



# William Cook Elementary School

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## Cook Community

The Week Ahead: February 5 - 9, 2024

<b>Monday</b>	Breakfast Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	Breakfast Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Breakfast Club Gr. 7 Girls Basketball Game @ Cook vs. Currie
<b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast Club PAC Lunch: Pizza Day
<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast Club Gr. 7 Boys Basketball Game @ Cook vs. Currie

### Important Information:

1. In case you missed it...an email was sent on January 31<sup>st</sup> sharing with families that 2 trees in the meadow (play area fenced in near the parking lot) will be removed this Saturday as the construction team prepares for the addition to our school.
2. We would like to **welcome Trustee, Alice Wong**, to our Cook School community. She came for a visit today!
3. By the middle of next week, you should have received a notice or email from your child's classroom teacher inviting you for a **Parent-Teacher conference**. We have **Early Dismissal on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm** so that teachers can begin meeting with families. **PLEASE be sure to pick up your child on time on the 15<sup>th</sup>!** This is an excellent opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher and see how they are doing at school so far. *This year report cards are NOT coming home in March rather report cards will be coming home on April 26<sup>th</sup>, so meeting your child's teacher now is highly recommended.*



## DID YOU KNOW?

**COMPREHENSION** is understanding what you read?

<https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/reading-101-guide-parents/reading-basics/comprehension>

### What good readers do?

**Draw on prior knowledge.** Good readers draw on prior knowledge and experience to help them understand what they are reading.

**Draw inferences.** In addition to understanding the literal points that the author is making, good readers are able to "read between the lines" and draw inferences about a wide range of hidden meanings, such as why events are unfolding as they do, why





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characters behave in a certain way, what the characters are thinking, and what might happen next.

**Self-monitor.** During reading, good readers learn to monitor their understanding, adjust their reading speed to fit the difficulty of the text, and address any comprehension problems they have. After reading, they check their understanding of what they have read. Students who are good at monitoring their comprehension know when they understand what they're reading and when they don't.

**Form mental images.** Good readers often form mental pictures, or images, as they read. Readers (especially younger readers) who picture the story during reading understand and remember what they read better than readers who do not create a picture in their mind.

**Summarize and retell.** Summarizing requires students to determine what is important in the text and then put it into their own words by retelling, verbally or in writing. Instruction in summarizing can help students become more purposeful as they read and more skillful in comprehending. Summarizing can help students to:

- Identify main ideas orally or in writing.
- Connect the main or central ideas orally or in writing.
- Learn to weed out unnecessary information.
- Remember what they have read.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

February 10 – Chinese New Year

February 13 – Gr. 7 Boys Basketball @ Cook vs Anderson

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 14 – Gr. 7 Boys Basketball @ Cook vs. Tomsett

February 15 – Early Dismissal at 12:00pm; Parent-Teacher Conferences (Admin stays late)

February 16 – Professional Learning Day

February 19 – Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

February 21 – Gr. 7 Boys Basketball @ Cook vs. Garden City

February 22 – PAC Lunch: Elephant's Kitchen

February 23 – SPIRIT DAY: Dress up as your favorite villain

February 23 – Gr. 7 Girls Basketball @ Currie

February 26 – Gr. 7 Girls Basketball @ Cook vs. Anderson

February 27 – Gr. 7 Girls Basketball @ Cook vs. Currie

February 28 – Anti-Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day)





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