



Tiger Tales

Hillcrest Elementary, Home of The Tigers
Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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Tiger Tales Calendar

Feb. 5- PAT meeting,
3:00 pm in room 3
**Feb. 7- Breakfast of
Champions, 8 am**
Feb. 7- PTO meeting ,
3:30 in faculty rm
Feb 15- District In-
service, No School K-12
Feb. 18- Presidents
Day No school



Welcoming a New Principal

As many of you have probably heard, Mr. Lowe will be leaving Hillcrest next school year. He will become the new principal of the Grace Jordan Elementary. The district has gone to extensive efforts to find a replacement principal for Hillcrest. The principal they have chosen is Mr. Kurt Thaemert, currently the principal at Koelsch Elementary. He's been the principal there for 6 years. He will be at Hillcrest on March 6th at 3:30 (same time as our PTO meeting) to meet parents. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to welcome Mr. Thaemert to Hillcrest.

Prohaska's Pointers

*By Doreen Prohaska,
Hillcrest Reading Specialist*

Make reading together a comfortable daily ritual. Once your child gets into the habit of reading at a certain time, he or she will come to associate reading with a relaxing part of the daily routine.



Homework Tips

*By Jan Haskin,
Hillcrest PAT Coordinator*

What are the benefits of homework to children?

- **Responsibility** – Doing homework every day at the same time helps develop responsibility and prepares children for responsibilities they will face as adults.
- **Reinforcement** – Homework helps children understand that learning doesn't stop when the school bell rings.
- **Self-esteem** - Children learn self-esteem by doing estimable things—completing homework assignments is estimable.

Accomplishment – Taking pride in homework assignments helps children experience the satisfaction of a job well done.