

## Picture Day

Second and third grade students will have school pictures taken on Tuesday, Sept. 14. This will be a standard head-and-shoulders-type photo. As soon as we receive the proofs, we will send them home to you; and you can decide if you wish to place an order for pictures. Regardless of whether you place an order, these student pictures are featured in our elementary school yearbook.

If your family needs more than one proof package for orders, please let us know before picture day. If your child is absent on picture day, we will let you know the date that is scheduled for make-up photos.

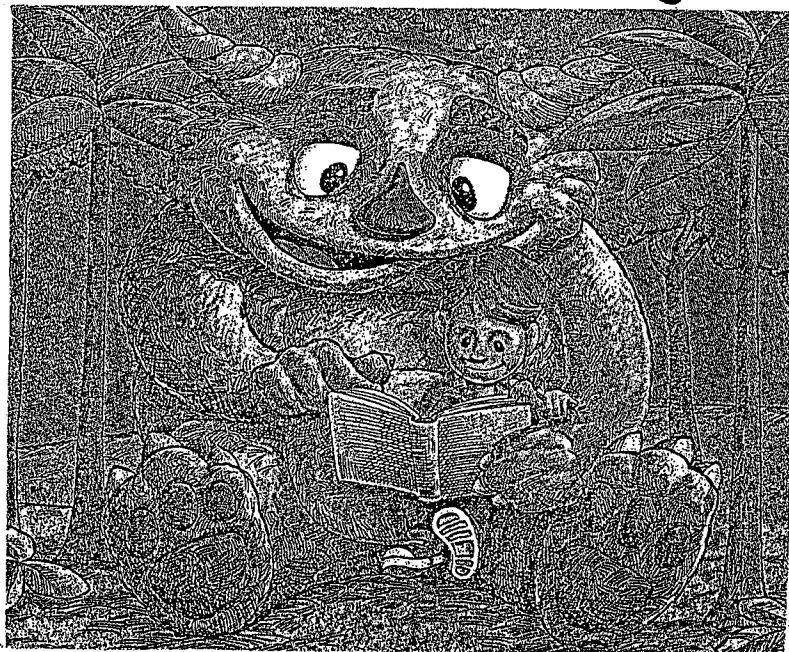
## Primary 2-3 Handbook

The school handbook may be found online at [www.cj.k12.mo.us](http://www.cj.k12.mo.us).

## Reminders

1. If your child must be absent from school, please call us (649-7034) and let us know. If you forget, Nurse Sheryl will probably give you a call.
2. If you pick up your child during school hours, please use the main front door. The angle parking at the street is available for short-term parking.
3. If your telephone numbers, address, or other information changes, please remember to let us know. If you utilize the Parent Portal, you may make the changes online.
4. Please save General Mills Box Tops for Education and send them to school. We use the money we receive to pay for special assemblies and prizes for the kids.

# Wild About Reading!



## Primary 2-3 News

### Drum Roll Please . . . . .

Reading Counts will begin on Sept. 1! Returning third graders are familiar with Reading Counts, but second graders will soon learn about it.

Reading Counts is a supplementary program that we use in grades two and three. The purpose of the program is to encourage kids to read more books. Since reading is a skill that improves with practice, we want our students to practice whenever they have the opportunity.

Here's how it works. A kid chooses and reads (or listens to) a book on his/her reading level. After the book is read, the kid goes to the computer and takes a 10-question quiz on the book. If the quiz is passed, the kid earns the point value of the book. Each month we will chart the progress, and there will be recognition and little rewards for kids who reach their goal. For second graders, the monthly goal is 12 points. For third graders, the monthly goal is 25 points.

Last year the kids' interest in the program grew with each passing month. We're hoping for the same enthusiasm this year. The points are not tied to grades, but we believe the kids will become stronger readers because of the increased practice.

### Epi-Pen Info

Letters were sent home last week regarding our school nurses keeping an epi-pen on hand in case a student had a life-threatening allergic reaction while at school. We were surprised at the number of parents who signed the form to opt-out their child from receiving epinephrine in an emergency situation. By signing the form, parents withheld permission for the nurse to use the epi-pen on their child.

We respect parent's rights to make decisions for their child. We just want to be sure that parents clearly understood the form. Usually parents sign forms to GIVE their permission and allow their child to participate in school activities. On the epi-pen note, a signature meant the opposite, and the child would opt-out of the available service.

If you need more information or clarification, please feel free to call Nurse Sheryl (649-7034).



### School Goals

We have three huge goals that we are working toward this year. 1) We want every kid to read at, or above, grade level. 2) We want math scores to improve 10 index points on the MAP Test. 3) We want to reduce the number of students who go to ISS (In-school suspension) or OSS (Out of school suspension). These are lofty goals, but we have outstanding kids who are capable of meeting our expectations!

