



HKTE PARENT COMMUNICATION

Principal Talk

March 2025

Greetings Trojan Family!

HKTE is Marching into Spring and working to finish the school year **STRONG!** However, it takes a village to make it happen. To that, we need every parent on deck in that we finish strong and students do well on i-Ready and SCREADY. As your principal, I have a few requests of our parents:

1. Students present every day unless their health prevents attendance at school.
2. Parents to work with students at home on math skills of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. The stronger our students are with these fundamentals, the better they will perform in their math class and be prepared for testing.
3. Every 3rd - 5th Grade student will know all of their multiplication facts. If they can multiply, they will be able to divide and solve word problems much easier.
4. Have your child read to you and use the reading tips that are included in our parent newsletter.
5. Students have less time on social media and gaming systems and more focus on the academics.
6. Be **POSITIVE** and help **ENCOURAGE** and **CELEBRATE** our **STUDENTS!**

Thank you and as always, together, **WE ARE the DIFFERENCE!**

Gloria D. Jenkins
Principal

P.S. Thanks to the parents who read the last months newsletter and congratulation to our first grader parent who won the \$50 gift card. Returned newsletters with three highlighted facts from the newsletter and signature will have a chance to win a gift card. Newsletter will be returned.





Cooperation

The Character Theme for the month of March is Cooperation. Cooperation is when people work together to achieve a shared goal. It involves sharing ideas, taking turns, and supporting each other.

Examples of cooperation:

Building a sandcastle with friends.

Working together on a mural.

Taking turns playing with a toy.

Benefits of cooperation:

Cooperation is an important skill for academic and social success.

It helps children develop a sense of teamwork.

It helps children learn how to balance their own needs with those of others.

How to teach cooperation:

Play games where you take turns.

Help children understand that rules and requests are good for everyone.

Encourage children to share their ideas with friends and family.

Recognize when children cooperate well and offer positive feedback.

It's important to note that there are some situations where it's okay to be uncooperative. For example, if a child feels pressured to do something they know is wrong.

Sharing



Important Information

DRC Beacon Testing 3rd - 5th Grade
March 11 -14, 2025

iReady Spring Testing K - 5th Grade
March 31 - April 4, 2025

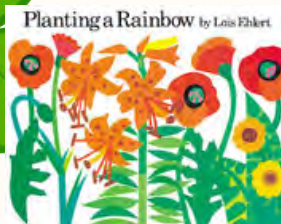
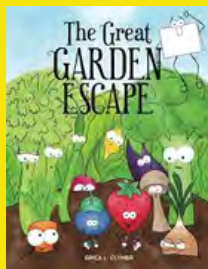
School Climate Surveys 3rd - 5th
Grade March 3-28, 2025

School Climate Parent Surveys will be emailed to parents during the month of March and parents are to complete a separate survey for each child(ren) in grades 3 through 5.

Regards,
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Upcoming Events

- 4 Read to Succeed 3rd Grade Parenting Meeting at 5:00pm
- 4 Savannah Ecology Lab Comes to HKTE
- 4 Read to Succeed 3rd Grade Parents at 5:00pm
- 10 Teachers Work Day No School for Students
- 11 2nd Quarter Ends
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Report Cards issued
- 20th International Night 5:30 at OW
- 25 Honors, Awards, & SIC Meeting at 9:00am HKTE Little Gym
- 25 Early Release
- 27 District Spelling Bee
- 28 Student Celebration
- 31 Student Birthday Celebration



Happy Daylight-Saving Time from the Media Center

We are happy to finally experience some warmer temperatures and extended daylight hours.

In the Media Center, we are excited to listen to stories about flowers blooming, grass growing, and the smell of the sweet fragrances of the blossoms. We will be coloring flowers and observing the flowers as they blossom in nature.

Also in the media center, I have curated a variety of books relating to spring for students to check out. Some of them are:

Animals in Spring by Kathryn Clay

Let's Look at Spring by Sarah L. Schuette

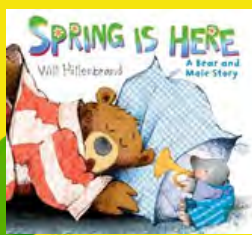
Spring by Aaron Carr

To help students develop their reading skills, here are some additional books that can be read as they all relates to the spring season.

As we look forward to the remainder of the school year, I am asking parents to read to and with your children daily.

As always, the more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the more you grow. Knowledge is one thing that no one can take from you. Let's all grow in knowledge by reading a good book. Enjoy reading these books and more:

March 17 - 28, 2025, the students will participate in Book Blast where each student will be guaranteed to receive a book. It kicks off on March 17, 2025, at 9:00AM via Zoom.



Vocabulary

Here are some vocabulary words. Talk to your child about the words and try to use them in everyday situations:

- bloom
- blossom
- change
- cloudy
- clover
- court
- foul
- forecast
- growth
- egg
- hoops
- insects
- legend
- limerick
- molt
- pressure
- rainbow
- shamrock
- slam dunk
- temperature



Parent Tips

Fostering a Love of Reading

- Read together daily to build literacy skills. Check for understanding while reading.
- Encourage curiosity by answering questions and exploring topics together.
- show enthusiasm for their school subjects and celebrate achievements.

Establish Routines

- Set a consistent bedtime for adequate rest.
- Create a morning routine to start the day smoothly.
- Have a designed time and place for homework.

Encourage Independence

- Let them take responsibility for simple tasks like packing their backpack.
- Teach problem-solving skills by guiding them like rather than fixing everything.
- Allow them to make choices to build confidence.

Communicate Effectively

- Ask-Open-ended questions about their day

What you learned today? Did you solve a problem with a friend today?

What was the best part of your school day?

What new you learn? How can I help you with something that was difficult for you?

- Listen actively and validate their feelings.
- Maintain open communication with teachers.

Support Emotional Well-Being

- Teach coping skills for handling frustration and disappointments.

Deep breathing: Take three deep breathe

Count to 10: This gives them time to rest.

Using a calming phrase: Encourage self-talk like, "I can try again."

Drawing or journaling: Some kids express emotions better through art or writing.

- Encourage gratitude and positive thinking.
- Provide reassurance and affection regularly.

