

## Jackson Township Elementary

## News from the Principal's Desk

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## September

### Character Qualities

- Respect for Teacher
- Self-Control
- Patience
- Courteousness
- Citizenship

### Upcoming Events

September 17 - School Picture Day and Lions Club vision exams for K, 1, 3, and 5.

September 23— NO SCHOOL  
—Teacher In-service

September 24—Grade 5 VIP Day

October 4—JTE Jonah Fish Fry

October 10—Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 11—No School—  
Teacher In-service

October 14-18—Fall Break

## IReady Diagnostic Fall 2024

Hornets have completed taking the IReady Diagnostic Assessment this week. The information gained from this assessment helps to better guide direct instruction for students. The data we receive provides us with a pretty clear picture of strengths and weaknesses in reading and math.

Individual student reports are being sent home today with your child. Your child's report contains a Scale Score and a graph showing where the scale score is seated in relation to current grade level (green shading). Pay particular attention to the Overall Reading and Overall Math table on the right side of each report. This table shows performance level for each specific learning area called domains. Do not be alarmed if your child is performing below grade level as this is common this early in the school year. As previously stated, the data from this assessment helps us develop a plan to help accelerate your child's learning in these domains.

What can you do to help your child? Go over these reports with them. Explain to them that their teacher now has a better idea on how to help them learn. Encourage them to keep pushing themselves to learn and ask questions. Follow the guidance from the teacher. Set up a place and time where homework is to be completed and sit down with them to help. Celebrate successes!

Remember, it takes all of us to help your child be successful in school! Your child's teacher, instructional assistants, principal, and you are all on TEAM (insert your child's name), and we all are striving for success!

## Attendance Matters

If children do not have regular attendance in school, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills. A study in California found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade were far less likely to read proficiently by the end of third grade. As you know, being able to read proficiently by the end of third grade is the goal for every child in Indiana.

Regular attendance at the elementary level is dependent on parents. Building a sense of responsibility in our children is essential for their development and success in school and beyond. We have to lead by example and show them that school is important. We must make going to school a priority each and every day!

