



# Hagood Highlights Newsletter

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## Home & School Connection

### Vocabulary Boosters

A large vocabulary can turn your child into a better reader and writer. Try these everyday ways to help your child learn words.

Keep your ears open. When you and your child go places, point out words that people use. Maybe a waiter describes an entrée or the dentist talks about molars. Encourage your child to figure out what they mean by the way they are used.

Go beyond nouns. Help your child add verbs and adjectives to her vocabulary. Sports and games offer opportunities to use action words (verbs). Let your child hear you comment on the softball that soars or the runner who sprints.

## Dates to Remember

### February

2	Early Release Day; Dismiss at 12:00 p.m.
12	Valentine's Day Class Parties; 1:30 p.m.
16	Progress Reports Go Home
25	Spring Pictures
26	Inclement Weather Day
29	No School for Students; Professional Learning Day

## Early Release Day

Tuesday, February 2 is an early release day. Elementary schools will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. On Feb. 2, your child will go home the normal way he or she goes home unless a parent or guardian writes a note to indicate otherwise. Please write a note in advance to change transportation and do not call the school unless it is an emergency.

## Valentine's Day Class Parties

Valentine's class parties will be held from 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 12. Parents that are assisting that day will be able to go to classrooms at 1:15. Parents will need to wait in the front lobby until that time.

Teachers and students will have instructional time until 1:15 that day. Thank you for your help in making this a special day for Hagood students.

## Attendance Reminders

While we hope that students will be able to attend school every day, we realize there will be times when students may be absent. When this happens, please be sure to remember the following district guidelines:

◆ Be sure to send a note or medical excuse within 3 days of an absence. An email to your child's teacher and/or Mrs. Alexander or Mrs. Bigham will be accepted as a parent note.

◆ When a student misses 3 consecutive unexcused days or has 5 unexcused absences, a parent conference must be held to discuss absences and ways to improve attendance.

◆ If it should happen that a student misses 10 days excused or unexcused— medical notes are required.

## Winter Weather Reminders

Usually February brings winter weather at some point for us in the upstate. There are a few reminders below.

- Please listen to an area broadcasting station on any morning when snow or ice is evident or expected.
- A phone message will also be sent to all families along with notification on the district web site and Facebook page.
- School district officials try to make a decision about school closing or delayed schedule by 6:00 am.
- Parents should tune to a local radio or television stations or check the district webpage for updates. Please don't call the school.
- Worsening weather conditions sometimes force the early closing of schools.
- If this should happen, a phone message websites, radio, and televisions stations will carry this announcement.
- If we know ahead of time there is a possibility of early dismissal, please PLAN AHEAD. Send a note to your child's teacher making sure stating the change in the event of early dismissal.
- Be prepared and prepare your child to know how he/she is going home in the event of early dismissal.
- Please don't call the school as the phone lines become jammed and communication may be hindered.

## Yearbook Pre-Sale

We will have a pre-sale for yearbooks. The cost is \$15.00 for each copy. A pre-sale form will be sent home with your child for this purpose. If you are interested in ordering one, please complete the form and return it with payment to your child's teacher. A limited number of yearbooks will be ordered, so a pre-sale helps us with the ordering process.