




December 20, 2007 Pershing Comet News

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Dates to Remember...

- December 21, 2007 Classroom Winter Parties at 2:15
- No School, December 24, 2007 – January 2, 2008
- Next School Newsletter, January 3, 2008
- Come back to school, Thursday January 3, 2008



NO SCHOOL

Please remember there is no school
December 24, - January 2nd for
Winter Break

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR
PERMIT DEADLINE
January 4, 2008**

If your child is wanting to attend a school outside of your attendance area or a middle school outside your attendance area, you will need to apply for a permit for possible approval. Approval is done at the district level and is not guaranteed. Permits need to be done and in the district office by January 4, 2008. If you need the permit form, please contact the Pershing office.

Preparation for Middle School

Please note that if you would like for your child to attend a middle school that is not your neighborhood school, you will need to complete an Application for Special Attendance Permit and submit it to any school office by January 4, 2008. The permits are available in school offices.

Severe Weather and School Cancellations

The superintendent of schools is authorized by the Lincoln Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. Representatives of the superintendent's staff will notify local media when inclement weather warrants such action. The information is broadcast regularly by radio and television stations or can be obtained by calling the Lincoln Public Schools District Office at 436-1000.

Every attempt will be made to avoid closing schools once classes are in session. In some instances closing schools during the day is inevitable if children are to safely return home before the brunt of a major storm hits. In these rare cases, as much advance notice as possible will be given to parents. If schools close, a call will go to all LPS families and staff via the mass communication system, the notice will be broadcast by the media and parents should have a plan in place to accommodate these circumstances – where the child is to go and who will supervise the child in these cases are important to know in advance. Our office has your emergency plan on file. If you have not completed a plan, or your circumstances have changed, please call our office at 436-1160 to update the information.

Reading Aloud

"I always stumble because I read too fast." "I'm afraid my child won't listen to me." "I was laughed at when I read aloud at school."

Do you have worries like these when you read aloud? You're not alone. Many parents avoid reading aloud to their kids. However, reading aloud is one of the best ways to help your youngster succeed in school. Keep these tips in mind:

*Everybody makes mistakes. If you make mistakes when reading aloud, your child will learn that it's okay for her to do so, too.

*Practice makes perfect. Find a book that you like and read it aloud by yourself until you feel comfortable.

*Involve your youngster in the story. Have her turn the pages. Or, read one line and let her read the next.

*Take your time and don't rush the story. Your child can tell if you're in a hurry. Reading slowly will help you read clearly.

*As you feel more comfortable, try changing your voice to show the characters feelings – joy, sadness, fear. These variations can make the story more exciting for both of you!

*Remember that you are helping your child learn to enjoy reading. Try different types of reading materials, such as comic strips and poetry.

*Above all, try to relax and enjoy the time you're spending with your youngster.