

HOPE Community Academy

Parent Bulletin

February

Library News: Library News for Parents

Start a library at home for your children and show them how important books are. Having books of their own in a special place makes it more likely that your children will want to read even more. Here are some ideas for creating your own library at home.

- Look for books at book store sales, garage sales, flea markets, used book stores, and sales at your local library
- Exchange books with friends and family
- Encourage family and friends to give books as gifts for birthdays, holidays, and other celebrations

And once you have a library started you need a place to keep it. A cardboard box or small wooden packing crate that you can decorate together might make a good bookcase. Pick a special place for your children's books so that they know where to look for them - in a cozy corner of a bedroom or anyplace that is quiet.

Help your children to arrange their books in some order - favorite books, books about animals, or holiday books. Use whatever method will help them easily find the book they are looking for.

Borrow books from your local library. Go to the children's section and spend time with your children reading and selecting books to take home and put in their special spot.

When collecting and reading books are a part of family life, you send your child a message that books are important, enjoyable, and full of new things to learn!

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, February 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in HOPE's conference room.

Upcoming Events:

Tax Information Night	Thursday, February 2, 2012	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Kindergarten Round Up	Thursday, February 16, 2012	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Family Night	Thursday, February 23, 2012	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Fieldtrips:

Kindergarten	Maplewood Nature Center	February 24, 2012
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There are two different groups of kindergarteners going on this fieldtrip. The first group will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 10:45 a.m. The second group will leave at 11:00 a.m. and return at 12:45 p.m.

Middle School	Mill City Museum	February 24, 2012	9:10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
4 th Grade	MN History Center	February 28, 2012	9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Winter Weather: We want to remind ALL parents that students go outside daily and it is VERY important that your children are dressed accordingly with hats, gloves, warm jackets, snow pants and scarves. Students will only stay inside if temperature or wind chill is below zero.