

“Building a Brighter Tomorrow”



I hope you are having a wonderful winter thus far. Club is making great strides. We are on pace to reach our RAP (Regular Attending Participant) goals. We need just a handful of kids to have at least 4 visitors for the program year and the same for at least 30 days of club attendance. See Mr. Andy if you would like to know your students attendance number. Thank you for your continued club support.

- The last look at our January Polar Splash fundraising event looked as if we would reach our goal of \$150 and that means that Ms. Irene and Mr. Andy will be getting wet this month on the 17<sup>th</sup>. **The fundraiser for February will be Penny Wars!** Thanks again for helping club raise the funds it needs to continue offering quality after school programming for your children.
- We received some awesome news from the state after school program evaluation we had back in October. Our site here at NJSP received a perfect score! We are very excited that the evaluator saw what we know is a great program for the kids here at North Judson as well as across Starke County. We scored a 98% throughout the program county wide. We hope to have a SCYC celebration in the upcoming months.
- Club is offering a free SCYC cookbook with every \$5 donation. The cookbook has food and fun craft recipes that members as well as club friends were willing to share to create a neat little guide to tasty treats. See any club staff member to receive your cookbook today.
- The elementary school students will be taking some of their standardized test in early March. We are working on reading and writing skills here at SCYC to try and help raise their test scores. Communicate with their teachers and club to find out what can be done at home to help support your child gain a greater interest in reading.
- Visit [www.thescyc.org](http://www.thescyc.org) for printable calendars, news, and contact information.

## Family Corner

Family Fridays continue to grow. Each week we invite you to join us at 4:05 for fun activities. Attendance goals are four visitors per child. This goal can be reached in one day or over the course of the year. Thank you for your attendance. You are helping club and your student be a success.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Twister Tournament**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> - Bingo**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> - Polar Splash/Kickball Night**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> - Health field specialist**

**Family Fridays are subject to change at any time.**

## In The Know

### The Importance of Reading to Your Child

- Reading to a child can and should begin as soon after birth as possible, as it will help with brain development, speech skills, as well as simply bonding with the child, which will help in other developmental areas as well.
- Most people don't realize that when a child is born, only twenty-five percent of the brain is developed, and the rest develops within the first year of life. This is an extremely crucial time in a child's life where reading aloud and simply talking to the child will help tremendously with brain development along with their speaking skills.
- A few don'ts to follow when reading to your children include, don't read books you don't enjoy yourself. Have fun reading and make it a special time for both of you. Use books that are age appropriate for the child and make sure you have read the book prior to reading it aloud to be sure of its contents. Using books that the child doesn't understand can turn them off of books for good.
- Most parents begin working with their children by teaching them their letters first, then they move onto words and then the stories. According to Mem Fox this is exactly opposite of the way it should be done. If a parent reads aloud to their child early and often then the letters and words will naturally come into the child's world.
- One thing to keep in mind when working with older children; if the child is having trouble pronouncing a word, don't have them try to sound it out, just tell them what it is and move on with the story. If the child worries too much about what certain words are they will forget about what they are reading, that in turn means they really are not reading, if they are not comprehending the story.
- Some simple things that parents can do to ensure their children become readers are to first and foremost, read to them. Second have books readily available around the house and take them to the library as often as possible. Make reading fun and make sure it's done often.
- Enjoy a good book with your child today and create that bond that might be missing.
- <http://www.childcarelounge.com/parent-articles/reading-aloud.php>

# February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
30	31	1	2 <b>K-1</b> Veggie Pizza <b>2-3</b> Cyber Math <b>4-5</b> Scribble Art  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick- Library., Computers, Build and Play	3 <b>K-1</b> Cyber Math <b>2-3</b> Scribble Art <b>4-5</b> Veggie Pizza  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Family Friday- <b>Twister Tournament</b>	4/5
6 <b>K-1</b> Cencio Mollo <b>2-3</b> High or Low <b>4-5</b> Easy Flow  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick-Be My Valentine, Drama , B-Ball Skills	7 <b>K-1</b> High or Low <b>2-3</b> Easy Flow <b>4-5</b> Cencio Mollo  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick- Be My Valentine, Drama, B-Ball Skills	8 <b>K-1</b> Easy Flow <b>2-3</b> Cencio Mollo <b>4-5</b> High or Low  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick-Library, Computers, Build and Play	9 <b>K-1</b> 3-D Art <b>2-3</b> Double Baked Tators <b>4-5</b> Cyber Math  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick-Library, Computers, Build and Play	10 <b>K-1</b> Double Baked Tators <b>2-3</b> Cyber Math <b>4-5</b> 3-D Art  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Family Friday-Bingo Night	11/12
13 <b>K-1</b> Stained Glass <b>2-3</b> Place Value <b>4-5</b> Egg in a Bottle  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick-Mini-Marshmallow Poppers, Drama , Target Practice	14 <b>K-1</b> Place Value <b>2-3</b> Egg in a Bottle <b>4-5</b> Stained Glass  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick—Mini-Marshmallow Poppers, Drama, Target Practice	15 <b>K-1</b> Egg in a Bottle <b>2-3</b> Stained Glass <b>4-5</b> Place Value  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick-Library, Computer, Build and Play	16 <b>K-1</b> Cyber Math <b>2-3</b> Proportion and Contrast <b>4-5</b> Asian Chicken Salad  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick- Library, Computers, Build and Play	17 <b>K-1</b> Proportion and Contrast <b>2-3</b> Asian Chicken Salad <b>4-5</b> Cyber Math  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Family Friday-Polar Splash/Kickball	18/19
20 <b>K-1</b> Soccer <b>2-3</b> Move Over <b>4-5</b> Foamy  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick-Sock Puppets, Drama, B-Ball is Back	21 <b>K-1</b> Move Over <b>2-3</b> Foamy <b>4-5</b> Soccer  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick—Sock Puppets, Drama, B-Ball is Back	22 <b>K-1</b> Foamy <b>2-3</b> Soccer <b>4-5</b> Move Over  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick- Library, Computers, Build and Play	23 <b>K-1</b> Pancakes <b>2-3</b> Cyber Math <b>4-5</b> Paper Airplanes  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick- Library, Computers, Build and Play	24 <b>K-1</b> Cyber Math <b>2-3</b> Paper Airplanes <b>4-5</b> Pancakes  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Family Friday-Health Field Career Day	25/26
27 <b>K-1</b> Spaghetti <b>2-3</b> In Between <b>4-5</b> Genie in a Bottle  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick-Play It Again Sam, Drama, Foot Power!	28 <b>K-1</b> In Between <b>2-3</b> Genie in a Bottle <b>4-5</b> Spaghetti  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick—Play It Again Sam, Drama, Foot Power!	29 <b>K-1</b> Genie in a Bottle <b>2-3</b> Spaghetti <b>4-5</b> In Between  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick- Library, Computers, Build and Play	1 <b>K-1</b> Sponge Painting <b>2-3</b> Snack Wraps <b>4-5</b> Cyber Math  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Pick- Library, Computers, Build and Play	2 <b>K-1</b> Snack Wraps <b>2-3</b> Cyber Math <b>4-5</b> Sponge Painting  <b>2nd Rotation</b> Family Friday-TBD	3/4