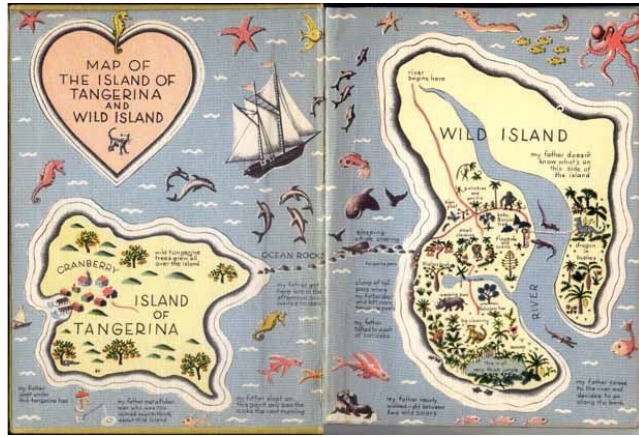




DENVER PLACE ELEMENTARY

*A place where everyone
is encouraged to
wonder and to think
IMAGINATIVELY!*



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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH FROM 4:00-7:30 PM

Call the office at 382-2380 to get in touch with your child's teacher about making an appointment for a conference. Teachers will also be sending home invitations to individual families that they would like to meet with as well. Time is limited on this day, so make your appointment early. If needed, teachers can make arrangements to meet with you at another more convenient time. Teachers will try to meet with as many families as they can. Your partnership in education is so important to your child's success!

Success Assembly Times January 17th!

Grades 2/3
9:30 am

Kindergarten
& 1st Graders
10:30 am

Grades 4/5
2:45 pm



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JANUARY 2017

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**We collect BOX
TOPS &
CAMPBELL'S
SOUP LABELS!**

POSITIVE BEE-HAVIOR SUPPORTS

When students return to school on January 4th, they will review their classroom rules and expectations with their classroom teachers. In addition, they will meet with the Principal, Mrs. Long, and Dean of Students, Mrs. Rethmel, to review aspects of our 3 school-wide expectations -

1. **BE SAFE**
2. **BE RESPONSIBLE**
3. **BE RESPECTFUL**

Please talk with your Denver Place student about what it means to be safe, responsible and respectful throughout the school environment - from the bus stop, the bus ride, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, recess, and in their classroom.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

January - Sign up for Parent/Family Teacher Conferences!

- 4 Students Return to School after Winter Break
- 5 Begin Reading My Father's Dragon
- 12 Parent/Family Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
- 13 Report Cards Sent Home
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- 17 Success Assembly
- 23 Unique Week Starts!
- 26 Family Fun Reading Night 6pm
- 31 Student of the Month Lunch
- 31 Monthly Behavior Incentive



February

- 2 PTO Skate Night (Washington Court House)
- 3 Late Arrival Day for Students 11am
- 3 Interim Reports Home
- 8 2nd Grade Wax Museum
- 15 Presidents' Day (No School)

THANK YOU



...DENVER FAMILIES AND PTO FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING TREE DONATIONS IN

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DECEMBER! DENVER TEACHERS ARE GRATEFUL!

ODE AIR ASSESSMENT DATES

The state of Ohio requires the following assessments for students -

- ★ Students in grade 3 take a reading/writing and math assessment
- ★ Students in grade 4 take a reading/writing, math and social studies assessment
- ★ Students in grade 5 take a reading/writing, math and science assessment

Each assessment is online and takes place during 2-90 minute sessions on 2 different days. Denver Place 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will take these assessments on the following days. Please mark your calendars at home!

If you have questions, ask!

March 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 20 | 21 3rd ELA- AM 4th ELA-PM | 22 5th ELA- AM 4th ELA-PM | 23 3rd ELA- AM 5th ELA- PM | 24 |
| 27 Spring Break | 28 Spring Break | 29 Spring Break | 30 Spring Break | 31 Spring Break |

April 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|--|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| 3 | 4 MAKE-UPS | 5 MAKE-UPS | 6 MAKE-UPS | 7 MAKE-UPS |
| 10 MAKE-UPS | 11 MAKE-UPS | 12 MAKE-UPS | 13 MAKE-UPS | 14 No School |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 24 | 25 4th Social Studies- AM 5th Science - PM | 26 5th Science - AM 4th Social Studies- PM | 27 3rd Math- AM | 28 3rd Math-AM |

May 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 5th MATH-AM | 3 4th MATH-AM | 4 4th MATH - AM 5th MATH- PM | 5 Late Arrival |
| 8 MAKE-UPS | 9 MAKE-UPS | 10 MAKE-UPS | 11 MAKE-UPS | 12 |

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ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK

During the month of January, our school will be embarking on a special project, an all-school book club called One School, One Book. Every family will receive a copy of the same book – **My Father's Dragon** – and will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. I am personally asking you to make the time so that your family can participate in this special activity. Of course, participation in this One School, One Book™ program is completely optional and not required.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the One School, One Book program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff – will all be following along together.

