

The Wildcat Word



February
Issue 6



Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events:

- ◆ **Feb. 4** - WriteScore Testing begins
- ◆ **Feb. 4** - CiCi's Pizza Night
- ◆ **Feb. 6** - Career Day
- ◆ **Feb. 11/12** - Winter Break
- ◆ **Feb. 14** - Progress Reports
- ◆ **March 4** - Picture Day
- ◆ **March 4** - CiCi's Night
- ◆ **March 8** - Teacher Work Day
- ◆ **March 10** - Daylight Saving Time
- ◆ **March 15** - Daddy/Daughter Dance



Pre-K: 2/25-3/1 at the school

Kindergarten: 2/25-3/15 at
Central Registration Office

Dear Allatoona Families,

We are well into second semester and it is a great time to remind everyone about the importance of good attendance and being ready to learn. Our current average daily attendance is 95%. I challenge you to increase that to 97% by the end of the school year.

Students were very busy with benchmark testing in December. Our percentage of students scoring at grade level or above in math increased from 14% to 41% and 23% of our students have already met their end of year Lexile goal! Although we have made tremendous growth, we still need your support at home. Check your child's folder each night for homework or suggestions from the teacher. Encourage him or her to do their best each day and ask for help whenever it's needed.

If you need any resources to assist your child at home, please visit our Parent Resource room and checkout all the materials we have available.

Let's finish this year strong!



**Thank you for donating your
Box Tops.**





Allatoona Elementary has a Parent Resource Room located in the media center. It is open daily from 7:30 – 3:30. Resources such as books, DVDs, and games are available for checkout. Come and take advantage of all these helpful resources.

- ◆ When sending in lunch money, please be sure to write your child's name on the bag or envelope.
- ◆ Transportation changes and early checkouts must be completed by 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Student must be in their class by 8:00 a.m. to avoid being tardy.
- ◆ School is dismissed at 2:30 p.m. each day.
- ◆ 'Tis the season for inclement weather. Please make sure we have up-to-date contact information to ensure you receive School Messenger alerts.



Math is no Mystery:

As a parent, you can help your child be a whiz at math, even if it wasn't your best subject.

- **Be positive about math.** Show confidence in your child's ability to do math. Don't stress either your own fear of math or how difficult math is or how much you admire anyone who can do math. Remember, everyone can and does use math all the time.
- **Show math at work in the real world.** Think out loud when making calculations. Then, let your children work out some real-life puzzles. For example:
 - Let them measure when you bake.
 - Ask them to figure out how long of a hose you need to reach from the faucet on the side of the house to the garden.
 - Let your child figure out how many miles you'll be driving on your next trip by using the information on a map.
 - Sort silverware by knives, forks, and spoons. Sort cards by suit or numbers.
- **Get Involved at School.** Talk to teachers. Teachers have materials that you can copy and ideas that you can use at home. Developing a relationship with the teacher will ensure you are more at ease with math and with the concepts your child is learning.

Allatoona's Parent Involvement Plan and Parent Compact are available at the school in our Parent Resource room and on the school website.