## Hilldale Elementary March Newsletter

## Important School Dates in March

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>: Read Across America

5<sup>th</sup>: Kids for Christ 9<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Savings

10th: Book Fair Starts; 5th grade goes to Biz Town

11<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade goes to Biz Town 14<sup>th</sup>: Spring/Group/Class Pictures

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>: Spring Break 26<sup>th</sup>: Kids for Christ



One of the biggest challenges parents face is knowing how to be caring and supportive of children—yet still have good discipline. With today's busy lifestyles, parents often have less time to spend with children than they would like. Sometimes it seems easier to just let children do what they want. But children lack adult experience and judgement. They need behavior boundaries. They need someone to look to for strength, protection and guidance.

The key is to remember that you are the adult, and you are in charge. You have the maturity. You have the experience. Children don't. Only an adult can establish the limits of acceptable behavior in your household. With loving firmness and authority you must establish the rules and enforce them.

Spring Break is the week of March  $17^{th} - 21^{st}$ . Only a fraction of what your children learns comes from their time in the classroom. Home and community activities help children grow, and reinforce concepts they are learning in school. Here are some everyday tips you might try:

- **Get the library habit.** Libraries hold a world of information. Try going once a week.
- Help with hobbies. They are a great way to expand your children's learning.
- Make it a game. Once a week, play a board or word game together.
- **Be on the lookout.** Watch for local fairs and community events to attend as a family.
- Take walks together. Discuss what you see along the way.
- **Spend one-on-one time.** Kids need both "quality" and "quantity" time. But, there's nothing like spending time alone with a parent to make a child feel special. Every week, make an appointment to spend some time alone with each child. Get out your calendar and write it down. Then treat that appointment as seriously as you would an important business meeting.



## The PTO Book Fair Is Coming!!!

This event is held each year in our library and is a great way to get new books for your students, their classrooms, and the library. We hope to see you there!

## <u>Reminders</u>

Transportation Changes – Transportation Changes are not accepted after 2:00 p.m. Please leave a message for Ms. Erin or Ms. Lyndsey prior to 2:00 p.m. so we can ensure that your Child is aware of any transportation changes.



PTO Information



PTO Meeting - 5th @ 4:00 p.m. Hat Day - 7<sup>th</sup> PTO Book Fair - March 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>