

RESEARCH SHOWS:

According to research shared at a recent AmeriCorps Reading Corps workshop if a student is reading in the 20th percentile then the actual time spent on reading a day is 0.7 minutes. Reading means actually reading the words on the page with accuracy and fluency. That is why choosing a “just right book” for independent reading is so important. A “just right” book allows the student to concentrate on the meaning of the story more than on figuring out the words of the story. In comparison, a student reading in the 80th percentile is spending 14.2 minutes per day in reading. The fifteen to twenty minute reading assignment most CRSS students have is critical to their success as a reader. Please join us in November during the Parent Information Session on Literacy to learn more about how to help your child become a more proficient reader no matter their current level.

DATES OF NOTE:

- November 8th – Literacy night for 5th – 8th @ 6:30 pm
- November 12th – Veterans’ Day Assembly
- November 14th
 - Service projects in AM
 - 7th graders to STEM Conference in Rochester
 - Early Dismissal in PM
- November 15th – Literacy night for K – 4th @ 6:30 pm
- November 20th – First Trimester Ends
- November 21st – 23rd – Vacation Days for Students

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Robotics, Ramps and Renovations

Middle School students recently completed their first elective session. Each day at the Middle School begins with a forty minute time called electives. Students choose from a set of courses designed and offered by CRSS staff. During the first elective students worked with Mr. Schrandt on Lego Robotics. Some of these students will be headed to a Lego Robotics tournament in December. Mr. Paul’s group worked on building the ramp for the circular stage on the playground so that the stage is accessible to eve-

ryone. Computer labs and the library were cleaned, organized and at least in the case of the library made greener by the students in Mr. LeDuc and Ms. Stahly’s groups. Other electives offered the first session were photography for the year-book with Ms. Walls, service learning with Ms. Madi, and band with Mr. Schafer. If you have a course you might be interested in teaching for approximately six weeks from 8:20 to 9:00 each day please let one of the Middle School teachers know.



Health Fair and Safety Week

The October Health and Safety week was a huge success due to the many great presenters and parent volunteers. The Health Fair included the following community organizations: Faribault Flyers, District One Hospital, Rice County TZD Safe Roads Coalition, Rice County Sheriff’s Water Patrol, Rice County Public Health, Hope Center, Southern Heights Dental, and handwashing demonstration equipment was shared by the Faribault Public Schools and staffed by the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition. Faribault Transportation provided bus safety training and the Faribault Fire Department provide fire safety training during the week also. Reading was featured at the Health Fair as a way to feed your brain and the book fair during conferences was a great success thanks to staff and parent volunteers. Many books were purchased and the book fair profits will help to continue to build classroom libraries as well as to add to the CRSS library.

DONATIONS:

To continue the October Health theme and as a service project in November the students are being encouraged to check at home and with friends, relatives and neighbors for a donation of eye-glasses. Dr. Roy Anderson will be on campus November 7th to accept the donations of **reading glasses, everyday glasses, bifocal, trifocal, sunglasses (both prescription and non-prescription), and safety glasses.** He will speak about his volunteer experiences providing eye exams and donated eye-glasses in places around the world through an organization named VOSH – Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity.