Cuddle Up with a Great Book!

It is often thought that practice makes perfect, but we prefer to think that practice makes progress. The more one practices his/her reading skills, the sharper they will become.

At Primrose, we utilize several tips and strategies to improve the reading of our youngest readers. Using the picture to make meaning and unlock a new word is a great strategy. A child’s oral vocabulary often exceeds the number of words one recognizes in print.

Also, we tell students to get their mouth ready when reading; some teachers call this the “Lips the Fish” strategy. When you come to a new word, your mouth is already set to start making the beginning sounds, looking for familiar chunks.

When encountering a tricky word, students will read to the end of the sentence and then check for meaning. A student may ask, “Did what I read make sense?” This monitors comprehension and assists with unlocking unfamiliar words.

Reading is the foundation of all other subjects. Becoming a fluent reader fosters independence and a love of learning!

The Olympic Games Teach Us More Than You Think!

You can learn a lot by watching the Olympics! Don't believe me? It’s as true as learning math from the Super Bowl!

Start by looking up the location of the current Olympic Games and compare it to the location of the last Olympics. The previous games would have been held in a warm climate since they were the summer games.

Geography not your thing? The Olympics also has a lot to do with math. Most events can be helpful in reviewing greater than or less than! A good old-fashioned medal count can assist one in comparing lots of numbers! For speed skating, the athlete with the lowest score wins. Yet for figure skaters and hockey players, it’s the greatest score that counts. Don't get me started on the enrichment opportunities when talking about decimals!!

Finally, one can find true inspiration in the perseverance of an Olympic athlete. The library is teeming with biographies about athletes of the present and past. Many have overcome numerous obstacles to realize their dreams!

Yes, there is plenty to learn from the Olympic Games!
PTA Announcements

Primrose Yearbook on Sale!

Cherish the memories! Purchase your Primrose yearbook today! Visit [www.schoolannual.com](http://www.schoolannual.com) and click on "Buy Student's Yearbook" at the top. Search for Primrose in the "Get Started" search bar. Click on "2018 Yearbook". Be sure to input your child’s teacher. Yearbooks are $20 + tax. Order by FRIDAY, MARCH 23. No extra books will be purchased, so order yours today! If you have any questions, please contact our Yearbook Chair, Tara Duffy, at taraeliseduffy@gmail.com.

Photos for Yearbook - ReplayIt.com

If you attend a school or classroom event this year, please help us by taking photos for the Primrose yearbook! We need candid shots of students and would love to have as many students represented as possible in the yearbook! It’s easy to upload photos straight from your phone through the [ReplayIt app](http://www.schoolannual.com/replayit-app).

Please visit [www.schoolannual.com/replayit-app](http://www.schoolannual.com/replayit-app) for information on how to upload photos to this site. Please be sure to indicate which class/event the pictures are for. If you would prefer, you can email photos to Tara Duffy at taraeliseduffy@gmail.com.

Primrose PTA Meeting

Our next Primrose PTA Meeting will be held this Monday, February 12th at 7PM in the Primrose Library.

Mrs. Regina Kaishian and Mrs. Meg Benedetto will be presenting information about Response to Intervention (RtI) and building level services.

Somers Leos will be available for childcare for school aged children in the cafeteria.

Don’t forget!

Upcoming Events:

2/12 – PTA Meeting [7PM].
2/16 – Snow Date for Kindergarten Registration.
2/17-2/25 February Break – Schools are closed.
2/26 – Schools are back in session!

SCSD Announcements

LAST WEEK to EXPRESS INTEREST!

Superintendent’s Educational Equity Advisory Team

The District desires to establish a Superintendent’s Educational Equity Advisory Team to be a resource and a springboard to aid the district in better fulfilling the values of the district. The Team serves as the “educational equity lens” of SCSD and strives to provide positive change for all.

Interested in joining? Want to learn more? Visit the link for details and to express interest.

SEPTA Announcements

SEPTA Parent Coffee and Conversation with Annamarie Maggio, Director of Special Services
Monday, February 12 at 10 am
Annamarie Maggio will be our special guest at the next SEPTA parent coffee and conversation. She will update us on the LIFE Project (Learning Inclusively For Everyone) and answer questions. Your child does not need to be currently receiving support services for you to attend. Please RSVP at rsvpforsepta@gmail.com for meeting location. All are welcome!

General SEPTA Board Meeting –
Monday, February 26 7 PM in the SMS Library
All are welcome to attend the next SEPTA board meeting. Meet members of the current SEPTA board and discover ways that you can get involved. Find out the plans SEPTA has for the rest of the year and share your ideas for the future. If you would like to attend, please send an email to rsvpforsepta@gmail.com.

Anxiety and Depression in Children and Teens
Presented by Dr. Samantha Morrison

New Date: Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30 PM in the SMS Library

8th Annual SEPTA Magic Show: Friday, March 23 at Somers High School

It’s time to buy your tickets for the 8th Annual SEPTA Magic Show featuring Brad Ross, International Star Illusionist. Buy your tickets online at www.seatyourself.biz/somerssepta and save! Tickets purchased in advance are $12 online until February 28th, $15 online from March 1st until noon on March 23rd, and $20 at the door. Your ticket purchase includes admission, magic show, games, face painting, Ga-Ga court, popcorn, and a goody bag. For more details, please click on the link to the flyer:

Community Announcements

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Attention, Somers Lacrosse Families! Registration for the 2018 Boys Spring Lacrosse Season is NOW OPEN! Please register here:
http://somersnyblax.website.siplay.com/

Somers Lacrosse is for girls, too! Registration for the 2018 Girls Spring Lacrosse Season is NOW OPEN! Please go to https://somersnyglax.siplay.com/site/ to register.

Girls Softball Registration is open!
Come join the fun on Saturday mornings!
- Preschool - Ages 3-5
- 6u (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)
- 8u (2nd and 3rd Grade)
If you have any questions please contact katie.dichiaro@gmail.com
http://somersnysb.sportssignup.com/site/

Destination Imagination Valentine Fundraiser

Buy a carnation for any ADULT in PES and have it hand-delivered in time for February 14th. Just $1 each or send a dozen to one person for $10. Use the staff list on the flyer to help you select those you’d like to send flowers to. Then just print out and fill out each Valentine form and cut on dotted lines!

ADDITIONAL FORMS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL OFFICE. Return all forms in an envelope marked: Di Valentine’s Flowers to school office NO LATER THAN Monday, Feb. 12th with payment - cash or checks payable to Somers Destination Imagination.