



Northwest News

January 18, 2012

Parking/Drop-Off

A reminder to all parents and family members:

Please utilize the student drop-off and pick-up lanes appropriately at all times. **Do not drive or park your car in the bus travel lanes**, or in the designated Handicap spaces, unless you are legally allowed to do so. Thank you for your assistance and patience!



Upcoming Events

January 25 – Kindergarten & Grade 1 travel to the

Paramount Theatre to see “Are You My Mother?”

January 27 – Progress Reports go home

January 27 – STAR Bowling Trip

February 3 – Giraffe & Attendance Assembly

February 20-24 – Winter Vacation

Feb 27 -March 2nd – Dr. Seuss Week

March 14 & 15 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 16 – No school for students

March 29 – Math Superhero Night @ 5pm - NW School – mark your calendars!!! (Pizza & refreshments will be served! Prizes!)

Progress Reports & Conferences

In K-2, there are two reporting periods in the school year, January and June. At the end of each reporting period you will receive information about your child's progress in school. Progress Reports go home Friday, January 27th.

Parent/Teacher conferences occur on **March 14th and 15th, 2012**. These conferences are a terrific opportunity for you to communicate with teachers about your child's progress. Typically, parent conferences will take about 15-30 minutes. During this time, the teacher will show samples of your child's work so that you will have a better understanding of your child's specific strengths and areas of need.

Before the conference

Look over your child's report card so you are familiar with it. Jot down any questions or concerns, as well as any information about your child that might be helpful to the teacher.

During the conference

If you are unclear about the report card, ask for a short explanation of how it works. Don't hesitate to ask for clarification if the teacher uses terms you are unfamiliar with. Ask the teacher specific suggestions about how you can support your child's progress at home.

After the conference

Discuss the progress report with your child. Focus first on your child's strengths, and then highlight areas for growth. Discuss any plan you have formed with the teacher to support learning at home.

The conference should not be the only conversation you have with the teacher about your child's progress. Stay in touch with the teacher throughout the year. **Remember, a strong parent-teacher partnership will benefit your child!**