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The FAIRHOPE WEST ELEMENTARY PIRATE

NOVEMBER News ♦ 2020

"Learning and Leading to Empower Our Genius!"



1st Annual Fairhope West
**Spooks and Books
Trunk or Treat**
Friday Oct 30th at 5pm
Fairhope West Campus

*Join us to celebrate our love of reading with a spooky twist!
Dress up as your favorite book character and decorate your
trunk in your favorite literary theme!*

- Prizes for best costume and best trunk decor
- Local authors and special guest judges
- Food trucks available for dinner

Fairhope West families, teachers, local businesses and community members are invited to participate.

**Trunk decoration judging begins at 5:30,
so get your spot and set up early!**

Event Changes

You may hand out treats from your trunk! We will have gloves and hand sanitizer available to you. Bring your favorite Halloween inspired games to add some fun! Pumpkin Bowling, Pin the Hat on the Witch, etc.!

Be Creative!

Please contact Brittian Cryar at
fairhopewestptp@gmail.com
or 256-473-7181
to donate items or participate in the
Trunk Decoration Contest

Important Dates

Oct. 30	Spooks and Books Truck or Treat 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 1-Dec. 11	Toys for Tots
Nov. 2-18	Auburn vs. Alabama Canned Food Drive
Nov. 11	Veterans Day - No School
Nov. 13	Perfect Attendance Out of Uniform
Nov. 13	Prepay Santa Pictures, Out of Uniform for Those Being Photographed
Nov. 20	Progress Reports Go Home
Nov. 16-Dec. 4	Online Book Fair
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Holidays, No School

Fairhope West Online Book Fair

The holidays are coming, and books make great gifts. Create a win-win by shopping at Fairhope West Elementary's first online book fair from **November 16th** through **December 4th!** Our school earns money for library books when you purchase books from the Online Book Fair and kids get great books!

Go to: www.cranebookfairs.com to order

Click the tab: Shop the Online Book Fair
Add items to your cart & check out

Looking for a certain title? Click the search icon to help find the book faster.

When checking out: You must choose your School in the drop down box. Make sure to add your Child's Name and Homeroom

**Parents you will have the option to ship to the school or to your home address. We offer free shipping for all orders over \$25.00 or orders being shipped to the school.*

**Thank you for supporting the
Fairhope West Elementary library!**

Need a Fairhope West long sleeve t-shirt for the fall or a pirate embroidered fleece jacket for your child or teenager for Christmas?

Our Fairhope West Elementary Official Spirit Wear site offers great options. Thanks to our partnership with CostaPrints, spirit wear is available all year and not just the beginning of school! fwes.costaprints.com



By popular demand, new options are available: dry fit shirts and hoodies! So check out the new spiritwear!

Reflex Math Fluency - Getting the Green Light

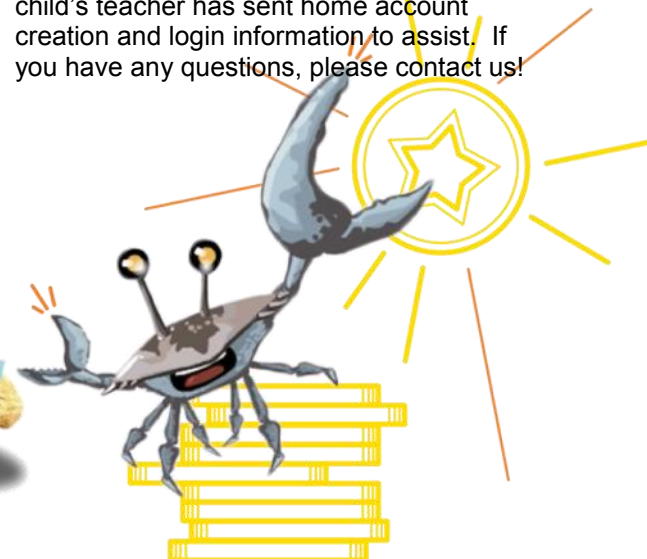


Lots of parents groan when they reflect back to elementary school and recall memorizing math facts. Today, though, our students have a super fun computer program, Reflex, that helps to make learning math facts fun.

