



Graceville Elementary School

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Our character trait for the month of September is responsibility.

Roundup In Learning

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2 *Tiger Paws \$1.00 *Hat Day \$1.00	October 5 *Jackson County Writes Week *Bullying Prevention Week *Fire Prevention Week

“Paws-abilities” at GES

October

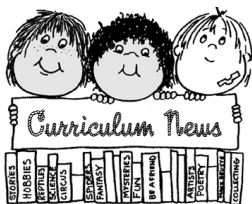
- 5-9 ~ Jackson County Writes Week
- Fire Prevention Week
- Bullying Prevention Week
- 5-9 ~ PreK/VPK Conferences in Conference Room
- 9-15 ~ Book Fair
- 12 ~ Fall Retakes
- 12-16 ~ National School Lunch Week
- 14 ~ Book Fair Open for Parents 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- 17-25 ~ Drug Prevention Red Ribbon Week
- 19-20 ~ Fall Break-**No School**
- 20-23 ~ National School Bus Safety Week
- 28 ~ End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 29 ~ Halloween/Trick or Treating 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 30~ GHS Homecoming - Go Tigers!

students. Parents will have access to your student’s AR test record. You will also be able to utilize AR book find, which will give you the interest level, reading level, points, and quiz number. You can know this information about any book you may have at home or check out from the Public Library. If the book is in the correct reading level for your student, he/she will be able to take a test at school. Students will have an almost unlimited number of books with available tests!

The GES Fall Book Fair will be from Friday, Oct. 9. - Thursday, Oct. 15. Book Fair Parent Day will be on Wednesday, Oct. 14. We will be open extended hours, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Each teacher will have a wish list at the Book Fair for any parents who would like to donate a book(s) to the classroom.

Thanks so much to GES PTO for the Accelerated Reader store. Students will once again be able to “spend” the points they earn each nine-weeks at the AR store. Every student who earns at least 1 point can “shop” at the store. Donations of any “kid-type” items (stickers, pencils, stuffed animals, small toys, etc.) are graciously accepted.

Parent volunteers are always welcome in the Library. Please call Mrs. Odom for more information and feel free to visit the GES Library any time.



Media News

The GES Library is busy every day with many students coming in to check out books. Reading books is extremely important for each student’s success as a reader. It’s just like practice for any sport or learning to play a musical instrument, we must read, read, read, and read some more to become an excellent reader. And. . . we must be a good reader for most anything else we want to accomplish!!

Jackson County has upgraded our Accelerated Reader (AR) system to a web-based system. Students will have access to thousands more tests. Teachers will have fabulous new tools to assist the



PTO News



The Fall Festival is just around the corner! Round up your folks and join in some cowboy fun November 5th from 5:30-7:30 at the Graceville Civic Center. Each classroom teacher needs helpers to run the booths so there will be lots of activities for our children. Heat up your oven and let's get some yummy cakes made for the cake walk. We will also accept wrapped cookie items for the walk.

October 5-30th the students will be selling wrapping paper, ribbon, candy and magazines. The sale will raise money for our Accelerated Reader store. Students read books, take test, and earn points. They may buy items at the AR store with their points. Please support this worthwhile project to reward students grades 1-5 in reading.

Mark these dates for monthly Monday night PTO meetings: October 12, November 9, January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12.

In conjunction with the GES Music Holiday Concert at the GES gym, please mark December 17th as the evening students may "buy" Christmas presents with their AR points.

Remember, we need lots of help in running the Fall Festival booths. Please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Worth Quoting

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins it is probably the last lesson he learns thoroughly.

Thomas H. Huxley

Have Fun While Teaching Discipline



Did you know getting your child to behave can be fun? Being playful when your child is misbehaving because he/she is bored, often lessens everyone's frustration.

For example, if it is a rainy day and you are stuck indoors, take your cranky child to the bathroom, fill the tub with water, cover the floor with towels and let him/her play in the water with cups and boats and declare a little "splash time". Of course, you should never leave your child unattended when near water.

Children often act out to get your attention. Try to spend a few minutes each day playing a game or talking with your child. You are more likely to see better behavior.



Reduce & Reuse Recycle Tips

Compost grass clippings, leaves, and some food scraps into your garden. This makes better soil to help plants grow.

Tiger Paws & Hat Day



Students may purchase tiger paw stickers on **Friday, October 2nd** for \$1.00. They may also wear a hat for an additional \$1.00.

Cover your mouth • Use a tissue • Wash your hands

