



# SCHOOL'S IN SESSION!

Brooks Elementary  
A Title One School

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## The Fantastic Four Newsletter

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### Class News

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Christmas party a success. We appreciate the parents who came in to help with the party. Also thank you for all the goodies that were sent; the kids really enjoyed them. The grading period ended on December 15th. Teachers will be working on report cards, which will be going home on Tuesday, January 9.

Students' will begin new reading groups this week. We are working on money in math. We will continue to work on earth changes in science.



### Word Work for the Week:

Each child should know how to read and write these high frequency words: **away, read, later, leave, got.**

We are also working on one- and two-syllable words with variant vowel /oo/ syllable patterns: **push, look, bookshop, brook, bully.** Students will also learn about onomatopoeia words that sound like the thing it is describing: woof, boom, beep, and click.

### Helping Your Child with Main Idea

Finding the [Main Idea](#) is a struggle for many elementary school age children. Children tend to think the main idea is a summary of a story. When you finish a story and ask for the main idea your child may retell the entire story down to what each character was wearing. It is important to find main ideas when [reading](#). Main ideas help readers remember important information. The main idea is a message about the topic that the author is sending the reader—minus all the details. It is the most important thing the text says about the topic. All fictional and nonfictional stories, paragraphs, poems, and articles have a main idea. Understanding main idea is essential for reading comprehension.

### Kids and Reading

Set aside a regular time for reading in your family, independent of schoolwork, the 20 minutes before lights out, just after dinner, or whatever fits into your household schedule. As little as 10 minutes of free reading a day can help improve your child's skills and habits.

Encourage your child to read aloud to you an exciting passage in a book, an interesting tidbit in the newspaper, or a joke in a joke book. When children read aloud, don't feel they have to get every word right. Even good readers skip or mispronounce words now and then.

## Funny Bone

What is a cat's favorite color?  
**(Purr-ple!)**

Why did the tomato turn red?  
**(Because it saw  
the salad dressing!)**

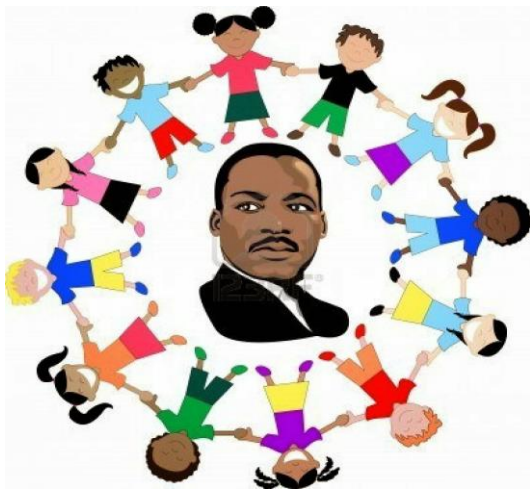


## Reminders to Parents

Report Cards January 9

No School January 15

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade does Food Pantry  
January 22-26



## Upcoming Events

**Born Learning Academy**  
January 9 at 5:30 p.m.  
RSVP 869-2012

**PTA Skating Party on January 11**  
6:00-8:00 at Skate-O-Rama  
Admission is \$2  
\$2-\$3 rental fee for skates



## Special Area Orange Week January 3-5

**Art/Music Mrs. Kimball**  
**Library Mrs. Russell**  
**Science Mrs. Denison**

## Special Area Green Week January 8-12

**Art/Music Mrs. Denison**  
**P. E. Mrs. Kimball**  
**Science Mrs. Russell**

