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Greetings and welcome back to school! The John Dewey teachers and staff have been busy preparing for the 2018-19 school year and the arrival of our scholars. We are excited to see familiar faces as well as meet new scholars and families! Building relationships and providing a challenging and engaging education to our scholars will be a focus here at John Dewey. We are dedicated to creating a school where all stakeholders—teachers, administrators, parents and community members work together to create a rich learning environment for scholars. I can't emphasize enough the importance of a strong connection between home and school and I encourage all parents to make a personal connection with their child's teacher. Please take an active role in your child's education this year by doing the following:

- Check the book bag daily.
- Read to your child or have your child read to you every day.
- Provide a quiet and organized environment for your child to complete homework.
- Practice math facts daily for math fact fluency.
- Contact the classroom teacher whenever you have a question or concern.

If I can ever be of assistance, please call me at (216) 755-8743 or email Adrienne.Clotman@whcsd.org. It is through being a collaborative learning community with consistent, honest and open communication that I can best serve our scholars.

Educationally Yours,

Adrienne Clotman

Assistant Principal, John Dewey
"One Team, One Vision, One Goal"

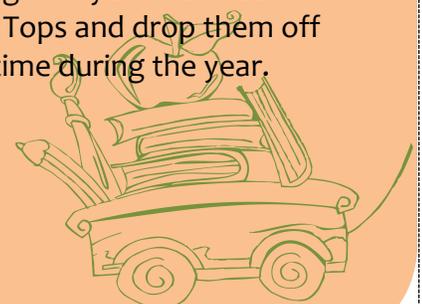
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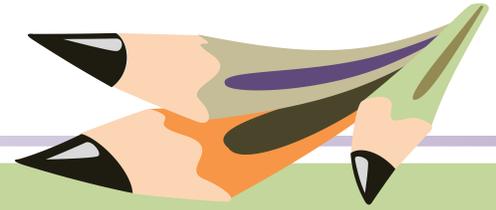
Ms. Reaves is the school counselor here at John Dewey who works with all scholars and families. As exciting as beginning a new school year can be for children, it can also be stressful as changes in schedules, teachers, and classmates occur. Below are just a few tips to help your child begin a successful school year:

- Share your ideas with your child about how and why school is important.
- Talk about positive experiences that you had in school.
- Mention special friends, teachers, class pets and activities that made school fun.
- Ask open-ended questions about school. These really give more information about how and what your child is doing! Some examples are "What was the best thing you did at school?" "Who did you enjoy talking to the most?" "What was the funniest thing someone said at lunch?"

Box Tops for Education:

The Box Tops for Education (BTFE) program is by far our most valuable redemption program. Simply cut out the Box Top symbol and send it to school. Some participating products include General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker baking mixes, Kleenex tissues, Juicy Juice, Ziploc bags, and Huggies diapers. Also keep an eye out for bonus Box Tops promotions at local grocery stores. Feel free to save all your Box Tops and drop them off in the office at any time during the year.





BUS RIDER SAFETY

As the big yellow buses begin rolling again, scholars should be reminded of safety precautions that are in place for their benefit. First, young children should be accompanied to the bus stop by parents or their designee. Secondly, scholars need to sit in the seat facing forward and refrain from moving around during the ride. Thirdly, scholars should use “inside voices” to keep the noise level low. The driver must be able to concentrate on safely maneuvering the bus. Lastly, excellent behavior is expected on the bus as it is an extension of school.

Bus drivers are special people and they deserve respect from scholars and parents. Encourage students to make every day a calm and safe one on the school bus.

STAYING HEALTHY

Wash your hands! Wash with warm water and soap before eating, after using the toilet, petting animals and before touching your eyes, nose or mouth. It’s the single most important thing we can do to stay healthy. Ask your doctor if he or she recommends the annual flu immunization for your child. If your child has reddened, crusty or gooey eyes, please see the doctor before coming to school. If he or she is sick with fever, aches, vomiting, diarrhea or a bad cough, please keep him or her home for 24 hours after these symptoms have stopped. If we all follow these guidelines, we will all be healthier!

RAISING READERS

Welcome to a new school year! Each newsletter will include information that will help you work with your child. This month’s focus is on **Reading Together with Your Child.**

It's easy and fun to encourage your school-age child's reading at home!

◆ Be a reader. Let your child see you reading. Show that reading is enjoyable and useful for adults.

◆ Read with your children at all ages. Your child is never too old for reading together. Pick a book you both find interesting. Give praise when your child sounds out a word, corrects a mistake, and reads with expression. Explain new words and ideas to your child. Use a dictionary together. Say, “I’m not sure what that word means, let’s look it up.” Take turns reading pages or being the characters.

◆ Make reading meaningful. Connect what your child reads to his life. For example, if reading a book about a friend, relate the story to your child’s relationship with his friend at school or in the neighborhood. Ask open-ended questions such as “What do you think will happen next in the story?” or “How would you feel if that happened to you?” Make stories more interesting by using different voices for characters or acting out a favorite story together. Reread favorite books.

Important Dates to Remember

Monday - 8/27 - Open House – 6pm – 8pm

Monday - 9/3- Labor Day - NO SCHOOL for students and staff

Monday 9/17 - JD Parent Teacher Conferences - 4pm - 7pm

Friday 9/21 - PD for Staff - **No Students**

Friday 10/12 - NEOEA Day - NO SCHOOL

