

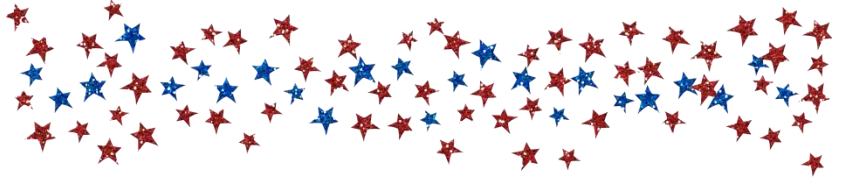
WASATCH PEAK

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PATRIOT NEWS

October 17, 2018



calendar of events

OCTOBER

HIGHLIGHTS:

October 18-19

Fall Break

(No School)

October 22-26

Red Ribbon Week

October 22

Literacy Night

October 24

-Term 1 ends

October 25

2nd Term starts

October 26

-Early out

-Dollar dress

down day

October 31

-Halloween Parade

-Halloween Class

Parties

NOVEMBER

HIGHLIGHTS:

November 1-2

PD Days

No School

November 7

Picture Retakes

November 8

PTO Board

Meeting @1:30

November 10

Veterans 5K

November 20

Mom's and Muffins

@7 AM

November 21

Early Out

November 22-23

Thanksgiving Break

(No School)

November 30

A NOTE FROM MRS. PILKINGTON:

Hello WPA Families,

We can't believe how fast this school year is flying by. We are looking forward to Literacy Night next week. It will be the Monday following Fall Break. We are excited to spend the evening with fun games and activities to celebrate reading with the whole family. We are also looking forward to sharing resources to support your scholar in becoming a stronger reader. Here are a few fun tips from the New York Times. You can access their full website with book recommendations, suggestions for younger/older students, full family recommendations and much more [here](#).

EMERGING READERS

Some strategies to support your emerging reader:

Mix it up. When children start to pick out words, allow them to read to you some of the time, but reading time shouldn't be strained, exhausting or feel like a test. At first, try pointing to words you know your child will recognize and have him or her read them. When your child knows more words, try reading alternating pages.

Don't abruptly withdraw your reading services. Being read to is an enormous comfort and part of your bond, and you don't want to convey to your child that becoming an independent reader jeopardizes that together time. Continue reading aloud picture book favorites — and some more-sophisticated books they can't read on their own yet, like Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," or Kate DiCamillo's "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane."

Every child learns to read at a personal pace. There is no “correct” age for independent reading, and no special formula for getting every child to read by, say, age 5½. In fact, few 5-year-olds are ready to do full-on independent reading — even if many kindergarten programs are structured toward that goal. If you’ve been focused on raising a reader all along, you can feel confident that your child is taking the steps toward independent reading at the pace that’s personally right.

Late readers often grow up to be better, more enthusiastic readers. That said, if you or your child’s teacher suspects a reading challenge, like dyslexia, get a formal evaluation. Your child may be under more stress about learning to read than you realize.

EARLY READERS

As your child begins to read independently, your role expands. Keep reading with your child, but also supply a steady stream of books that are appealing, and lots of positive vibes and good conversation about reading and books in general.

Ask, “what are you reading?” Make this question a big part of your life. When you’re with your child and a friend, ask what the friend reads, and start a conversation. Your child may want to read what friends are enthusiastic about.

Tip: Ask other parents what *their* children are reading and offer to swap books.

Make reading associated with maturity. Reading is a grown-up pastime and can be done independently.

Try it: If your child’s bedtime is 7 p.m., extend it to 7:30 p.m. if the child stays in bed and reads.

RELUCTANT READERS, OR VISUAL READERS?

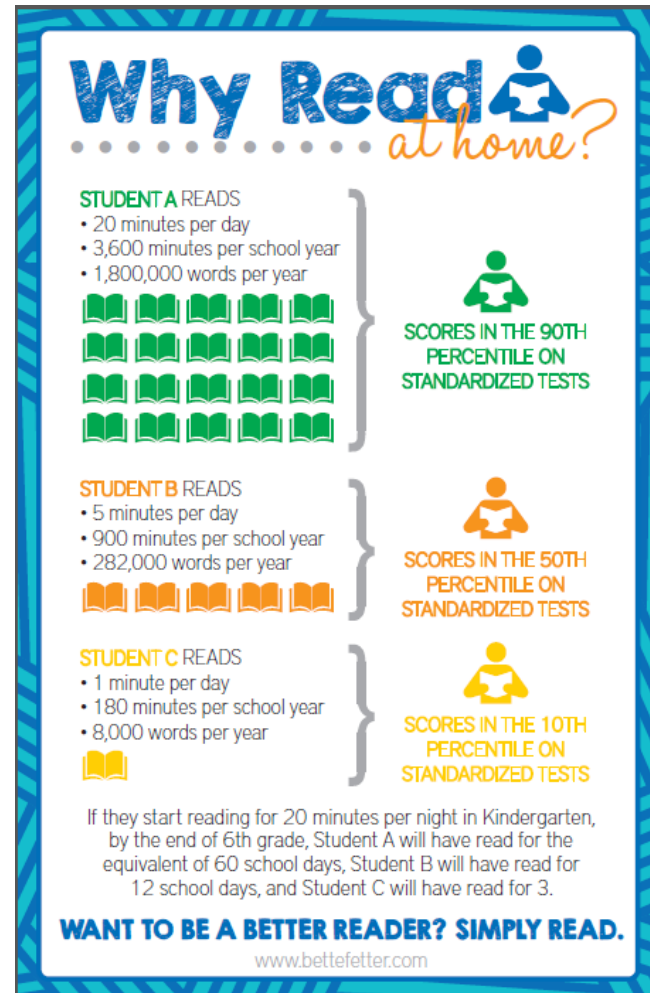
These tips can help you inspire a less enthusiastic reader:

Format doesn’t matter. Many chapter books with a highly visual, comics-influenced format (“Captain Underpants,” for example) were written specifically to help “reluctant readers” and children with challenges like dyslexia. The stories and characters can be rich and well developed, and children still learn reading skills with these more visually driven books. Graphic novels for young readers, meanwhile, have been steadily improving in literary quality, often winning prestigious awards and appearing on best-of-the-year book lists.

