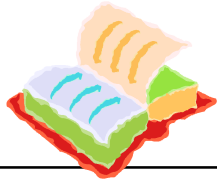


Happy September! Here we are again at the beginning of a new school year! The excitement of the children as they begin another year of learning is always fun to be a part of. Be sure and get involved with your child's school. Your children will be excited to know you have as much fun at school as they do.

Please read often to your children. Read alouds are a wonderful way to snuggle with your children and the more they hear you read, the better they will do as readers.

Each month you will receive a Title I newsletter. I try to give suggestions for books, websites and even a recipe of the month. Let me know if there is anything else that you would like to have in these newsletters.



**Upcoming School based family reading nights.** If your child attends one of these schools listed below, they will receive a flyer regarding the family reading night. The family reading night begins with a meal and continues with reading centers for the family. Every child that attends will receive a book for their home library. We look forward to seeing your family!

- September 18 ~ Brigham (1-3)
- September 25 ~ Fox Creek (No meal)
- September 30 ~ Fairview Kindergarten
- October 2 ~ Sugar Creek (No meal)
- October 7 ~ Parkside (No meal)
- October 9 ~ Pepper Ridge (1 & 2)
- October 23 ~ Oakdale (K & 1)

## Ideas for the month: Quick & Easy Recipes Foil Pack Taco Chicken

- 4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb)
- 4 tsp Taco seasoning mix
- ½ lb red potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced (about 2 cups)
- ½ cup salsa
- ¾ cup shredded cheese
- ¼ cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Sprinkle chicken with seasoning mix. Place ½ cup of the potatoes on center of each of 4 large sheets of heavy-duty foil, top evenly with chicken, salsa and cheese.

Bring up foil sides. Double fold top and both ends to seal each packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside. Place in 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking pan.

Bake 30-35 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Remove packets from oven. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut slits in foil to release steam before opening. Serve with sour cream.

To prevent potatoes from sticking to foil, spray foil with cooking spray before use.

Below are book ideas for the month. You can find these books (and more!) at one of the public libraries or even at your school library. Please take advantage of the libraries. Books make WONDERFUL presents!

Adventures of Riley South Pole Penguins by Amanda Lumry & Laura Hurwitz

When Dinosaurs Came With Everything by Elise Broach

Dogku by Andrew Clements

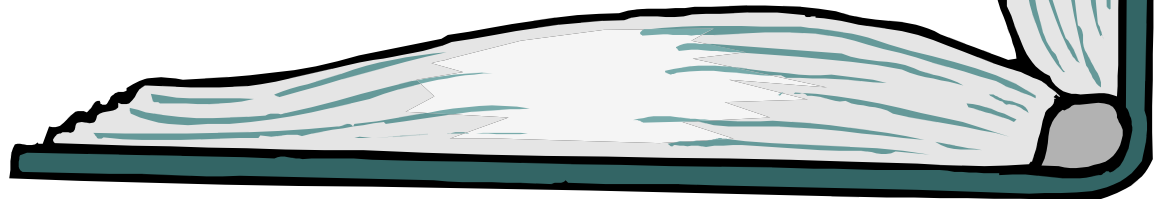
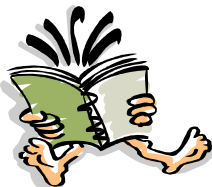
A Pocketful of Kisses by Audrey Penn

Will You Read to Me? by Denys Cazet

The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey

Judy Moody Gets Famous by Megan McDonald

This is a chapter book for a family read



## 10 Ways to Make Reading Fun for Your Child

- Read aloud together. Bring stories to life by using gestures and different voices for characters.
- Create a comfortable reading spot that your child helps to arrange and decorate.
- Make reading time special. Turn off the TV and limit other distractions.
- Provide reading related surprises. Let your child stay up a little late to finish a chapter or a book, or turn out the lights and let your child read by flashlight.
- Give books as gifts. Choose ones that you think your child will enjoy.
- Start a home library. Devote all or part of a bookshelf as a place where your child can keep books.
- Share some laughs. Take turns reading to each other from a book of jokes or a humorous story.
- Encourage everyone to read while waiting for appointment or riding in the car, or at other “down” times.
- If your child is interested in learning to do something new, have them find out more by reading about it.
- Share your excitement about books and reading. Talk about things you’ve read and why you enjoyed them.

### Website of the Month

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

This website offers books to read, games and parent information.

**Dial-A-Story** - Bloomington Public Library’s Dial-A-Story can be heard in either **English or Spanish**. The program works by calling 827-4636 on a touch tone phone. After the opening message, enter 1111 for English or 4444 for Spanish. Dial-A-Story is available 24 hours.

Attached please find the September Issue of Building Readers. There are many ideas to help you and your child.

### Idea For Family Conversation

From KidTalk Conversation Cards

Fish are animals that live in the water. They use their gills to extract oxygen from water to breathe. Fish swim by beating their tails from side to side, and use their fins for steering and balance. Archer fish catch insects by squirting water at them. Flying fish can glide through the air by stiffening their fins to act as wings!

What kind of fish would you like to be?  
Would you live in the ocean, a lake or a river?

Reading is the greatest single effort that the human mind undertakes, and one must do it as a child.

~ John Steinbeck

Have a wonderful September! Please read with and to your children and read as a family. Just 10 minutes a day will make such a difference! If you have any questions about Title I, please feel free to contact your child’s Title I teacher or Terri Daugherty, Title I Family Coordinator, at 452-0907 or [daughets@unit5.org](mailto:daughets@unit5.org).