Before winter break, your child received a copy of **My Father's Dragon** as a Christmas gift. Along with the book, your child received a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each night. In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so that your child can be included. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about the adventure of Elmer as described in the book!

One School, One Book is a novel program in that children of all grade levels will all be listening to their parents read the same book. Strange or daring as that may seem, it actually makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. We also believe that you can and should continue reading chapter books with your older children, even when they are able to read by themselves. We have selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, but will still captivate and stimulate older children. If there is any content in the book that you believe needs to be censored for your child, feel free to censor as you deem necessary.

I know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. I hope to talk with both you and your Denver Place reader sometime during the month of January about Elmer's grit and bravery as he seeks to free a dragon from the animals of Wild Island. "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." With your help, we can build a community of readers at our school.

We will celebrate the reading of this book on Thursday, January 26th at 6pm. The family fun event will include dinner, games, art activities, photos and more fun connected with the book. We hope that you will mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us!

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Reading Schedule for *My Father's Dragon*

After reading the story to your child continue to enjoy the story by talking about the book. Below are possible trivia questions or come up with your own. Enjoy and have fun reading with your child!

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Chapter</i> | <i>Trivia Questions</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Thursday, January 5th | Chapter 1 My Father Meets the Cat | 1. The narrator of the story tells a tale about his father. What is the father's name? 2. The cat tells Elmer that he used to be a traveler. Where did he go on his travels? |
| Friday, Saturday, Sunday | <i>This is a great time to catch up or read ahead if your calendar looks busy for next week!</i> | |
| Monday, January 9th | Chapter 2 My Father Runs Away | 1. On page 16 the cat describes the dragon. What does the dragon look like? 2. What did the islanders use the dragon for? 3. What did the cat promise the dragon? |
| Tuesday, January 10th | Chapter 3 My Father Finds the Island | 1. How did Elmer hide on the boat over to the Island of Tangerina? 2. How many tangerines did Elmer take off the tree he slept under? 3. It was hard to get over the line of rocks to Wild Island. Tell me about two problems that Elmer had crossing over the rocks. |
| Wednesday, January 11th | Chapter 4 My Father Finds the River | 1. Why does Elmer not give up when his journey is so hard? |
| Thursday, January 12th | Chapter 5 My Father Meets Some Tigers | 1. What did Elmer see that had 14 green eyes? 2. How did Elmer trick the tigers? |

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| Friday, Saturday, Sunday | <i>This is a great time to catch up on reading from the week!</i> | |
| Monday, January 16th | <i>Chapter 6 My Father Meets a Rhinoceros</i> | 1. Why did the rhinoceros weep? 2. How did Elmer help the rhino? |
| Tuesday, January 17th | <i>Chapter 7 My Father Meets a Lion</i> | 1. Elmer meets a lion that is yelling at himself. What is he so mad about? 2. What did Elmer have in his knapsack that helped the lion? |
| Wednesday, January 18th | <i>Chapter 8 My Father Meets a Gorilla</i> | 1. What are the names of the 6 monkeys that helped the gorilla? 2. Why did the monkeys need magnifying glasses? |
| Thursday, January 19th | <i>Chapter 9 My Father Makes a Bridge</i> | 1. Elmer made a bridge to get over the river to rescue the dragon. How did he make it? |
| Friday, January 20th | <i>Chapter 10 My Father Finds the Dragon</i> | 1. How did Elmer rescue the dragon? 2. What made them laugh so hard? 3. Where were they going next? |
| Saturday and Sunday | <i>This is a great time to catch up on reading from the week!</i> | |
| Monday, January 23th - Wednesday, January 25th | <i>Create a project to share and display at Family Night!</i> | Project ideas might include: diagrams, posters, videos, songs or any other creative idea your family comes up with! |
| Thursday, January 26th 6:00-7:30PM | <i>FAMILY NIGHT</i> <i>Your family project will be displayed!</i> | |

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Denver Place Elementary Family Reading Night

January 26th 6:00-7:30 PM

Join us for activities for the entire family to celebrate the book!



Dinner (soup
Crafts
Face Painting
Map Making
Games
Game Show
Prizes
FUN!



My Father's Dragon Family Reading Night
Please RSVP by January 19th
(only one RSVP needed per family)

Students' Names: _____

Total Number Attending (including students): _____

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