Make room for comics and manga. Don’t denigrate your child’s interest in this genre. Many of the most celebrated literary figures of our time not only grew up devouring comics, but also incorporate comics-inspired themes into their prize-winning novels: Michael Chabon, Junot Díaz and Jonathan Lethem, to name a few. Many children become avid readers through their love of comics.

A book about a computer game is still a book. Plenty of reluctant readers are fans of popular computer and video games. Many of these games have book counterparts, which can be a great way to steer your child toward the pleasures of text. There are lots of books featuring Minecraft, Pokémon, Plants vs. Zombies, and the like. From there, you can expand your child’s repertory to graphic novels and comics, and then full-text books.

Don’t forget nonfiction. Some reluctant readers are fact-gatherers, who may be more inspired by reading nonfiction. If it’s presented in a highly visual format, all the better for conveying even more kinds of information. Look for books about presidents, states, ancient history, the solar system, animals, natural disasters, and other topics they’re interested in.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VOLUNTEER



- October 22-26 is Ribbon Week. Please see the sign up if you would like to make a donation, help create posters, assemble bracelets at home, decorate the school with ribbons, or help at recess activities. This is a great opportunity for at home hours.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4daba62aa1ff2-ribbon1>

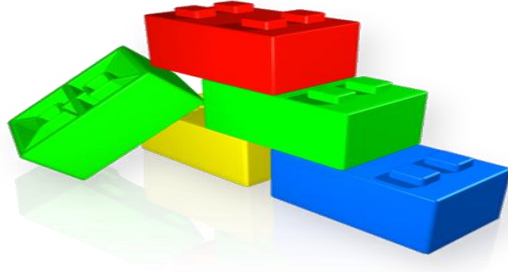


- Great at home way to get your volunteer hours. We are in need of a parent volunteer to write an equipment grant to get a new dishwasher for the kitchen. It is a pretty easy grant to write. If you are able to help, please contact Kym Bushey by phone 801-936-3066 or kbushey@wasatchpeak.org Thank you!



- The online store for people to buy WPA sweatshirts will be up and running October 17th – October 31st we only have a 2-week time frame for orders. Sweatshirts can be worn on Fridays only. Thank you! <https://wasatchpeak2018.itemorder.com/>

After School Clubs 2nd Term



The After School

Builder's Club on Mondays

Building Young Minds | Brick at a Time!!

This club is designed to motivate, engage, and challenge your students to develop their skills in problem solving, creativity, peer interaction, relationships, and imagination using Legos to build and create Amazing things!!

Grades: K-6

Where: WPA GYM

When: Mondays

Time: 2:30 -3:30

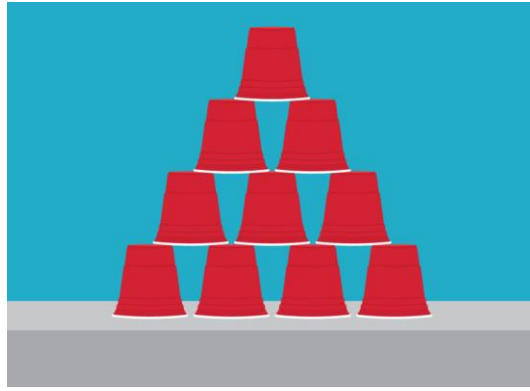
Cost: \$20.00

Start Date: Monday, November 5th

End Date: Monday, December 10th

Duration of Club: 6 weeks

Teacher: Miss Randi



The After School

Sport Stacking Club on Wednesdays

Developing Young Minds Through Sport Stacking

This club is designed to develop, improve, and foster student's cooperation, ambidexterity, hand-eye coordination, self-improvement, and competition skills by stacking 9 or 12 specially designed cups in pre-determined sequences as fast as possible. It is an individual or team sport that engages students at any age and at different skill levels.

Grades: K-6

Where: WPA GYM

When: Wednesday

Time: 2:30 -3:30

Cost: \$30.00

Start Date: Wednesday, November 7th

End Date: Wednesday, December 19th

Duration of Club: 6 weeks

Teacher: Miss Randi

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER CLUBS THAT WILL BE OFFERED DURING 2ND TERM



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Get information for **Wasatch Peak Academy** right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for **WPA PTO**:

A **If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.**

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

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Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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** Standard text message rates apply.*



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COME FOR
A NIGHT OF
CAMPING
FUN!

campfire stories
crafts ★ word games
fun activities
literacy education
& s'more!

PLUS A **FREE BOOK** FOR EVERY CHILD!

DATE: *Monday,
October 22, 2018*

TIME: *6:00-7:30 PM*

* optional childcare for toddlers will be provided