



Cushing Community School and Lura Libby School

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Reading Matters - Trish Mellor, Title I Reading

With a new school year underway, you have the opportunity to support and to help in building your child's reading skills. Here are some suggestions that you can incorporate into your routine:

- Share what you have read.
- Make a weekly trip to our local library.
- While reading aloud, ask open-ended questions. (What did the girl do?)
- Re-read books, and let your child "read" back stories he/she has memorized.
- Have your child describe the illustrations.
- Play games that involve filling in words in sentences or rhymes.
- Provide writing materials to make homemade books.
- Record a book on tape/cd so that your child can read along.
- Encourage writing notes to friends and relatives.
- Have conversations. Through your example, your child learns to practice words.

Remember, keep learning fun. Attempting to teach a child to read too soon or at an early age, is not correlated with early reading, and it could be frustrating. Learning activities should appeal to your child's age level, attention span, and interest.

IMPORTANT DATES

LLS Family School Association Meeting 6:30 pm	10/1
Picture Day - CCS	10/4
Teachers' Workshop No Students	10/5
Columbus Day No School	10/8
Friends & Family of CCS Meeting 6:30 pm	10/9
School Board Meeting @ STG 6:30 pm	10/10

Fall Assessments

Students at both Lura Libby School and Cushing Community School have completed our District Fall Assessments, which, depending on grade level, include the Writing Assessment, Developmental Reading Assessment, Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing, literacy screening, and other pertinent screenings. The results of these assessments give teachers baseline information to help teachers plan instruction based on student and class educational needs. Your child's data will be shared with you during parent/teacher conference appointments.

Hannaford Receipts

When you purchase certain items at Hannaford and send the special receipts to school, we are able to redeem them for cash! Our schools are enrolled in the "Hannaford Helps Schools" program once again. The qualifying products are from the following participating companies: Heinz, Gortons, Clorox, Kelloggs, Welches, Ocean Spray, General Mills, Keebler, Scotties, Bayer, Bush's, Betty Crocker, Yoplait, Eggo, Ore Ida, and more. Visit www.hannaford.com for a detailed listing of products.



Have You....

Returned all the important papers that we need to support your child? Emergency card, computer/internet use form, *current* court documents and medication forms are important to the well being of your child!

French News

This year the World Languages program has expanded into the middle school. The program is now in full swing in all K-5 classes in our school district. Every class has two French classes weekly. The classes consist of songs, puppet shows, games, vocabulary drills, and stories. Beginning with Grade 3, the children have French notebooks. These older children are learning to read and write, as well as speak and listen.

We are very lucky to have another Fulbright Teaching Assistant with us this year. Her name is Diane Mahu, and she is from Paris, France. She will be here until June. She will teach each class of children weekly. Our children benefit greatly from regular exposure to a native speaker. They learn a good accent and colloquial - not antiquated - French. They also learn that people from other countries are interesting and kind. I encourage you to stop and introduce yourself to Diane when you see her.

The word for 'hello' in French is *bonjour*. If you ask your children how to pronounce *Diane* in French, you'll be all set to say, '*Bonjour Diane!*'