

January 2025

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# SUNSET NEWS



## A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for an exciting and productive start to 2025.

Here are a few important updates for the month of January.

- We welcome students back to school on Tuesday, January 7. We are excited to continue the school year with new learning opportunities and activities.
- No school on Friday, January 17, and Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We encourage you to take time to reflect on the significance of this day and the impact Dr. King's work has had on our country and society. It's an important opportunity to discuss kindness, respect, and community values with your child.

As we continue to implement Visible Learning throughout the school, students are encouraged to reflect on their learning, set goals, and understand their progress. This approach helps students take ownership of their learning and supports their growth in meaningful ways. We're excited to see the positive impact it's having in the classroom!

We want to remind families about the importance of regular school attendance. Consistent attendance is key to your child's academic success. Students who miss too many days are at risk of falling behind, which can impact their progress in school. If your child is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us so we can support you.

We are looking forward to a wonderful start to the year. Please reach out if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to continuing our partnership in the new year to support your child's success.

Best regards,  
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## News from the nurse

Do you wonder how much time is healthy for your child to use media?  
Click on the button below to read "Kids and Media Use: How to Build Healthy Habits."



[How much time for media?](#)

## Muffins in the Morning

**Tuesday, January 28**

**8:25 - 8:40 a.m.**

Bring your favorite morning beverage and join your student for a muffin in their classroom.

We kindly ask for parents to wait outside the building until 8:25 a.m. so that we can get students settled into their classrooms.

If your student eats breakfast in the cafeteria you are welcome to join them.



**Morning work session for library book displays.**



**Thanksgiving Day Parade balloons**

# Spotlight on Second Grade

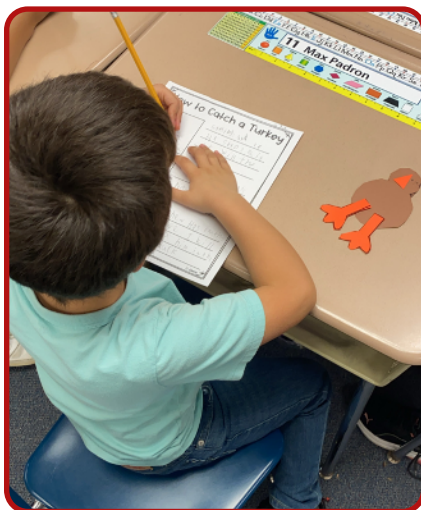


Second grade learned about Thanksgiving prior to our Thanksgiving break. Mrs. Jeffries' class made grateful turkeys and Mrs. Cross' class learned about the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

All four classes practiced sequencing skills using the book, How to Catch a Turkey.

We were able to watch the Nutcracker performance through the Arts Infusion Program.

In math, we will be learning about shapes, fractions, and telling time on a clock.

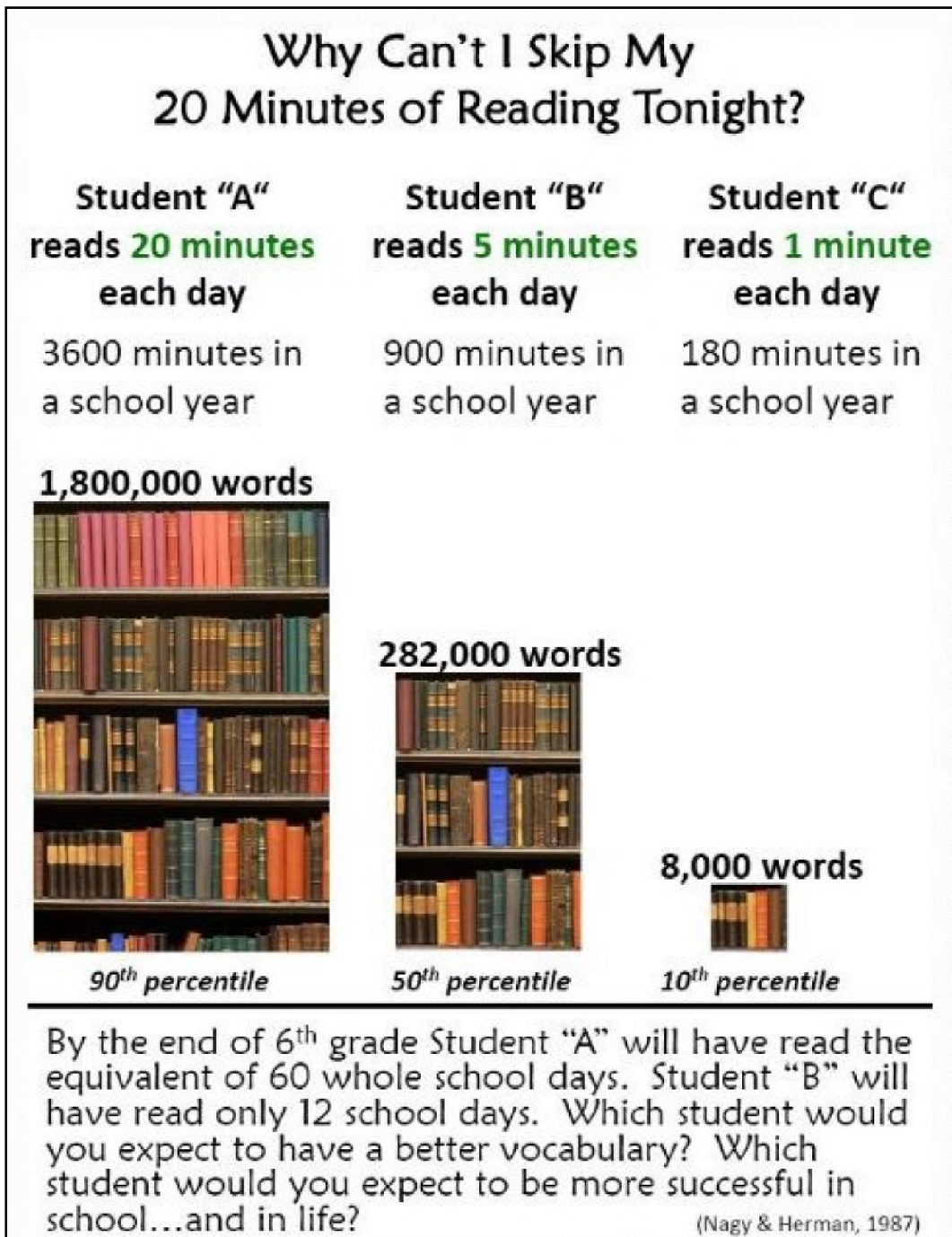


# From the Reading Coach



## Why Is 20 Minutes of Reading Important?

Reading for 20 minutes a day adds up to the equivalent of 60 full school days over a year. Compare that to just 5 minutes a day (12 school days) or 1 minute a day (less than half a school day), and the impact is clear. Daily reading boosts vocabulary, academic success, and creates a strong foundation for lifelong achievement. Every minute counts—make reading a daily habit!



# January Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

1-6 - No school

17 and 20 - No school

28 - Muffins in the morning



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