



JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

MARINERS MONTHLY



MONTHLY WORD
from Principal Raddatz



Hello Jefferson Friends,

The best part of being the Principal at Jefferson? Listening to all the great reading from March Reading Month! Here are some of the questions I get from Caregivers about their children's reading:

My child just wants to hear ME read, and they don't want to read to me out loud.

Ms. Raddatz says, "GREAT!" Your child's brain is doing some heavy lifting called *comprehension*. Every few pages, ask your child questions like, "What will happen next? Why did you predict that?" or "Who do you think the character will do next? Did the illustration give you a hint?" Then offer to take turns reading each page . . . and always let them choose which page first.

I let my child pick out a book that is way too hard for them.

Ms. Raddatz would like to hug you as a parent! *Self-selected* books are really important to a reader's growth. Children interested in dinosaurs will do the work to figure out, "brontosaurus."

My child loves/doesn't love reading books.

Whether kids like or dislike reading today doesn't mean that is how it will be forever. If you give a kid a kazoo, they will play it a lot (especially if you are in a car going to Florida.) But eventually, they slow down. The best way to sustain reading (or kazoo playing, your choice) is to *make reading a part of family time*.

Let's make April another Reading Month too! - Ms. Raddatz



Pictured is Principal Raddatz meeting with the 2nd Grade Student Action Team.

They brought up the issue of DARES that are sometimes given in an unkind and inappropriate way.

The solution brought forth by the student representatives is coming up with silly and appropriate dares that are safe and not unkind to other students.

Example would be " I dare you to give me a compliment about my hair"

Staff will be welcoming these representatives to visit their classroom to share about this topic as well.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

Practice Grounding

This self-care technique can help children, teens and adults focus on the present moment and stop ruminating on upsetting thoughts.

Look around you and name *things you...*

5 4 3 2 1



see



feel



hear



smell



taste



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OUR STAFF



Kasandra Johnson-Administrative Assistant

I have been working for MAPS since September of 2018 so about 5 1/2 years now. One of my favorite parts of the job is the interaction I have with our students. (I still have a sticky note on my computer that a student wrote during kindness week a few years ago) Also, I work with our special education department and it is such a rewarding experience to help our teachers in any way I can.

We have a working farm. Although it is hard work, I don't see it that way. I get to do it alongside my husband and son. It's a family event every day and that time is precious as we create long lasting memories. I also dabble in photography when time allows it's fun to challenge myself on new things. I have been riding dirtbikes/motorcycles since I was 4 years old. I traveled with my family my entire childhood all over the USA to attend motorcycle races.



Amy Miller-Administrative Assistant

This is my 7th year working for MAPS. I started out as a substitute parapro. Then a full time para and this is my 1st year as the Jefferson administrative assistant. My favorite part is the students. I love joking with them and building relationships. It makes me so happy when kids can joke back.

I love summer time weather. We could always be found at the beach but now we have our own pool so I can be found there all summer long. I love going shopping and watching my kids play sports. I am a mom to 3 children. I collect all types of letter M's for decoration, enjoy watching sports especially Michigan, Go Blue! I can be found almost daily at Meijer as I am a personal shopper when I am not helping children at Jefferson.



Daddy-Daughter Dance
April 13th 6:30-8:30 pm
MMHS Commons PreK-5th

Mother-Son Star Wars Event
May 4th 6:00-8:00 pm
MMHS



Kindergarten
+
Preschool
Open House
April 25
5:30-6:30



April Meeting

Please join us for our Elementary ATP monthly meeting:

Wednesday, April 10th
5:30pm
Jefferson School, Mrs. Bradford's classroom