



TIGERS



Vinton Elementary

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Raising Readers: What Parents Can Do

Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. Parents can create a sense of enjoyment, wonder, and a passion for reading within their child. Below are a few things that can be done at home to create readers.

1. **Read together every day.** This can be at breakfast reading the morning news, sharing a story in the evening, or reading a book at bedtime. A daily reading routine creates a reading habit and excitement for reading.
2. **Talk and build vocabulary.** Having interesting conversations with your child builds vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world.
3. **Point out print.** Read and talk about the words around you—signs, recipes, cereal boxes, instruction manuals, schedules, news, maps, menus and much more.
4. **Visit the library.** Take advantage of all the books, materials, story times, programs, and resources in the library.
5. **Be an active reader.** Use expressive voices for characters, make sound effects, and point things out in the text and illustrations to make reading fun.
6. **Ask questions when you read.** Ask open ended questions while reading about the story such as 'What comes next?', 'what is going on in the picture?', or 'what clues tells you what is going to happen?'
7. **Try different approaches to reading** such as having them read to you, act out a favorite part of a story, take turns reading, read outside during nice weather. You can make reading more memorable and create long lasting memories through reading.

Reading is an important skill for life but it can also be enjoyable and a life long joy. (nea.org)

Strategies for Improving Math Skills

At times Math can seem overwhelming for students. You can do some activities to enrich and relate to math in every day life. Below are some strategies that you can help improve your child's math skills without being a whiz at Math yourself.

1. **General Math:** compare prices (which costs the most, how much more), read the days, dates, and number of days left on the calendar, let your child count out change to buy something.
2. **Computation:** Count orally by 2's, 5's, 10's, Complete connect-the-dot pictures, count objects and determine if there's an odd or even number, Give your child verbal math problems such as take 5 and add 6. multiply by 2, etc.
3. **Geometry:** Look for different shapes (circles, triangles, squares & rectangles) and identify them, fold paper or napkins in different shapes, Use items to construct shapes
4. **Measurement:** Let your child help measure ingredients, weigh fresh produce when shopping, measure objects in length, height. Use vocabulary such as wider, heaviest, less, more, etc.
5. **Problem Solving:** Encourage solving answers to real-life situations—we have 1 can of pop, how many more do we need to have one for everyone in the family?, 7 children share 49 pieces of candy. How many does each get?

With your help, encouragement, and practice your child will become comfortable with math and succeed.

(<https://www.nwea.org/>)

Kona Ice

The students look forward every year for the visit of Kona Ice to their program. They really like picking and mixing flavors for their personalized cup of ice. A great celebration for the ending of the program until next year.



Treasure Your Family Event

Magic Show featuring Brendon Trojan

On January 14, 2025, the culminating event for the **Winter TYF** for Vinton families was held at 6:00pm. TYF is a program inviting participating students and their families in the afterschool and/or the summer school programs to sign up to participate in various activities together which is designed to build better family relations by providing positive experiences that they do together. Families that sign up are given a calendar of activities to do together and document through pictures. Level 1 receives prizes for their participation. Level 2 families receive the level 1 prizes, a choice of a grand prize and are invited to a special event. Families have enjoyed this program greatly and we have seen many smiling faces.



Cooking Lab

The TIGERS program has partnered with the OSU SNAPEd program to have a cooking lab for the students for the 2nd semester. The kids learn about healthy eating, portion sizes, reading labels and recipes, measuring ingredients, and develop an important life living skill. On this night they made Chicken Tortilla Soup out of all shelf stable food items. It was delicious.



Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt is a great way to celebrate the last day of the program right before Spring break. The students enjoyed hunting the candy filled eggs. Students with 30 days or more were put in a drawing for 3 different Easter baskets. Winners were Brandon Clifford, Addison Commer and Samuel Massie pictured below.

