



Energizing Education

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Parnall Elementary School



Fun Ideas for Winter Vacation!

Make time to play. Plan for a play session once a day. Board games and art sets make for timeless Christmas memories!

Go outside! Make the most of the weather by making a snowman or playing in the snow!

Plan for daily quiet time. Go to the library and check out a book to read together over break.

Get artistic! Design your own holiday decorations. Try making paper angels or popcorn-on-a-string.

Make a resolution. Think about and write out a plan together of one thing to do more often this upcoming year.

The Power of Mentors

Energizing Education is making a difference!

Join us in our great program and become a mentor today! Since EE's inception in January of 2013, many mentors have made a difference for over 90 students at three schools! From our encouraging Mentor Surveys taken at the end of the year last year, almost all mentors so an improvement in the students abilities. Many said that they saw their students attitude towards reading change as well. The greatest part of our surveys was the response to how their experience mentoring was. All mentors enjoyed the experience especially in getting to know their students. The bonds are forever.

Initial data from our testing of EE students was very positive as well. EE students proved to score higher than their peers not in the EE program and many students improved 4 levels in reading!

All this positive data is a testament to the impact of these mentors' volunteer experience and how much it means to both them and the kids. As the Energizing Education program is still new at Parnall Elementary, the school is in need of new volunteers who would like to serve as mentors to the students of Parnall. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please see the back of this newsletter for more information on how to become a part of the Energizing Education program.



Parnall EE room—Ready for you!



EE Family Involvement Coordinators— Jennie O'brien & Lois Dunning
Parnall EE Teachers: Amy Locke & Deanna Stover— Making EE a great place to Mentor a Student!

★ THIS MONTH'S MENTOR SPOTLIGHT ★



Name: Lisa Satayut

Business: Jackson Citizen Patriot, County Government Report

Why were you interested in becoming a mentor? Besides work, I don't have much in my life and wanted to bring something more to it. When I learned about Energizing Education I knew it would be a perfect fit. I also wanted to help fill the gap and hope more volunteers sign up.

How has your experience been? Scary at first. I joked about wanting a "test" kid before I started. Now I would describe my experience as awesome and fulfilling. Syrie is a sweet heart and it's great to see her progress. She brings joy to my life twice a week. I hope I bring joy to her life as well. We immediately clicked. My editor even signed up after hearing how great the experience was for me.

What was your favorite book as a child? *Peter Rabbit* books and *The Night Before Christmas*

What is your favorite book as an adult? *All the Presidents Men*. I still read children's books when I can't sleep.



January Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
January 7	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
January 15	4:00-5:30pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
January 23	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge
January 30	4:00-5:30 pm	EE Tutor	Frost Energizing Education Literacy Lounge

Contact Charlie at energizingeducationjackson@gmail.com to sign up



Check out what EE is doing for the holidays!

Christmas time is the season of giving, and this month Energizing Education is sharing some holiday joy by getting every student in EE a Christmas present . Each



EE student received a book for Christmas. The book is signed and given to the students by their mentors. Now, every EE student gets something special for the holidays and they are able to continue reading over winter break. Having the mentors give their students the present also allows the two to build



relationships with one another through the act of gift-giving. The mentors were also given ornaments displaying the faces of their students. This way, the mentors can bring their students' smiling faces home with them during winter break.



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To become a literacy mentor:

Contact Charlie Miller
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If you would like to donate:

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Quote of the Month

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".



Nelson Mandela

1918 - 2013



Jackson District Library and Accelerated Reader! The Carnegie Library is pleased to announce that all of our Children's Collection is labeled with Accelerated Reader Reading Levels and Point Values. Come in and check out some fiction or non-fiction books to read for the Accelerated Reader tests. We have labeled books from 1st to 7th grade reading levels and have something for everyone. We hope to see you at the library soon to check out some books!

