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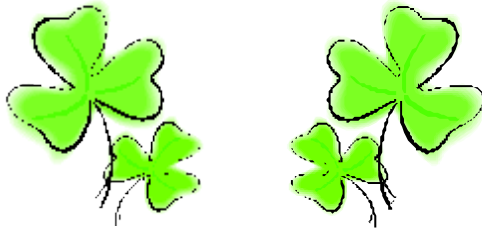
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## Next Generation Academy

"The mission of Next Generation Academy is to inspire students to become productive 21st century literate citizens."

## Upcoming Events

- March 1 Read Across America
- March 1 K-2 Library visit
- March 7 School Board Meeting
- March 8 NGA K-2 Clubs
- March 11 PTSO Meeting (6 pm-7 pm)
- March 14 Chick-fil-A Fundraiser Night (3 pm-9 pm)
- March 15 K-2 Library visit
- March 22 Teacher Workday
- March 26 End of the grading period
- March 27 Spring & Club Pictures
- March 29 K-2 Library visit



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Dear NGA Parents/Guardians:

As we March into the last few months of the year, I want to thank NGA parents for getting more involved in their child's/children's education this year. One of my goals, as a first-year principal, is to create a culture that is welcoming to the parents and to build a sound relationship to ensure success for ALL students.

As stated in our mission we are focused on building literacy. With that in mind, we will be recognizing Read Across America on **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** that will help bring a focus on the importance of reading. Thank you to all of you who signed up to read to our wonderful NGA students.

Also, I want to encourage NGA parents to start attending the PTSO meetings that are held monthly. These organizations help with goals and priorities for the School Improvement Plan, as well as, give ideas for upcoming parent/community nights and activities. Our next meeting is **March 11th at 6:00 PM** in the gym and I encourage all who can to attend. Parents, my goal is that you feel welcome at Next Generation Academy.

Thank you for all that you do for your children, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Happy Spring!  
Dr. S. Lewis, Principal



The instructional day starts at **7:50 am**. Children enter the building at this time and then the doors are locked immediately for security reasons. Children who arrive after this time need to enter through the main office for a tardy pass. To ensure that your child is not tardy for school, please try to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the school day to account for traffic. We know that it is very congested at drop off time and we appreciate your patience.

Please remember to let your child's teacher know when your child is absent. The length of the absence and a reason for the absence should be in written form when child returns to school.

Our school website includes a link regarding upcoming events, school closings/delays, curriculum info., and PTSO information. **The information can be found via the schools' website at <http://nextgenerationacademy.net/>.**

# Parent Corner

## Have detailed conversations with your child to deepen reading comprehension.....

To help your child get the most out of books, talk about them before, during and after she reads: **Before reading**, look at the title and jacket description. Where does the story take place? Is there a conflict in it? What does your child think will happen in the story? Why? **While reading**, discuss the characters and plot. What are the main characters like? Does your child agree with their decisions? What does she think might happen next? **After finishing**, make conclusions. Did the story end the way your child expected? What alternate endings can she imagine? What does she think was the author's point in writing the story? Source: "Appropriate Reading Discussions for Children," Math and Reading Help, [niswc.com/reading\\_comprehension\\_questions](http://niswc.com/reading_comprehension_questions).



## Kindergarten Math Tips

Parents invite your child to gather five small objects or toys and have them tell you take apart/put together stories about them. For example, "There are 5 frogs. Two frogs sit on a log, and 3 frogs play in the water."

Encourage your child to use small objects to show various number bonds for numbers 2 through 5. For example, if the whole is 4 beans, your child might break it apart into 3 beans and 1 bean. Be sure your child includes 0 as a part in some number bonds. For an added challenge, ask your child to increase the total number of beans gradually to 10. Perhaps set a timer to see how many number bonds she/he can make in a minute.

Encourage your child to practice counting the "Say Ten" way to 20 (e.g. 8, 9, ten, ten 1, ten 2, ten 3... 2 tens). If your child struggles, consider drawing a picture or using **Rekenrek** as a visual support.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Math Tips

During the next few days, first grade students will be learning strategies to help us fluently solve addition problems up to 10. They will learn how to use addition chart to explore patterns and make connections between facts. Encourage your child to use fingers to help visualize doubles facts. For example, to solve  $3 + 3$ , have your child wiggle both pinky fingers and say "two" then wiggle both pinkies and bot ring fingers and say "four" and finally wiggle the pinky, ring, and middle finger on each hand and say "six". Make simple 5-group cards at home. Flash two cards at the same time. Playing "Missing Part": Use 5-group cards or homemade numeral cards from 0-10. Partner A places card against their forehead without looking at the number on the card. Partner B tells how many more to make 10. Then, Partner A guesses the number on the card. Take turns planning each role. If needed, remind your child to use fingers to count on.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math Tips

Check out [Quizizz.com](http://Quizizz.com). Parents, you can access quizizz for your child via smartphone, tablet, or computer. No account needs to be created, just click on "Join A Game" at the top of the page, input the code and the student can begin. Quizizz can be used for skills review and practice and gives the student immediate feedback, it offers an opportunity to revisit skills that students might be struggling with and need extra support.

## Eureka Math Video Links

The video links are short lessons that gives step by step directions to assist with each lesson, the videos are directly related to each lesson, they can be used to reinforce what was learned in school and to assist with homework.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

### Cafeteria Lunch Prices

Full Price Breakfast (1.00) and Lunch (2.85)  
Reduced Price Breakfast (.00) and Lunch (.40)

*If your child has not turned in his/her lunch application, he/she is charged daily for breakfast/lunch. So, it is imperative that you send in the money for your child's breakfast/lunch daily.*

# PTSO

The Cookie Grams were a success and we made roughly \$184 for our PTSO! Thank you for all of your help and support!

We are still collecting Box Tops. So, please continue to send in your Box Tops.

Our next PTSO Meeting will be on **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm at NGA in the gym. This will be a very brief meeting.

Mark **March 14<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for Chick-fil-A Night (3pm-9pm) \*\*drive-thru or dine in are accepted.

Other info... Go to your local Harris Teeter and link your VIC-card so that a portion of what you purchase goes to NGA! School Number: 5383

Your President,  
Leah Dula Brown



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