### Student Teachers

We welcome three student teachers to our building during the first semester of the school year. Brynn Cummins from PSU is working in Mrs. Weaver's third grade classroom, and Melissa Nelson from MSSU is working in Mrs. Johnson's second grade class. Jordan White is also working part-time in the music room with Mrs. Cassady.

### FYI: Change in Price of Snack Milk

The price of snack milk is now \$.23 per carton instead of \$.25.

### Free or Reduced Lunch Info

If your child receives free or reduced price lunches, please be sure that you have completed an application and received approval for the 2010-11 school year. The deadline for doing that is Sept. 17. Some families mistakenly believe that once they're approved for the lunch program, it continues as long as their students are in school. However, all participating families must be approved at the beginning of each new school year. If you need an application, just give us a call.

### Summer Fresh Offers Helping Hands

Whenever you shop at the local Summer Fresh Market, please save your sales receipt and send it to school. Summer Fresh offers a 1% cash rebate to non-profit organizations, and our school will take advantage of this generous program.

### **Three Simple Words (Tenfold) for a Better Life**

Improving your life begins with your attitude. You don't need subliminal tapes or hypnosis. Just try using some of these three-word phrases more often:	→ I trust you.
→ I thank you.	→ Let me help.
→ Please forgive me.	→ I believe you.
	→ I forgive you.
	→ Maybe you're right.
	→ Count on me.
	→ I understand you.
	→ Go for it.



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# MOCHIP CHILD ID

Missouri Child Identification Program



## Joplin Masonic Center

505 S. Byers Ave.

September 11, 2010 – 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

No one wants to think that the unimaginable could happen to them, but according to statistics, nearly 2,000 children are reported missing or abducted each day in the United States. Gathering all of the information law enforcement officials need after the fact can be a daunting task, especially under duress.

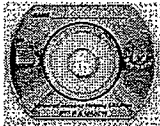
According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC.ORG), a current good quality photo is the single most effective tool in locating a missing child. The NCMEC encourages parents to be prepared by assembling their child's photos and vital information ahead of time.

**MOCHIP is a comprehensive child identification program designed to give families of a measure of protection against the ever increasing problem of missing and abducted children.**

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**This program is provided "FREE OF CHARGE"**

How does it work?



<p>The program consists of five major components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Photographs</li> <li>• Digital Fingerprints</li> <li>• Child Information and Emergency contacts</li> <li>• Dental bite impression</li> <li>• Two (2) laminated ID cards</li> </ul> <p>Together, these five measures provide a powerful identification and recovery tool.</p>	<p>The digital photographs, digital fingerprints and Child Information and emergency contacts are given to the parent or guardian of the child on a mini-CD computer disk. The information on the disk is compatible with the format required by the "AMBER ALERT" program.</p>	<p>The dental bite wafer provides an impression of the biting surface of the child's teeth, which like fingerprints, are unique to each individual. The wafer also collects enough saliva to provide a DNA sample and a source for a scent for trained canine search and recovery teams.</p>
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**The Masonic Children's Foundation retains no information concerning the children; only a signed permission form is retained by the Foundation.**

Download forms ahead of time at [www.mochip.org](http://www.mochip.org), click on "about"

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Richard Lowrey, Event Coordinator 417-623-3219

OR

Dale Roller, MCF Contact 417-838-6997

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# Carl Junction

## R-1 School District

[www.cj.k12.mo.us](http://www.cj.k12.mo.us)

206 S. Roney, Carl Junction, MO 64834

Dear Parents,

The Carl Junction School District believes in providing the highest quality education for every student. To meet this goal, our district is dedicated to the "Response to Intervention" (RtI) process. Through RtI, our teachers have the opportunity to work with students to strengthen and enrich Reading Fluency.

All K-6 students will soon be able to participate in Benchmark Fluency Testing. The testing will be on grade level and determine if your child is on track in the area of Reading Fluency.

If results indicate your child is on grade level, he/she will be able to receive Reading enhancement instruction, if results indicate your child would benefit from additional assistance, he/she will be able to receive direct Reading Fluency instruction. Classroom instruction time will not be affected by the Reading enhancement/assistance time.

A letter will be sent home informing you if your child will be receiving additional Reading Fluency assistance. The Carl Junction School District is dedicated to serving students so that academic success is attained by all. Through adopting the "Response to Intervention" process, we are confident that each K-6 student will have the opportunity to reach his/her fullest academic potential.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Porter, Principal  
Primary 2-3 School