

CRA NEWSLETTER, 1-3-2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

- **WELCOME BACK and DRESS FOR WINTER!**

Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the wonderful parents of our CRA school community! I am looking forward to a fantastic start to the 2017 New Year! We are starting off the year with a lot of snow, and remind all of you to send your kids to school with gloves, coats, and hats. Thank you for checking here at school for any lost and found items as we would like to clear out the large number of items we have stored here.

- **PUNCTUAL ARRIVALS... THANK YOU!**

We are eager to see our students bright and early each day as our teachers work hard to prepare meaningful lessons and engage your children in powerful instruction and relevant learning experiences. Our teachers rely on students' collaboration, team work, and all the essential skills we wish to impart to our kids, including punctuality! Therefore, ***please have your children to school before 8:30 a.m. each day.*** Part of the school contract with each family includes an assurance that children do not arrive late. ***Please help us to start off each day with 100% punctual attendance.*** We love your kids and can't wait to see them each and every day! Thank you!

- **PICK UP and DROP OFF, PARKING LOT ONLY!**

Lastly, student safety at all times is imperative. We know that the long lines and congestion at times can be frustrating, but please make certain that only the church parking lot is used for drop-offs in the morning and pick-ups in the afternoon. ***Students should not be dropped off in front of the school, along the curb, or in the teacher parking lot in the front of the school.*** Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by strictly adhering to our policy.

- **DIBELS READING FLUENCY!**

We will be checking the progress on reading fluency for all students next week and we are eager to see how far your child has come. Remember, we check at the beginning of the year, middle of the year, and a final time at the end of the year. ***Please ensure that your child is reading every day, at home, for a minimum of 20 - 30 minutes.*** Independent reading, sampling many different genres, and doing it consistently will ensure that your child learns to read in the lower grades, and reads to learn in the upper grades--cementing a life-long love for learning. The foundation for future enjoyment of reading is established in these crucial elementary school years, K - 6, so read with your children, ask them questions, take your child to the library, and buy them books when you can!

Thanks, parents! You are fantastic! We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful school community.

-Mr. Dunmeyer

Save At School

A representative from Washington Federal with the “Save at School” program will be at CRA on Wednesday, January 4th during the student lunch hour. Washington Federal provides an opportunity for students to open a savings account or add to their savings account at school on Wednesday’s at CRA. It’s a new year and a wonderful time to open a savings account for your child.