



## Daniels Run PTA Meeting Minutes November 11, 2020

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Call Meeting to Order- 7:03pm
- III. Principal's Report and Q&A- Mr. Smith - Kindergarten is crunched for time. 1st and 2nd grade are pushed back so communication about asynchronous days will come soon
- IV. Kindergarten Team Report- Classes headed back in the building, new classes will be meeting for the first time virtually thursday and friday the 12th & 13th  
Share about what reading and writing look like in kindergarten to help relate to the speaker later in the meeting.  
Our readers are all at different levels. We want to build on their love for reading.  
We read a few different types of ways. Guided Reading- small groups with the teacher so the teacher can work more closely with teacher and teacher can work off of where they are at.  
Lots of read alouds happen throughout the day for enjoyment and fun and building the love of reading, foster a love of books  
We do alot of shared reading, morning messages, reading poems, these times are interactive and powerful to engage them in early reading skills and strengthen their skills.  
We can't stress enough that reading every day with your child will help them so much. They will begin to mirror that behavior. Reading to your child will help them hear our fluid reading should sound.  
Getting them to choose and finding out their interests will help them love reading even more because they are including in choosing what they read.  
Talking and having conversations about books with them to cultivate more thoughts on the book, making predictions, building commentary, and learn to process stories.  
  
Writing is important and more than just writing on a page. Drawing is a powerful and important piece of their writing. Oral sharing helps them understand how stories work. Help them learn that there is a purpose in writing, to communicate our ideas with other people. We make lists, cards, how to's, signs.  
We want to encourage students right where they are at. All writers will be at a different place. Writing is a process. There are multiple stages of writing. We want children to take risks in their writing and learn from their mistakes. Instead of helping them spell every word we encourage them to continue to take risks in their writing so that it will help them in the long run.  
Supporting at home, encourages independence and confidence. Example- help make grocery list. They can write a letter to someone to help their writing skills as well. Encourage them to keep a journal.  
  
Use different tools in writing. Markers are great but there is alot more. Calk, crayons, paint all help writing and fine motor skills.

V. Reports of Officers

A. Secretary- Beth Brixius

1. Membership Report- 153 members
2. Directory- up and running

B. Treasurer- Nisha Shendrikar

1. Budget Update- made payment for family fun night, and added some membership monies. No major changes since the last meeting

C. VP Fundraising- Amit Hickman

1. Family Fun Night- virtual event, working with Main stages on Friday November 13th from 7-8pm. Trivia night- please feel free to RSVP on our website
2. Chipotle Dining for Dollars- successfully raised \$75
3. Spirit Wear - will remain open and is doing well, we can add items if you would like anything added, please reach out!
4. December Dining for Dollars- MOD Pizza Kamp Washington December 3rd

D. President- Lacey O'Donnell

1. Bylaws Update- review updates, they are posted on our website and let us know
2. Board Vacancy- VP of membership board position is available, please reach out if you are interested [drepresident@gmail.com](mailto:drepresident@gmail.com)
3. Next Parent Book Club Book- we will have another one advertised for February soon!
4. Thank Yous - Parent Book Club from October with our wonderful moderator, Ms. Yi. Thank you Bylaws Committee, Thank you to those who helped with the Pumpkin Drive Thru

VII. Meeting Adjournment- 7:32pm

Presentation by FCPS Early Childhood Specialist (focusing on language arts) - Nicole Ball  
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Previously a reading specialist, kindergarten is my passion and I moved into this new office.

**What comes to mind when you think of literacy?**

Literacy is so much more than reading and writing

**Oral Language** in literacy- vocabulary/listening comprehension

Oral language is the foundation for success in literacy

**Alphabetic Code**- phonological/phonemic awareness/alphabet knowledge/ writing invented spelling

**Print knowledge**- environmental print/ how books and print work - can you hold a book, go left to right

How can parents **support literacy at home** with their child during this year when parents are so much more involved

Oral language reinforcement- talking ,reading and telling stories, play, ask questions that require more than one word responses, expand their answers by asking follow up questions. Playing games in the car when you have their attention

Supporting alphabetic code:

Encourage independence, outdoor play, art, talking about words and sounds, hands on opportunities to work and play with letters

Playing with language by rhyming and singing

A strong foundation helps them build upon and grow a better love for language and how to use it

### **Supporting print knowledge**

Talk about the story

Writing

Reading print that you see all around you in life, even when not at home

Playing games- helps build sequence in children, that same concept will transfer over to their literacy

Are there any questions?-

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or what's working for you so that we can work together and continue to help literacy

### Future Dates

November 13 Family Fun Night Online 7pm

December 3 Dining for Dollars at MOD Pizza- December 3rd

December 8 PTA Meeting 7pm