

School Council Notes May 4th, 2011

Mark's Update:

- ❖ New website will be launched soon. Content will be added over time.
- ❖ Facilities update: recent enrollment increase has necessitated conversation about adding a modular for the 2011-2012 school year.
- ❖ New Horace Man Values Posters – look for them around the school

Parent Literacy Night at the School Council Meeting on May 4, 2011.

Who: Teachers/Parents and will kids be occupied with other activities/adults?

Questions we have...

What is the best way for the participants to rotate centers?

How many centers are worth while and doable? (3 centers)

How long at each center? (20 minutes?)

Will it take place in the classrooms?

Topic Ideas

1) Working with your kids at home

Questions - What to ask your child when they are reading at home to help with making connections.

2) Genres (types of books including suggestions)

poetry

non-fiction (science and social studies)

fiction (read alouds)

3) Decoding -

phonics - reading tips as to how to break words apart

helping read hard/multi-syllabic words

4) Comprehension (goes along with #1)

5) Fluency and Intonation

6) Vocabulary Development

7) What do you do when the parent is stumped as to what to do when the child is reading and having a hard time?

Event Planning Ideas

- ❖ Do a date sometime in November
- ❖ Start with K-2 and see how it goes?
- ❖ Do K-2 and 3-5 in one night, or separate into 2 nights? What is the impact on staff for this?
- ❖ Offer pizza dinner so people can bring their children
- ❖ Pizza @ 6pm, program starts @ 6:30