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## Witt Tiger Tales

### A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The last six weeks is here. At Witt, we are truly blessed that we have such wonderful, caring staff members and great parent support. We all work hard to help our students make the best decisions about schoolwork and positive character.

Parents, I truly appreciate your support in helping our children throughout the year. Please continue to expect the best from them! Homework, peer relationships, and good study habits will enable our students to continue on the road to success as they enter middle and high school. "We enter to learn; we leave to achieve."

TCAPS are just around the corner. Grades 3-5 begin April 17<sup>th</sup>. Our students are busy preparing for the tests. Parents can encourage daily study and review of subjects. State testing finishes on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Pay close attention to our calendar of events. Each week brings something exciting for everyone!

Our boys and girls are excited about their field trips and fun events.

Continue to encourage your children to READ, READ, and READ some more! We have surpassed our goal of 40,000 books, and we are on track to reach a school record. Keep up the good work!

We are still collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION. We've made about \$400.00 this year and have another box to mail in May. You can find the box tops on General Mills food items. Keep collecting over the summer and send them in when school starts again in August.

Thank you again for all you do to make this a great community school.

Sincerely,  
Paula Combs, Principal

Reminder-We are closed this Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember school is closed on May 2nd for the city election.

Field Days- May 4<sup>th</sup> Grade k-2  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 3-5

Awards Days-

May 15<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade 1:00

May 16<sup>th</sup>- k,1 8:30

May 16<sup>th</sup> - 2,3,4 10:00

## Pre-K News

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year. Next week, we will begin our end of the year assessment. This will take until the end of the year to complete. Your child will be assessed on the following skills:

- \*uppercase/lowercase letter recognition
- \*letter sounds (a-z)
- \*number recognition 0-20
- \*rote counting
- \*opposites
- \*rhyming
- \*personal information: address, full name, birthdate
- \*simple addition/subtraction
- \*role of author/illustrator in a book
- \*shapes
- \*color identification
- \*position words
- \*correct name writing (only use capital letter for first letter of name)
- \*season identification
- \*sight words: I, can, the, see, you, like

Thank you to all who have been using the Homework Tool Bag at home. This will have a positive effect on your child's assessment. Our Pre-K graduation will take place on May 17th @ 1:00 pm. We hope everyone will make plans to attend. Again, thank you for helping your child have a successful school year!

## First Grade News

Things are going really well in first grade. We have seen a lot of growth this year in reading, sentence writing, and comprehension. In reading, we have been integrating science and social studies activities within our reading units. Students have really enjoyed the hands-on activities. Please continue to have your child read nightly for 20 minutes. We want this to be a labor of love, so after they read their "required" stories from the red readers, let them self-select from their literacy packs, library books, or your own collection at home.

In math, we have been working on probability and fractions. Continue to practice math facts with your kids, but keep it fun! Also, can your child count backwards from 20 - 1? If not, work on this at home so students will be successful in subtraction.

Thanks for all you do to help us help your child grow!

## Kindergarten News

Important Dates to Remember!!!

- Kindergarten Farm Day-May 3  
Kindergarten, First and Second Field Day
- Reading Reward Park Field Trip--May 10-this is for students that met the six week reading goal 4 out of 5 six weeks.
- We will begin testing of the 100 sight words for our water balloon fight. Please let us know if you will volunteer to help fill the balloons. Keep practicing the Kindergarten sight words, color words and number words zero-twenty-five.
- The more words you know, the more balloons you get.
- Our Ninja Math Facts should be practiced every night. We are testing weekly. Several people are already on the set of 2's.
- Let's end this year with a bang!!!!

## Second Grade News

Wow! We have really been reading in second grade! Congratulations to all those boys and girls who met their reading goal for this six weeks! Encourage your child to read each night! This helps to build fluency and vocabulary. Plus, it's a great opportunity for you to spend some quality time with your child. Please be sure to check your child's folder each night. From now until the end of the year will be a very busy time. You don't want to miss anything so be sure to read everything that comes home! We look forward to seeing you soon at all the fun activities! Continue working on addition and subtraction facts at home. Also, please remember to practice counting money and telling time. Have a wonderful Easter!

## Third Grade News

We hope that everyone returned from Spring Break with a new and refreshing feeling. We are working very hard trying to cover all the third grade skills. We are also reviewing daily for the TN READY test.

Our Field Trip to WonderWorks is set for Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

.Please send in your money and permission slip as soon as possible.

Please study the multiplication facts and read with your child every night. Continue to check Friday folders for your child's work and other information. We would like to once again congratulate Alli Long and Elizabeth Thompson for becoming members of the Millionaire's Club in Accelerated Reading.

## News from Mrs. Killian

- Book Fair is Monday, April 17- Wednesday, 19th. It will close at 2:30 on Wednesday. All books are buy-one-get-one-free.

## Fourth Grade News

It is hard to believe that we have reached our final six weeks! Things do get a little more hectic with various special activities, but we are still learning necessary skills. We will continue to work hard, and we continue to hold high expectations for our 4th graders. We have some helpful tips for the upcoming two weeks as we begin our TN Ready testing. Please continue to make sure that your child is well-rested and has a good breakfast. Please make sure your child is at school and on time. It is very stressful on students to have to make up a test. Thanks for your support as we head for a strong finish to our fourth grade year!

## Fifth Grade News

It's hard to believe the end of the year is so close!!! We just wanted to remind you about a few important upcoming dates:

Field Day – May 9th (rain date is May 11<sup>th</sup>)

Fifth Grade Honors/Graduation – May 15<sup>th</sup>

Grade Card Day – May 19<sup>th</sup>

## From the Tiger Den:

Thank you to all of the Fitness Elite students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. All of you boys and girls did a great job.

Some special dates to remember. Field day for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and K will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Field day for 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. Rain date for both groups will be May 11th.

Mr. Wilder