



HILDALE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Reading Corner

3 Ideas for Reading Outdoors

1. Set the stage: Create a comfy reading nook outside wherever you are, whether it's at the park, the beach, or your own back yard. Yoga mats add a bit of cushioning and protection if the grass is wet. Add pillows, towels or blankets to really make it cozy. Bring out a camping tent or even a toy tent to protect everyone from the sun and make it a special reading hideout.
2. Have an outdoor bag ready: You never know when the urge to explore outside will hit, so make sure you have a designated "outdoor bag" with all the essentials packed for a few hours of fresh-air fun. Make sure your outdoor bag is filled with snacks, a flashlight (for evening reading or reading inside the tent), suntan lotion, and sunglasses and hats, in addition to a stack of your kids' favorite books, magazines, or graphic novels.
3. Encourage activities spurred by the books: Reluctant readers may need to find the right subject about the great outdoors to inspire them. Read books about gardening and put into practice what your kids learn by starting your own garden. Summertime brings with it plenty of bugs, which may thrill or scare your children. A book that tells them all about the different types of bugs and how they live and survive ties into the great outdoors nicely. The book *A Stick Is an Excellent Thing*, by Marilyn Singer, sets the tone for outdoor fun in poem form.



PIO Information

April 4th - Hat Day; Hornet Store Closeout
April 9th - Top Kid Lunch
April 18th - Hornet Night



Important Dates for April

- 7th: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 9th: Kids for Christ 7:45 a.m.
- 15th OCCT Testing Begins
- 23rd: Kids for Christ 7:45 a.m.
- 25th - No School

OCCT TESTING TIME

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over! OCCT Testing is upon us!!

Here are a few things you can do to ensure your student is ready for the big test day.

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a good, healthy breakfast
- Dress in layers
- Be at school early

