

KERSHAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

January 7, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **January 9th**
Ski School Begins
- **January 19th**
Civil Rights Day (No School)
- **January 20th**
2nd Session of After-School Program Begins!
- **January 28th**
Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-8:30 p.m. at Kershaw
- **January 28th & 29th**
Early Release at 1:50 p.m.
- **January 26th—29th**
PTO Book Fair
- **January 30th**
Professional Development Day (No School)

Happy New Year! As we embark on 2015, please take some time to reflect with your student on his/her educational experience at Kershaw Intermediate School. The start of a new year provides an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved and to set our sights on the next things that need to be accomplished.

Here are a few ideas to consider as we look at possible areas of improvement:

1. A set reading schedule.
2. A plan for completing (and turning-in) homework.
3. Making new friends.
4. Limiting television.
5. A standard to dress warm for Idaho winters.
6. Consistent attendance. This is key to your child's success in school. Each day's learning builds on what students learned the day before. When a child misses a lesson, he/she misses a critical building block. Inconsistent attendance can lead to problems for the next several days or weeks.
7. Doing Chores. Chores help children develop skills, understand the world does not revolve around them, develop a sense of pride, and chores can also help children see that they are an important part of the family.
8. Study Island (4th and 5th grades) & Edutyping. Here are two on-line programs that are available for your student to use at home to supplement and enhance their educational experiences. Your student has a unique student login to access both of these two programs to develop and strengthen their reading, math, and keyboarding skills. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We want you to know that we are also working at getting better. This school is packed with great educators doing great things with amazing students. I get to see firsthand what is going on, where students started and where they are now, and it amazes me to see the commitment and growth of both teachers and students. Even though we are very good at what we do, we realize that fine tuning is part of the process of improvement. We are committed to and constantly working on different aspects of teaching. The staff here work hard at being good at both the big and little things and that is one of the key reasons that this school is great. We appreciate your support and for the great kids that you send us!

Thanks,

Mr. Williams, Principal

Note: Kershaw Intermediate School student-body raised \$1,936 that was donated to the district-wide "*Operation Merry Christmas*" fundraiser to help students and families who were in financial need over the holidays. Our students doubled their goal! This program not only provides some basic needs for families in need, it also offers the opportunity for our children to share in the Christmas spirit and the joy of giving. We want to thank you for your support and the generous contributions!