



Howard's Herald

February 2020

"REACHING FOR SUCCESS"

FOX MEADOWS TIDBITS

SKILL OF THE MONTH: MATH

Our skill of the month is asking and answering questions. Asking questions creates conditions for student conversations where students are encouraged to talk about their thinking. Students will talk about and ask questions about their thoughts in order to clarify and improve their own mathematical understanding. Teachers will use various strategies to help students master the skill. For example, teachers will use math games to check for students understanding. Equity sticks can be used to assure that all students are learning. Technology, textbooks, small group instruction, etc. can also be used. For ways to help your child ask and answer questions to master skills contact your child's math teacher.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the 32 students who have perfect attendance and never been tardy to school. They received certificates and prizes. Their names will be placed in a drawing for a GameStop gift card on Friday, February 14, 2020. They must be at school to win the gift card.

We want to increase our attendance rate at Fox Meadows School. We have a 92% attendance rate. Please make sure your child comes to school every day and on time.

WINNING and RISING SATURDAY SCHOOL

Our first Saturday School was held on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Thirty students in grades 3-5 attended. Students will receive a lite breakfast, ELA and Math instruction, and lunch. If you are interested in your child attending contact the school to complete an application. The school and meals are free.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Word for the Month – Tolerance

Ms. M. Beamon – Professional School Counselor

Helping Our Children Become More Tolerant of Others:

1. **Promote openness and respect by demonstrating empathy and compassion through your words and actions.** Besides not letting your child bully or tease someone else, be careful what you say yourself.
2. **Encourage self-confidence.** A child who is confident about him/herself will be more likely to embrace differences and see the value in others.
3. **Give them experiences with diverse populations.** Sign your child up for summer camp, a workshop, or child care with a diverse group of kids.
4. **Talk about differences respectfully.** Talk about the differences among your family and friends (hair color, skin color, personal likes and dislikes), and use the opportunity to talk about how it's good that people are different.

Book on Tolerance

We're Different, We're the Same (Sesame Street)
by Bobbi Kates

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Feb. 13 th | Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 14 th | Valentine's Day Parties
½ day for students |
| Feb. 17 th | President's Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL |
| Feb. 20 th | Beautiful BEES Fashion Show |

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"it's great to be great, but it's greater to be human."

(Will Rogers)