



Hotchkiss K-8 School
Weekly News Update
“Opening doors for endless possibilities.”
January 11, 2019



Principal’s Message

It’s good to be back and begin the new semester. I hope everyone had a great break and was able to make some great memories with their families and friends. As we begin this new semester it is our goal to build on the success we had the first semester. One of the best ways to succeed in life and give ourselves the best opportunities is reading daily. And it does matter how many minutes you read a day. Here is some information that was found in a study of how many minutes students read in a day. Students that read 20 minutes a day would read 3600 minutes during the school year. By the end of 6th grade that is equivalent to 60 whole school days. Students would hear on average 1.8 million words per year and were on target to score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Students that read 5 minutes a day would read 900 minutes in a school year. By the end of 6th grade that was only 12 whole school days. Students would hear on average 282,000 words per year and were on target to score in the 50th percentile on standardized tests. Students that read 1 minute a day would read on average 180 minutes in a school year and hear 8000 words per year. These students usually score in the 10th percentile on a standardized test. The 20 minutes a day your child reads will increase their vocabulary, expose them to different writing styles and author’s perspectives, increase their creativity and imagination and increase their overall knowledge. So please make this a goal in your household to have your child read at least 20 minutes a day. Better yet join them and read together.

Cold Weather Days

Brrr! It has been cold since we have been back to school and will probably continue to be this winter. Just a reminder that if the temperature is 20 degrees or above the students will be outside. Wind, snow and rain will also be considered in determining if students need to be outside. Please have your child dress appropriately. The past few days there has been different ranges of temperatures depending on what app or device you have. We have discussed this and we will be using our Atomic Clock in the office that has a temperature sensor outside of our building. This will be our standard and provide more consistency as to what the temperature and conditions are.

Report Cards

Beginning this quarter we will be emailing report cards. This is something new we are trying. They will be emailed today. If you need a hard copy or did not receive one please contact the office.

Calendar:

Tuesday, January 10
Thursday, January 12

Girls Basketball 7th & 8th Grade @ Gunnison- Games begin @ 4:00 pm
Girls Basketball 7th & 8th Grade vs. Delta- Games begin @ 4:00 pm
8th grade home; 7th grade away, bus at 3:00 p.m.

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