

From the principal's desk...

Dear families,

As I write this week's letter, the fifth grade students are en route to Estes Park for their Outdoor Education. This is an overnight trip, and the kids will have two days of learning adventures in the heart of one of the prettiest areas in Colorado. Thanks to our teachers and parent volunteers for making this a special trip!

This week, we began our small group literacy instruction, where students meet daily with a literacy teacher or tutor for their daily reading and/or writing instruction. I heard a parent this week speak to the joy her son expressed that day – “Mom, we had literacy groups today!” I also appreciate hearing this excitement for learning. Yes, we believe in small group instruction, but not just because of the great results we achieve each year, but primarily because we want to foster the love of reading in every child.

The support of our parents this fall makes small group instruction possible. Your donations to PTO through our Dedication to Education campaign supports literacy instruction for all students at Douglass, and helps us continue our tradition of excellence. Thanks in advance for your support of our PTO!

We had about 70 parents at our parent information night for our Child Abuse Prevention workshops. I know that some parents wanted to attend but had other obligations, so if you would like to pick up one of the adult resource packets, they will be available in the office beginning on Monday. Again, thanks to our PTO for making these safety workshops possible for our students.

A quick construction update - the project continues to be on schedule and the new additions are quickly taking shape. It's exciting to see new walls going up and the footprint clearly outlined. I'd like to thank parents for continuing to help make our pick-up and drop-off process work smoothly and safely before and after school. Parking your car in the overflow area and walking to pick up your child is much appreciated.

Thanks for all of your support of Douglass!

Your principal,
Jon Wolfer