



# Adams Elementary

## Is Attending School a TOP PRIORITY for You and Your Child?

### Attendance Matters:

Your child's teacher will do their best to help your child learn and succeed in school. But there is one thing *only you can do*—get him/her to school everyday. Children who do not attend school regularly fall behind and score lower on tests. They can have a hard time making and keeping friends—especially in elementary school.

Show your child and their teacher that you know attendance counts:

- Tell your child how important school is.

- Make appointments during non-school hours when possible.
- Do not let your child stay home from school for reasons that would not prevent you from going to work.
- Keep track of your child's absences. See if there are any patterns that need to be changed.
- Discuss the consequences of missing school, such as not understanding things when they return. Needing to do make up work, missing out on time with friends.
- Talk to your child's teacher if your child regularly does not want to go to school. Together you may be able to remedy the problem.



## Adult/Child Activity

Our First Grade students had a great time working with a special person in their lives during our Adult/Child Activity! We had a marvelous turn out—our biggest yet! Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special time! Adults gathered in the cafeteria to learn about

the Writing Workshop that is taking place in our first grade rooms. We talked about writing small moments from our lives, and zooming in on one important part. We also talked about the nonfiction writing our first graders will be focusing on. Later, the children came in to join us and spent

time creating a journal that they can use at home to gather small moments and write about what they observe. Each child was also able to pick out a free book to keep at home. "Trust in the power of your own voice." Lester Laminack, author.

## February 1, 2011

### Important Dates

- ☺ Feb 2nd—PTA Mtg.
- ☺ Feb 9th—Papa John's Pizza Night
- ☺ Feb 14th—Valentine's Day
- ☺ Feb 18th—1/2 Day of School, 1/2 Day SIP Dismissal is at 11:55
- ☺ Feb 21st—No School, President's Day
- ☺ Feb 28th-Mar 1st Science Fair

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# Science Fair

Calling all scientist:  
Our Science Fair will be held Monday, February 28th and Tuesday, March 1st.

There are four categories to choose from,

1. Scientific Method
2. Collections
3. Demonstration
4. Model



Science projects will be judged according to the amount of work that your child has done on the project. Parents are encouraged to guide and participate, but the work should

reflect the child's ability with adult supervision.

Projects will be judged on Monday, February 28. Projects must arrive and be set up before 4:00pm in order to be judged. If a project arrives after 4:00pm it will be allowed in the Science Fair but will not be eligible for the judging.

Presentation of all awards will be Tuesday evening, March 1st, at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to come view the Science Projects from 6:00—6:30pm.

A packet for every child will be sent home soon explaining all the details, watch for it in your child's book bag! Fill out the entry form and return it to your child's teacher by February 14th.



Any questions regarding the Science Fair, please call Erika Kirlin at 228-0727.

# Give Your Home a Safety Check

- Keep things that burn, such as dishtowels, paper, curtains, or bags at least 3 feet away from your stove top in the kitchen.
- Install fire extinguishers in the kitchen and other rooms. Make sure everyone knows how to use them.
- Buy a first aid kit for your home and vehicle.
- Make sure all throw rugs have non-skid backing.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from things that can burn, such as curtains, newspaper, and clothing. Always turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- **Never** leave burning candles unattended. Blow out candles and make sure they are extinguished before leaving the room. Invest in a candle warmer that does not use fire.
- Store gasoline and other dangerous chemicals in approved containers. Always put them away after using them. Place them out of reach of children.
- Teach family members how to escape in case of a fire. Also teach them how to "Stop, Drop, and Roll" in case their clothing should catch fire.



# Vision and Hearing

Quincy Public School's Vision and Hearing Technicians visited Adams school January 10th—14th. It went very well, your kiddos did an awesome job.

If the technicians had any concerns with your child, you will receive a letter in the mail.

# Adams School Skate Night

Scotties Skate Night for Adams school was held January 26th.

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?



**Reminder:**

1/2 day of school February 18th, dismissal is at 11:55

No school on February 21st, in observance of President's Day