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From Your Principal

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Reading Tips

If your child comes to a word they don't know; have them use various strategies to help them with the word. Here are a few you may find helpful:

1. Look for chunks within words.
2. Ask, "Did that sound right?"
3. Ask, "Does that make sense?"
4. Ask, "Does it sound like a word you know?"
5. Sound out the word.
6. Look at the picture for meaning.
7. Skip the word and read the rest of the sentence and then go back and try again.



Math Tips

Strategies for Math Word Problems:

1. Read the problem slowly and carefully.
2. Cross out information that is not relevant.
3. Draw a diagram of the problem to visualize it.
4. State the facts and the problem in your own words.
5. Estimate what the answer should be.
6. Calculate the answer and check against the estimate
7. Check your work.
8. Remember you have to know the basic math facts to get the correct answer.
9. Be persistent
10. Be sure you read the problem correctly.



FEBRUARY

- 1-3 Book fair
- 3 Blue jean day for \$1 donation
- 7 Pre-K round up (Rene Rost)
- 9 Pre-K round up (Boys' and Girls' Club)
- 10 Cookie dough sale begins
- 15 Progress reports
- 20-22 Mardi Gras break
- 24 Cookie dough sale ends
- 29 Yearbook drive begins

MARCH

- 2 End of 4th 6 weeks, Pre-K and Kindergarten conferences- no school for Pre-K and kindergarten students
- 7 Report cards
- 9 Yearbook sale begins
- 14 Kindergarten registration (9:00-11:00)
- 20 Phase I of Leap testing
- 28 Progress reports

Vermilion Parish Pre-Kindergarten Round-up

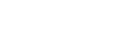
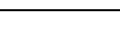
Dates: February 7 at Rene Rost Middle Gym in Kaplan or February 9 at the Boys and Girls Club in Abbeville.

Time: 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM at each location
Parents may register at either location regardless of their child's attendance zone. The child must attend the registration.

Present the following documents at registration:

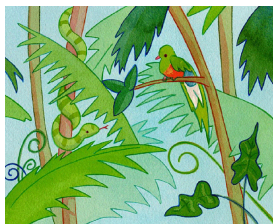
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's social security card
- Child's updated immunization record
- 2 proofs of domicile- must include an electric bill; an affidavit is needed if an electric bill is in a different name
- 2 proofs of income
- If applicable-custody papers and/or IEP

Round up registration packets may be picked up at Dozier or at www.vrml.k12.la.us
Class spots are limited.



WILD ABOUT GOOD BEHAVIOR

The PBIS team is sponsoring a Rain Forest Animal Show on February 16. Students having at least 8 Bobcat Bucks can attend the show. For 6 additional Bobcat Bucks students can have a Wild Dress Day on February 16. Students will be able to wear animal print clothing, camouflage, safari or hunting attire. More information will come later.



WALKERS/BIKE RIDERS

Students who walk home or ride a bike must have written permission to do so from the guardian or parent.

CAR RIDERS

If your child is a car rider in the afternoon please place your Car Rider Sign on the dashboard of your car so we can identify who you are picking up. Contact the school if you are in need of a sign.

DOZIER SPIRIT SHIRTS

Dozier spirit shirts are being sold. The cost of the shirt is 15.00. Dozier Spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays with their uniform bottoms or with blue jeans on designated days. Spirit shirts are sold in the office. The money raised will be used for instructional materials, general operating expense, and any other expenditure not funded through other sources.

BLUE JEAN DAY

On **Friday, February 3** your child will be able to wear **blue jeans** for a **\$1 donation**. The money raised will be used for incentives for PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support), instructional materials, general operating expense, and any other expenditure not funded through other sources. **The blue jean can be long, capris, crops, or shorts.** Jeans with holes are not allowed. Jeans cannot be worn lower than the top of the hipbone. Slabbing is prohibited. Only inset pockets are allowed. No pockets are allowed on legs. **Belts must be worn for students in grades 1-5.**

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Our new Box Tops label sheet has been given to the students. The deadline for turning in this sheet is April 27. Students who turn in one completed sheet will be able to participate in a field day. The class that turns in the most will be treated to an off campus movie at a local theatre. Thanks to all the students and parents who helped collect Box Top labels.



WEBSITE

Check on your child's academic progress and attendance on our website: www.vrml.k12.la.us/dozier.

ATTENDANCE

I ask your cooperation in the matter of pupil attendance. Our teachers are anxious to have all the children benefit from the lessons they have prepared. It is difficult to have pupils make up work when they are absent frequently.

We urge all parents to keep pupils at home only when it is necessary for health reasons. While we do not want pupils to attend school when they are ill, we do want them to come to school on all other school days. Vermilion Parish School board policy states students **cannot miss more than 12 days for the school year.**

EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Any time your child is absent from school, comes in late, or leaves early you must provide a doctor's excuse or a parent excuse to the teacher within 3 days. Excuses returned after the 3 days are unexcused. Louisiana law provides that the parent or guardian of any child who is absent or tardy (unexcused) more than 5 times in a school semester may be prosecuted in a court of law. (Act 745 of 2008)

PARENTING CENTER

Dozier has many materials for parents to assist their child at home. Parents can come to school and check out these supplies. Some of the supplies include books with cd's, sight word tactile cards, sight word memory match games, reading and math games, flash cards, solve and check math sliders, and comprehension cards. Please take the time to come see what we have to offer.

COMMUNITY COFFEE/BOX TOPS/ CAMPBELL'S LABELS

We will be collecting Community Coffee labels, Campbell's, and Box Top labels. We will use this money to beautify our campus, purchase equipment for the playground, and fund other expenditures not funded through other sources. "Cash from Trash" really works! Please continue to help us with this easy fundraiser.

Dozier Elementary School's Expectations:

- WE**
- Cooperate
- Are Responsible and Safe
- Respect Everyone
- Enjoy Learning