GRANADA GRIZZLY

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Principal's Message

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Reading aloud to your child is an important factor in academic achievement. Reading out loud to children, from a young age, improves listening comprehension and increases the enjoyment of reading. Studies show that children who are read to on a regular basis become better readers and that leads to becoming better students. So read aloud to your children, no matter what age. Encourage reading at home by setting aside a family reading time. Children follow models, so set a good example. Let your children see you reading for pleasure. Talk to them about what they are reading.

Parent conferences begin November 30. It is very important to maintain communication with your child's teacher. Please make sure to schedule a conference during this conference period.

10 Ways for Parents to Help Teachers

excerpt from article by Mimi Doe

1. **Give your child a hug before she ventures out the door and you head to work. Look her in the eye and tell her how proud you are of her.**
2. **Create a predictable ritual such as 10-20 minutes listening to your child talk about his day.**
3. **Fill your child's lunchbox with healthy snacks and lunches. Have dinner at a reasonable hour and a healthy breakfast.**
4. **Maintain a schedule that allows them to go to school rested..**
5. **Create a specific homework space that's clutter free and quiet. Encourage editing and double check work, but allow your kids to make mistakes.**
6. **Fill your child's life with a love for learning by showing him your own curiosity, respecting his questions and encouraging his efforts.**
7. **Fill your home with books to read, books simply to look at. The public or school library is an excellent source.**
8. **Be a partner with your child's teacher.**
9. **Set up a system where routine items are easily located. Create a central calendar for upcoming events to avoid the unexpected.**
10. **Tuck a love note in your child's lunch bag to let her know how special she is.**

Important Dates

Minimum Day/Halloween Parade…..October 31
Banked Days/Early Out……November 1,8,15, 22,29
Election Day…..……..……November 8
Grizzly Awards Assembly……November 16
Veteran's Day/No School……November 11
PTA Meeting……November 15
Thanksgiving Holiday……November 24-25
Parent Conferences……..November 30 to December2
Shortened Day@1;55……November 30
Minimum Day@12:32.....December 1
Minimum Day @12:32……December 2

Granada Helps Victims of Hurricane

The Granada Community raised a total of $7535.00 for victims of the Gulf Coast Hurricanes. Way to go Granada!!!!!

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Norm Day

As of October 7, we had enough enrollment to only lose one teacher. Unfortunately, Javier Martinez left the school. But he was able to find a new position at the new middle school in Van Nuys. Mrs. Lee and Mrs.Villarreal have moved to fifth grade. We reduced the number of second grade classes to three. We also have a new, temporary teacher in Kindergarten, Ms. Carine

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