



# John Muir Elementary School

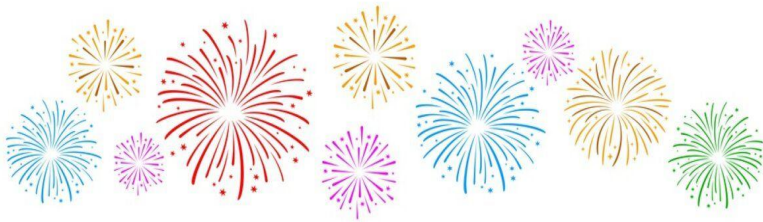
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Be on the Lookout for upcoming information on John Muir's "Book of the Year." For those families that are new to John Muir we choose a book yearly to read together. Classroom teachers will be reading during school and we ask that you help by reading the chapters with your child(ren) at home. There will be trivia questions and prizes awarded. The students really enjoy this yearly adventure!

### Happy New Year!

We wish all of you a healthy, safe, and wonderful 2024!



The **Parma-Powers Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library** is still running the Winter Reading Game through Thursday, February 29th. This game is offered for children in Preschool and children in grades Kindergarten - 5th. As students read and get a punch card punched, they can collect colorful Brag Tags that have an Ocean theme. Stop in to the library for a punch card today!

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At John Muir, we believe it is our mission to to increase student achievement and social-emotional health through student-centered instruction, positive family-school partnerships, and providing a safe learning environment.

### HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF A GOOD BOOK! READ FOR ENJOYMENT!

#### Ask Questions

Before, during, and after reading, ask your child questions! WH- questions are a good place to start: Who are the characters? What happened? Where did the story take place? Why did the character do what he/she did? Was there a problem and how was it solved?

#### Talk About the Pictures

Illustrations are such a rich source of information for the reader. They work with the text to give the reader clues about the story. Ask your child what they see. Identify characters, colors, and facial expressions. Talk about the setting and the action happening on the page.

#### Search and Find

If your child is a preschooler (ages 2-6), use the text and pictures to find letters, words, colors and shapes! For example, search for the letters in your child's name or have them point out the color red. This helps them see these things used in context and make meaning of the world around them.

#### I read. You Read.

If your child is a reader or learning to read, share the fun! You can alternate pages or even sentences. If they're still learning to read or if the text is too hard for them, read a sentence and let them repeat you. This is a great way to model fluency (reading smoothly without errors).