

- Read riddles
- Play thinking games
- Work on projects
- Support scout activities
- Create a camera story
- Write a text for wordless books

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11 & 12 Year Olds

- Put a book in your child's room
- Tell about a book you enjoyed
- Start your child on a new book series (ex. Henry and Mudge, Magic Tree House)
- Share newspaper articles
- Keep a journal
- Discuss materials read

Math Websites

<http://www.aaamath.com>

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com>

<http://www.funbrain.com>

<http://www.funschool.com>

<http://www.primarygames.com>

Click on "Math"

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Winter is fast approaching and with winter comes cold and flu season. Good hand washing is your best defense against illness this winter. Along with good hand washing, it is also important to cover your cough and sneeze and stay home when you are sick. Especially if you are running a fever, you need to stay home, as you are most contagious when you have a fever. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school; this is without the help of any fever reducing agent, such as Tylenol or Motrin.

It is also extra important to eat healthy, get enough sleep, and exercise regularly during the winter months to keep your immunities at their best.

Getting a flu shot is also a very important part of keeping you healthy this winter. You can contact Washington County Public Health at 653-7758 or contact your family doctor. If you have any questions or concerns, as always, feel free to call me at 653-3244.

Shelly Hoffman, School Nurse



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

My name is Amy Greiner and I am married to Brant Greiner. We have 3 kids; Sarah (Freshman), Jenah (5th), and Collin (4th). This is my first year as secretary at Stewart Elementary. Last year, I was in the Media Center at Lincoln Elementary. I am enjoying my new position and find it fun that I work at the same school as my mom, Barb Bartholomew in the kitchen, and that there are two Amy Greiner's working in the building. Our family enjoys boating, camping, and tractor pulling. I am a leader of the Prairie Pride 4-H club. I love seeing all of the kids each day when I scan breakfast and lunch, and as they come in and visit the office.

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Monday, Nov 14th –
Stewart Booster Meeting @ 5:30

Wednesday, Nov 16th –
1:10 dismissal; Professional Development
Report Cards Sent Home

Thursday, Nov 17th –
Family Fun Night; 5:00 – 6:30

Thursday, Nov 23rd –
Thanksgiving Break 2:20 Dismissal

Friday, Nov 24th-25th –
Thanksgiving Break; No School

Monday, Nov 28th –
Teacher Conference Comp Day; No School

Wednesday, Nov 30th –
1:10 dismissal; Professional Development