

## LEHI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# JANUARY



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR READING

People make New Year's Resolutions on nearly every subject imaginable. Few resolutions could be more worthwhile, however, than resolving to set aside some time each day to share reading with your children.

You might start by setting aside 15 minutes a day to read to your child. Bedtime is often a perfect time for reading a story, but other times work just as well. Reading aloud to children can help them prepare for learning to read and can be a warm family time as well.

If your child is able to read independently, you can encourage reading by setting aside a regular time when the family drops other activities and reads together. You could take turns reading aloud to each other, or you could each read different books. The important thing is to set an example and let your child know that you think reading is important.

A New Year's Resolution to share reading with your child may not only help the youngster develop literacy skills, but can bring a lot of happiness as well.

### TIME TO SCHEDULE CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences will be held in January on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. All teachers administer a mid-year reading test and we want to share that information with you. Starting tomorrow, you may schedule a time that is convenient for you to visit with your child's teacher. You go to the District website at [www.alpine.k12.ut.us](http://www.alpine.k12.ut.us) and scroll down to the bottom and click on the Online Scheduler clock.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We experience a large number of children arriving late for school or being checked out early. We know this is necessary at times; nonetheless, it is quite disruptive for teachers to have to stop teaching to help children catch up what they miss at the beginning of the day or get ready to go before the bell rings in the afternoon.

We appreciate those who make the extra effort to get their children to school on time each day. Also, thank you for only checking your child out early if it's an emergency. We hope appointments can be arranged on early out Mondays when school ends an hour early. This will allow children to take full advantage of the learning in their classroom.

### LET IT SNOW!! LET IT SNOW!! LET IT SNOW!!

We hope January will bring winter storms to provide moisture to our area. With the accumulation of snow it is helpful to remind children of a few precautions about safety. Most importantly, children should dress for the weather. Warm coats, gloves, and boots are important for children as they play outside during recesses.

Children should be reminded to take extra precautions on slick sidewalks or streets as they are coming to and leaving from school. Watching out for vehicles is very important when conditions are snowy and slippery. They should also be reminded that throwing snowballs at school is not permitted. We want the children to be safe and enjoy the winter weather.

Just a reminder that children who wish to stay inside during the lunch recess may do so. They should come to the lunchroom prepared with something they can do after they finish eating. If you want your child to stay inside during recesses, please send a note to their teacher. We want to accommodate those who are recuperating from colds, etc. by having them in supervised areas in the building.

### JANUARY CALENDAR

January 16<sup>th</sup>: No School – Martin Luther King Day  
January 18<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dads and Donuts 9:15A.M.  
January 26<sup>th</sup>: Parent Conferences 3:45 – 7:45  
January 27<sup>th</sup>: Parent Conferences 3:45 – 6:45

#### PLANNING AHEAD:

February 13<sup>th</sup> is Minimum Monday  
AM Kindergarten 9:05 – 11:05  
PM Kindergarten 11:45 – 1:45  
Grades 1 – 6 9:05 – 1:45