



Stephens Gazette

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From the Principal

We are very excited about the smooth start to the school year. We would like to thank you for being a part of this great beginning. As you all know, learning and safety are our main goals for our students and your children. To ensure the safety and well-being of every student, please continue to assist us by doing the following:

- All visitors must sign in at the front office and have a valid state issued ID.
- If you should have a need to change your child's method of transportation, please submit a change of transportation by either sending a written note or by faxing it to the school no later than 2:30 day of the change.
- If your child is a car rider, note that all cars must have a Stephens' Elementary car rider tag.

Thank you for helping to make USE a safe and positive learning environment.

Pointers on Providing Homework Support

Homework is a wonderful way to extend the learning that has taken place in the classroom. It is also a great way to build the connection between home and school. As parents, you can play an active role and support your child's learning by checking your child's planner each night and ensuring that homework assignments are completed as they are assigned by the teacher.

The following tips can assist with making homework a fun and pleasurable experience for all:

- Set a regular time each day for doing homework. This time should be free of distractions such as TV and phone call.
- Be sure your child has a place to do homework that is quiet and well lit. Make sure your child has all the appropriate materials to complete assignments---such as paper and pencils.
- Let your child know that homework is important and valuable. Consistently review your child's homework during homework time.
- Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime.

It is a Stallion expectation that all homework assignments are written in the planner and checked by a parent or guardian.

News from the Librarian




Book Care

Watch out for water and other liquids! Did you know that water ruins more library books than anything else? After their first visit to the library, each student was given a plastic zip bag to protect their library books. Please ask your child if they still have this bag or if it needs to be replaced.

While your child's library book is at home, please help your child locate a safe place to store it. Other reminders: if a page is torn, please do not use regular tape to fix it. Have your child bring it to the library. We have special book tape that will not yellow or harm the pages. One last one, don't forget to always use clean hands when reading a book.

If we work together to take care of our books they will last for years to come.

Thank you,
Nidia Casillas, Librarian

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Fall Pictures 	2 Early Dismissal 12:40pm
5	6	7 Individuality Wear Black & White	8 Volunteer Orientation 6:30pm	9 Report Cards Go <u>Home</u> Volunteer Orientation 10:00am
12 No School Columbus Day	13 PTA Executive Meeting 6:30pm	14 Wear your Favorite College Shirt For Go Get Education	15 Reflections 3:45- 5:00pm (Cafeteria)	16 Math Make & Take for Parents 12:30- 2:30pm
19 CAT Meeting 6:30pm	20	21	22	23
26 Red Ribbon Week → Wear Red	27 Wear A Tie	28 Wear Team Jersey/ Shirt	29 MASH Night 6:00pm Flu Shots 6:00-7:30pm Wear Your Clothes	30 Wear Orange 1