



### A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

November is traditionally a time of thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy. At Lehi Elementary, **we are very thankful for the outstanding teachers and staff** we have who spend countless hours preparing for and teaching your children. They have done an outstanding job getting this school year off to a great start. We are **thankful for a dedicated PTA and volunteer staff** who are involved in organizing activities for our school and your children. We are indeed blessed because of the efforts of so many. **THANK YOU ALL!!**

### THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

Two weeks ago, you had a chance to visit with teachers at parent conferences. They shared with you a current progress report on your child's performance thus far in school. There is a direct relationship between grades and student attendance. As we try to teach the core curriculum, much of what your child does in math and reading is done in class under the direction of the teacher. Your child often works one-on-one with the teacher or in a small group with other students as they learn. Many things they do involve materials or manipulatives in the classroom that enhance the learning process. It is very difficult for children to make up what they miss when they are late or not in school. We understand children being ill and appreciate your keeping them home when they are too sick to attend school. We are also appreciative of parents who encourage regular attendance and make the extra effort to see that their children are at school on time. It does pay off for your child!

### FOR THE LOVE OF READING

What's the best way to create a lifelong reader? It's free, it's fun, and it will bring you and your child closer. *Answer: Reading together!*

Find a time each day when you and your youngster can get cozy and enjoy a good book.

Take the quiz below to see how much you encourage your child to participate as you read. Give yourself 5 points for something you do often, zero points for something you never do—or any score in between.

- \_\_\_ 1. I ask my child questions about the story as I read.
- \_\_\_ 2. I encourage my child to point out and name what s/he sees in a picture book.
- \_\_\_ 3. I ask my child what s/he thinks will happen next in the story.
- \_\_\_ 4. I encourage my child to repeat the rhymes and refrains we read.
- \_\_\_ 5. I read the same stories again and again. As my child memorizes the story, I let him/her pretend to read the pages.

#### HOW DID YOU SCORE?

*A score of 20 points and above means you're encouraging a good amount of participation. Fifteen to 19 is average. Below 15? Try some of the ideas in the quiz to encourage your child's language development.*

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 7<sup>th</sup>: Reflections Assemblies for Students
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Remember to VOTE
- 8<sup>th</sup>: School Community Council Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Lehi PTA Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Dads and Donuts for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 18<sup>th</sup>: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: No School – Teacher Comp Day
- 24<sup>th</sup>: No School – Happy Thanksgiving
- 25<sup>th</sup>: No School

### THOUGHT FOR NOVEMBER

*Elizabeth Dole said: "But let us never forget that the true heroes of our society are not found on the movie screen or football field. They are to be found in our classroom"*