

Read!

Only Homework
Dec. 14-21 is for
students is to READ,
READ, and READ!

December 14-21, 2016



The Gifts of Reading!

Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School Celebrates Reading!

With a School Improvement focus on improving reading at FWES, we want to take time this last week of 2016 to celebrate reading and how the gift of learning to read opens many doors and provides all of us with opportunities to be life-long learners! The Gifts of Reading Events scheduled:

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Registered Volunteers
are invited to join
classrooms to read
during the following
times on Wednesday
December 21st:

K- 10:20-11:20am
1st- 2:00-3:00pm
2nd- 1:30-2:30pm
ID Mod I/II- 10:15-
11:15am
3rd- 10:15-11:15am
4th- 1:30-2:30pm
5th- 11:00am-12:00pm

Please notify your
child's teacher if you
plan on joining the
class for reading time.

- **Gift #1 For Students-** Building reading stamina is a gift we can give students that will assist them in completing End of Grade tests and prepare them for assignments in middle and high school that require extensive time and reading. Students will have increasing times to read self-selected materials each day during the literacy block time in the classroom: Wednesday- 30 min.; Thursday- 45 min; Friday- 60 min; Monday- 75min; Tuesday- 90 min; and Wednesday- 120 min. Reading times may include silent reading, reading with a partner, reading with a buddy in another class or hearing a read aloud from a teacher or guest reader. All teachers will also read while students read and specialists and other school staff will join classrooms to read or read favorite stories aloud throughout the week.
- **Gift #2 For Families-** Helping to develop the love of reading and how to use reading to learn is a gift for all learners. The *only* homework assigned K-5 will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts at home during this event. Students will complete a daily reading log and return it by 3:45pm on Tuesday, December 20th. K-2 home reading goal is 150 minutes and 3-5 home reading goal is 240 minutes over the entire event. Those students who meet the assigned goal and return their log form Tuesday will be entered into a drawing to win books to take home for the gift to continue over the winter break. There will be several winners from K-2 and from 3-5. School staff will also be logging in daily reading on a log for a staff drawing at the end of the week.
- **Gift #3 Read Together/Pajama Day- For Everyone!**- Adults modeling reading for students and creating a school/classroom climate where students are comfortable reading will gift to students the support needed to build their joy of reading a variety of materials. Wednesday December 21st will be Pajama Day as all classrooms read for 120 minutes! Students and staff may wear pajamas (within dress code guidelines) to school so they are comfortable for the 120 minutes of reading. Registered volunteers are invited to join classrooms during their Read Together times (listed to the left) to read- just pick out your best PJs to wear. Please notify your child's teacher if you plan to attend and let the teacher know if you want to read to the class or just come to model reading in the classroom while you enjoy your own reading time.