

From the Desk of the Supervisor

We have updated our Parent Handbook- please refer to our website for the updated copy (www.terrytan.ca)

There have been many vehicles seen parked (and left running in some instances!) in front of the gate or beside the fence in the parking lot at the Terry Tan entrance of the school - PLEASE park your car in a designated spot and ensure that your child/ren are escorted properly in and out of the building. With the addition of snow, the danger is increased for cars to get around and avoid bumping into others! The wheelchair accessible spot (adjacent to the gate) should ALWAYS remain open unless you have a permit to park your car in the accessible place. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Did you know that this month all Terry Tan staff will receive CPR and/or First Aid training? This training occurs annually to ensure not only the safety of staff and children but compliance with many governing bodies.

If you have not already done so, please submit your Annual Registration form to the Office as soon as possible.

Board and Staff News

The Board of Directors will not be meeting this month. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00pm.

Do not forget to follow us on Twitter
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Special Dates

5th- Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday

6th – Ash Wednesday

8th- International Women's Day

10th- Daylight Savings
(turn clock ahead 1 hour)



11th-15th- March Break-
No school for FDK/SA

17th – St. Patrick's Day

20th- First day of Spring

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: The Value of Picture Books

Are Picture Books Important?

If picture books primarily use pictures to tell their stories, are they really helpful for developing reading skills? Yes! Besides using colorful illustrations to engage and motivate readers to read, picture books can help even the youngest readers and non-readers learn foundational reading skills such as: Concepts of Print, Letter Knowledge and Phonics Awareness.

How Can I Use Picture Books?

Picture books are helpful in many ways! They can help develop language skills, build social-emotional competence, improve a child's ability to listen, and so much more. Specific skills that you can use picture books

*Engaging in conversation – Talk about what is happening in a story. When possible, try to relate relevant parts of the story to your child's experiences.

*Telling and retelling stories – Ask students to look at the pictures and tell you the story in their own words. Encourage your child to tell a complete story with a beginning, middle, and end. Once you have read the story together, asking your child to retell the story will help you to know how much of the story your child understood.

*Exploring emotions and feelings – Sometimes children find it easier to talk about other people's emotions instead of their own. Talk to your child about the emotions and feelings of the characters. This will also help your child develop empathy and an understanding of situations from another person's point of view.

*Improving vocabulary – Because picture books rely on pictures to tell their stories, the vocabulary that the authors use is often specific and focused. When a child comes across a vocabulary word that he doesn't know, encourage him to use the pictures and context to try to figure out the meaning of new word

While many people may think that picture books can't contribute much to reading because of they don't contain lots of words, they actually provide a wealth of opportunities for growth and development in the area of reading! In the case of picture books, a picture really is worth a thousand words!