

# October Family Engagement Newsletter

## Wiggin Street Elementary

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Dear Families,

Research has shown that when parents foster positive learning environments at home and are engaged in their students' learning, kids have better academic success. As part of my School Improvement Project for this school year, my objective is to provide resources and information to support you and to develop a better partnership in the education process.

If you have a topic of interest that you would like me to address, please feel free to contact me at <mailto:cgrandstaff@mvcisd.us>

Sincerely,

Christy Grandstaff  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
Administrative Intern

### The Power of Yet

Carol Dweck, Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, talks about her favorite word in this video about "The Power of Yet"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyAde4nllm8>

The next time your child comes home frustrated after receiving a low grade or when having difficulty understanding a lesson, try focusing on the next steps they can take to improve. It's not that they don't understand something. It's that they don't understand yet! Do they need to put some extra effort into studying? Do they need to ask for help? Teach them to learn from their mistakes and move on. The grade is not nearly as valuable as the learning that comes as a result.

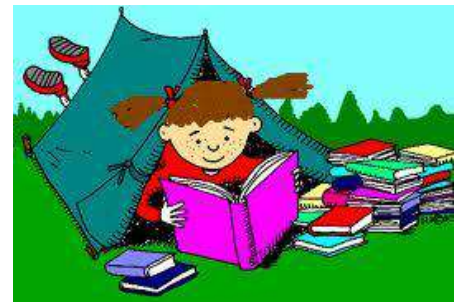


### Upcoming Events

#### October 16

**Family Literacy Night:  
Camp Read and Write A-Lot**  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

A fun night of Reading and Writing activities for the whole family featuring our visiting illustrator, Jeff Ebbeler.



#### October 26

**Pumpkins on Parade Craft Night**  
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Come join other Wiggin Street families for a fun craft night that will include pumpkin decorating and crafts

#### October 27

**Fall Harvest Parade**  
2:15 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to come out and support students as they parade through Gambier in their costumes.



## Camp Read and Write A-Lot

*The staff at Wiggin Street have a fun night of Reading and Writing activities planned for the whole family. Here is a schedule for the evening, so you know what to expect. You don't want to miss it!*

### 5:30-6:00

- **Parent Meeting on ways to help your child with Reading and Writing at home**
- **Parents will receive a pledge card to fill out and post on our "Camp Read and Write A-Lot" bulletin board in the main hallway**
- **Parents will also receive a punch card for each of their children to get hole punched at each of the 3 stations. As they leave for the night, students can turn them in for a S'mores kit.**
- **Students will enjoy camping out in tents and camp chairs to read by flashlight. Every K-5 student will receive a free book and flashlight. Mrs. Lowers and Mrs. Stetler will supervise along with volunteers.**

### 6:00-6:30

- **3-5th grade students will meet in the cafeteria with their families to make picture books with Jeff Ebbeler**
- **Parents of K-2 students will meet their children in the gym to read as a family and/or go to the library for a "Read-Alouds Under the Stars".**

### 6:30-7:00

- **K-2 grade students and their families will go to the cafeteria to make picture books with Jeff Ebbeler.**
- **Grades 3-5 students and their families will read in the gym and/or go to "Read Alouds Under the Stars".**

#### *Other Fun Activities Include:*

- *A picture taking area for capturing a family moment from Camp Read and Write A-Lot.*
- *Representatives from the Mount Vernon Public Library will be available to share program information and forms to sign up for a library card.*
- *Paragraph's bookstore will be selling more of Jeff Ebbeler's books.*



### Jeff Ebbeler

Jeff Ebbeler is a full time freelance illustrator and has illustrated over 40 children's books. He and his wife both attended the Art of Academy of Cincinnati. Jeff will be visiting Wiggin Street and sharing the process of bringing words to life through pictures on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Click here for a complete bio and links to his websites: [Bio of Jeff Ebbeler](#)

### Pre-order forms

There is still time to pre-order books to be signed by Jeff Ebbeler. Books can be purchased at Paragraph's bookstore or by using the pre-order form attached to this email.



