

NORA NOTATIONS

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Making a
Difference

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Dear Nora Families,

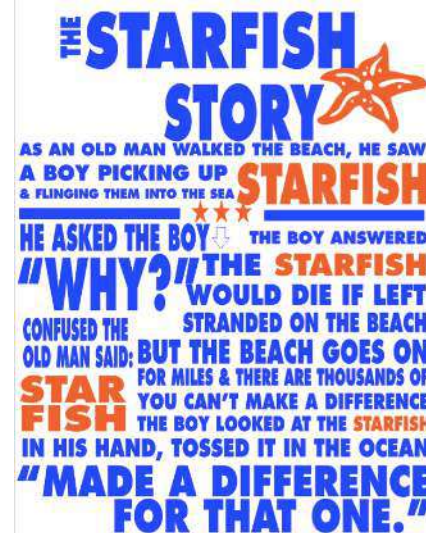
Wow! Time flies when you are having fun. I hope that each of you were able to enjoy some time with family and friends this summer. It is wonderful to begin the 2015-2016 school year with each of you. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our annual Ice Cream Social.

I hope that your son/daughter read and practiced their math facts over the summer. Making sure our children are reading every day is their key to academic success. If your son/daughter completed their Summer Learning Packet, please send it to school with them and have them turn it in to their teacher. Each student who completed the packet will get a special treat from myself to celebrate their hard work.

I hope that each of you will volunteer in your child's classroom this school year and/or volunteer to support our PTO with the many family fun events they have planned. Please contact our PTO president Robbie Lopez on how to get more involved. They would love any and all support to make this year the best yet at Nora Elementary!

2015-2016 is going to be the BEST year yet at NORA! We are a true TEAM. We are excited to partner with each of you to ensure every child at Nora has an outstanding year!

Sincerely,
Amber



Nora Attendance Line

317-259-8856

** Parents must call in their child's absence to the Nora Attendance Line by 9am on the day the student is absent.*

Lexia & Moby Max at HOME

A great reading and math resource to use at home is Lexia and Moby Max. If you have access to the internet at home, your son/daughter can log in each day and work to improve their reading and math fact mastery. If you do not have access to the internet at home, the public library has free access for students to use each day. This would be a great opportunity for the whole family to visit the library. If your son/daughter cannot remember their login and password, please contact their teacher.

Lexia at Home

<http://www.lexiacore5.com>

Moby Max at Home

<http://www.mobymax.com>

Nora PTO & Dad's Club NEEDS YOU!

How can you help support our amazing students? Volunteer to help the PTO and Dad's Club!

We have many fun events planned this year, such as the Bonfire, Winter Wonderland Dance & Talent Show, International Night, Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms, Cookie Dough Fundraiser and much more!

Contact the PTO to volunteer & join us at our very informative PTO Meetings!

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New for the 2015-2016 school year at Nora: SUPER FLEX

Nora will be introducing and implementing Superflex! Superflex is a superhero paired with a curriculum designed to teach students positive social thinking, how to regulate their behaviors and become stronger social thinkers. Superflex battles the Unthinkables using positive social thinking. Each month classes will be introduced to Unthinkable characters, while aligning with our IB PYP attitudes. Students will learn how to use social thinking strategies to outwit and outsmart the social challenges presented as Unthinkables.

Superflex will work alongside the current Positive Behavior Supports at Nora. These supports include Panther Paws, Building Buddies (mentor program), Quarterly Celebrations, Morning Meeting, and the clip chart.

The Nora Faculty and staff are looking forward to another year full of celebrations and creating stronger social thinkers.

Skyward Parent Access

A wonderful new resource that is available to every parent this school year is Skyward Parent Access. As a parent, you can login to this website/ app to check your child's grades on assignments, access their end of the quarter report card and update their information with new phone numbers, etc. We encourage each of you to login and check your child's academic progress regularly.

Website: Skyward.msdwt.k12.in.us

AYS: At Your School

AYS is an excellent before and after school care program offered at Nora Elementary. The AYS team at Nora works together to ensure all students are well taken care of before and after school by engaging each student in physical activity, play time, home work time, computer time, a healthy snack, and so much more. Please call Ms. Fran at Nora if you are in need of excellent childcare before or after school at very reasonable prices.

Join us for LUNCH!

Lunchtime is a great time to spend time with your son/daughter during the school day! We invite each of you to join your son/daughter regularly for lunch. Please remember to bring a sack lunch from home or purchase a lunch at school when joining your child. Outside food is not permitted in the cafeteria due to food regulations and students with allergies. You may choose to eat at a separate table in the cafeteria when visiting. Your child will be allowed to choose one friend to join you for lunch if they would like to. We thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Nora office.

Birthdays are a VERY special time!

Students get very excited when it is time to celebrate their birthday. We truly recognize this special time in each child's life and recognize every student with a pencil and certificate for their birthday. We know that you, too, share in this excitement as your child turns another year older. If you choose to bring in a special treat for your son/daughter to celebrate their birthday, it is important to remember the following:

- Store bought snacks/treats ONLY; must be in original packaging
- Snacks/ treats may only be passed out during the last 15 minutes of lunch.

M.S.D.W.T. Mission Statement

The mission of Washington Township Schools is to develop life-long learners and globally-minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multi-cultural environment.