**Woodland Elementary School**

**December 2, 2015**

**Team Woodland =**

**Achieving excellence by leading for Tomorrow!**

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*Student Reading ROCKS logs are due tomorrow,*

*December 3rd.*

*And in the famous words of Eagle K’neagle:*

*“Let’s Read. Let’s Soar!”*

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**An Inspirational Thought:**

**Today’s readers = tomorrow’s leaders!**



**Our school-wide reading goal for this school year is to read 125,000,000 words by the end of May.**

**We can do it!**

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**Additional Dates of Interest ~**

1. ***Our School-wide Reading Blitz: This Friday, December 4th.*** *A fun-filled school day dedicated to literacy as we will read, read, read within our classrooms, read with our Reading Buddies, and celebrate with several Guest Readers. A special thanks to our Reading Committee for organizing this exciting Woodland day!*
2. *Woodland Book Fair in the Library: December 7 – 11th.*
3. *December PTA Meeting:* ***Tuesday, December 8th @ 6 PM.*** *Our K students will be performing. TY, Mrs. Evans, for leading this musical presentation with excellence! And TY, Mrs. Burgess, for showcasing our K students’ beautiful artwork throughout our hallways.*
4. *Grades 2 – 4 Second Quarter Checkpoint Testing: December 7 – 10th*
5. *Grades K & 1 Mid-Year DIBELS Reading and Math Assessments: we are completing now.*
6. *Early Dismissal: December 18th @ 11:30 AM*
7. *Winter Holiday: December 21st – January 4th*
8. *Regular school schedule: January 5th*
9. *Second Quarter Report Cards: January 6th*
10. *December Reading Rocks’ Logs are due: January 7th*
11. *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: School will be closed on January 18th.*

A message from the Principal

*Dear Woodland Families ~*

*December Greetings, everyone! It is hard to believe that Winter Break is just a few weeks away! A very special thanks to each of you, as parents, guardians, and/or grandparents for ALL that you continue to do at home for our precious Woodland students. As you probably know, we sincerely believe in the importance of a strong home & school partnership. ☺ It takes a village ~ and by working together, our children will continue to grow and excel at Woodland and beyond!*

*For our “Winter Giving Tree” this year, we are asking families who would like to do so ~ to donate a favorite children’s reading book. We will use these special books for additional reading selections throughout our school year. As you know, our students enjoy reading during our morning time in the forum for those students who arrive before 8 AM, and of course our bus riders enjoy reading as they await their afternoon buses. We love books at Woodland, and will certainly appreciate any children’s selection that you would like to share with us during this holiday season. Please place your selections underneath our beautiful Giving Tree located in the main foyer. A special thanks to Mr. Josh Reaves, our lead custodian, for positioning and decorating our lovely Giving Tree!*

*As always, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail should you have questions or concerns:* [reachk@jcschools.org](mailto:reachk@jcschools.org) *or 434.5267. We appreciate each of you ~ our Wonderful Woodland families!*

*With kindest regards,*

**Dr. Karen Reach**

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**Title 1 School News**

*Thanks to everyone who participated in November’s Family Reading Night. We always enjoy connecting with your families during these special Woodland evenings. A very special thanks to our Title I Planning Committee and Mrs. Beth Irwin for coordinating this fun-filled evening dedicated to literacy!*

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**Our Eagle’s Nest/Student Clothing Closet**

*Please let us know if your little ones are in need of clothing, coats, or shoes. We have several items within our Eagle’s Nest. Thanks to Mrs. Irwin, our Family School Coordinator, and our dedicated PTA parents & grandparents for organizing this special project at Woodland. You may contact Mrs. Irwin in our main office to schedule an appointment to visit our closet by calling 434.5267. Mrs. Irwin may also be reached through email @* [irwinb@jcschools.org](mailto:irwinb@jcschools.org)*.*

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**Woodland Leadership**

*A special thanks to our school counselor, Mrs. Mary Jacobs, for incorporating The Seven Habits of Happy Kids into our weekly guidance classes. Our students are learning to be wonderful Woodland leaders!*

*Those Seven Habits are:*

*Be proactive. Begin with the end in mind. Put first things first. Think Win-Win! Seek first to understand – then to be understood. Synergize. Sharpen the saw.*

*For more detailed information, you may reference:*

<http://www.theleaderinme.org/the-7-habits-for-kids>