Parent, here is how you can help. We need you to check your child's progress daily on Reflex to see if they "got the Green Light." The Green Light-located in the upper right corner of the screen-illuminates once a student answers a certain number of facts correctly on a given day. A student can typically get the Green Light in 15 minutes of concentrated use. For best results, students should get the Green Light at least three days per week.

Getting the Green Light is how students can gain improved math fact fluency as quickly and efficiently as possible. If a student uses Reflex for 20 days, but only has 50% Green Light usage, then they have had only 10 days of good practice to build fact fluency.

So, parents, after checking your child's progress each day, if they didn't get the Green Light, please encourage them to go on at home and get that Green Light! Your child's teacher has sent home account creation and login information to assist. If you have any questions, please contact us!



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Fairhope West Elementary is sponsoring a canned food drive for local food banks. Between November 2 and November 18, students are encouraged to bring canned food to help provide meals for those less fortunate during this upcoming holiday season. Students will get to place their food item in the Auburn or Alabama pile for a fun competition and bragging rights! Roll Tide and War Eagle!

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Marine Corps League #1378 is sponsoring the Toys for Tots Drive again this year! The drive will begin on November 2nd and end on - December 11th. year over a thousand local children received a bit of Christmas from the contributions! WOW!!



Together small contributions can make a BIG difference!

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HABIT

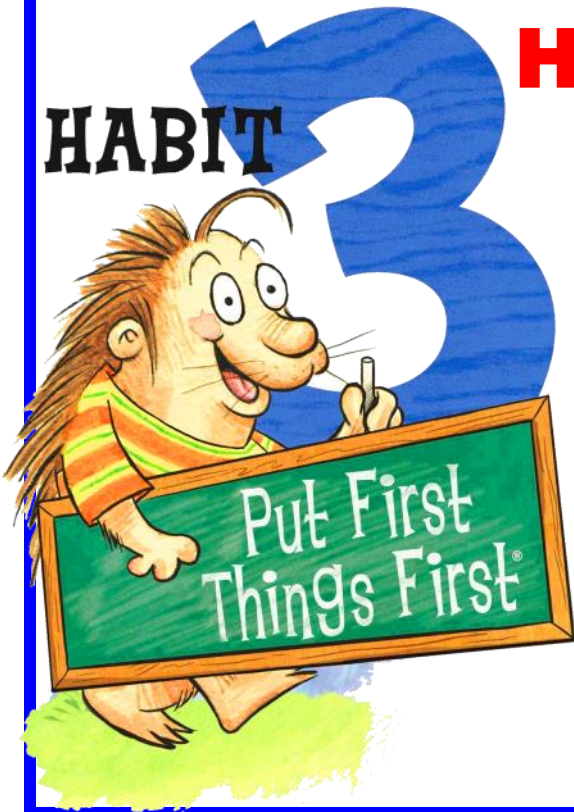
Habit 3: *Put 1st Things 1st*

How does *Putting 1st Things 1st* look at school?

- ◆ Putting personal items away in backpacks before starting the day
- ◆ Washing hands before eating breakfast/snack
- ◆ Finishing one project before starting a new one
- ◆ Cleaning up materials before moving on to another activity

How does *Putting 1st Things 1st* look at home?

- ◆ Doing what Mom and Dad ask me to do before doing what I want to do
- ◆ Cleaning up my room before playing outside
- ◆ Finishing my dinner before eating dessert
- ◆ Putting away my toys in the living room before going to play in my bed room



Are YOU Your Child's BEST Reading Teacher?

Don't underestimate your skills! Your influence is stronger than you think. The research tells us that the amount of time that students spend independently reading **outside of school** is the best predictor of reading achievement! Independent reading is that free, voluntary reading that includes anything the child considers free and voluntary.

- ◆ **comic books**
- ◆ **magazines**
- ◆ **poetry**
- ◆ **joke books**
- ◆ **encyclopedias**
- ◆ **novels**
- ◆ **picture books**



If you need books, get a Fairhope library card, ask your teacher for books, or check out the book selection at Goodwill! Then place those books around the house like in the bathroom, at the kitchen counter, by the bed and sofa, and in the car. Outside of school reading is the BEST! You can be your child's best teacher – the research proves it!

