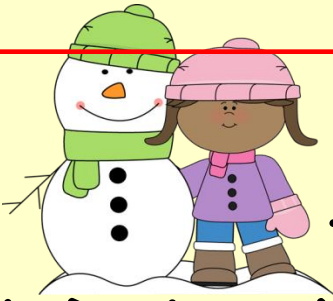


# SCHOOL'S IN SESSION!

Brooks Elementary  
A Title One School  
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## The Fantastic Four Newsletter

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### Class News

### Tips for Helping Kids Learn

It is hard to believe but we are already more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  ways through the school year. We are so proud of the progress that our students are making. Thanks to all of you for encouraging your child to be their best at school by being in attendance, completing homework and putting forth their best effort.

In reading comprehension, we will continue to learn about how good readers make inferences. We hope to be finishing our opinion pieces in writing. In math, we are continuing to work on our place value unit.



### Word Work for the Week

Your child should know how to read and write these sight words: **near, under, us, really, last.**

We will work with (o) aw sound in these words: **jigsaw, small, salty, bossy, draw.**

Students will learn about present and past tense verbs.

Part One Adapted from

<http://www.teachthought.com/>

**Chess makes kids smart.** It forces students to slow down, concentrate, use precise thinking, active both inductive and deductive reasoning, as well as recognizing difficult and complex patterns.

**Gardening improves children's desire to learn and boosts their confidence.** Gardening helps use up surplus energy in active kids. The process of growing something from seed to fruit helps teach children responsibility and managing a living organism.

**Playing with blocks increases neuron count in children.** Even with 15 minutes of free play, children will use some of that time learning about mathematical and spatial principles. Blocks, one of the simplest and longstanding toys, teach geometry, patterns, shapes, colors, and physics.

**Green spaces or natural backyards elevate children's learning through discovery.** Students who were given access to green woodlands, ponds, and other natural habitats had an increase in social cooperation and creativity.

**For the research behind these statements and for more tips, please visit:**

<http://www.teachthought.com/>

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## Funny Bone

How do you know if there's a dinosaur under your bed?

**(Your nose hits the ceiling!)**

What should you do if you find a dinosaur in your bed?

**(Find somewhere else to sleep!)**



## Reminders to Parents

Friday Feb. 2 is a make-up day from Aug. 21 when we were out for the eclipse.

No School Feb. 5 Teacher Planning Day

No School Feb. 19 President's Day

No School Feb. 20 Special Election in Bullitt County

## Midyear Supplies

Please check with your child to see what school supplies they may need. Several of the students are in need of new **notebooks** for reader's response and word work, or homework, **dry erase markers** and **yellow pencils**.

**Headphones** are another item that may need replacing. We appreciate your help with this matter. In addition, we can always use **tissues** for all the runny noses!

## Special Area

### Blue Week 1/22/18

**P.E. Mrs. Kimball**

**Library Mrs. Denison**

**Science Mrs. Russell**

### Red Week 1/29/18

**P.E. Mrs. Russell**

**Library Mrs. Kimball**

**Art/Music Mrs. Denison**

