



# Tiger Tales

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

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## Tiger Tales Calendar

**Dec. 13-** 4th-6th grades  
School Program,  
The Nutcracker, 9:30 for  
school, 1:30 for parents  
**Dec. 21-** Early Release  
**Dec. 24-Jan. 4-**  
Winter Break  
**Jan. 7 -** School Resumes  
**Jan. 10-** PTO Meeting,  
3:30 in Faculty rm

## Prohaska's Pointers

*By Doreen Prohaska,  
Hillcrest Reading Specialist*  
Encourage reading as a  
free-time activity, and set  
limits on the amount of  
time your child spends  
watching television or  
playing video games. It's  
difficult for reading to  
compete with these dis-  
tractions, especially when  
a child is still struggling to  
read fluently.

## December Character Trait

# Respect

**Q:** My daughter is always so angry and mean to her friends. What can I do to help her see that she should treat others with respect?

**A:** Your children first need to see virtue in action. Parents, relatives, siblings and childcare providers give children their first glimpses of respect. But it's not enough for your children to see people behaving virtuously. They also need encouragement and feedback. Children will repeat actions that get them attention from their parents. What this means is that we need to worry more about catching our children doing something right than doing something wrong.

Most parents find it natural to give negative feedback to children. When we repeatedly focus on the negative with our children, they may begin believing us. So, the girl who acts angry begins to define herself as "an angry girl." You can see how important it is to notice when your children behave kindly and to give them a positive character building statement such as, "You're the kind of girl who knows how to be respectful."

## Homework Tips

*By Jan Haskin,  
Hillcrest PAT Coordinator*  
Don't be afraid to  
get in touch with the  
teacher if you and  
your child don't un-  
derstand an assign-  
ment or if your child  
is having a great  
deal of trouble. Al-  
most all parents run  
into these problems,  
and teachers are  
glad to help.

## Community Partners

Hillcrest and the **Partnership Action Team** would like to thank the following community partners for donating their services, time or money to our Snuggle Up & Read event.

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&

**Stephanie Hanchette from  
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