



THE BRIGHT SCHOOL

Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Cheerleading Program
3:30 p.m., gymnasium

Friday, Dec. 4

Bright School t-shirt day

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Spanish t-shirt day

Friday, Dec. 11

4th grade play, 8:15 a.m.

The Gift of Reading

If you are like me, you are always surprised when the December holiday decorations and advertisements appear well before Thanksgiving. Even the advent of Black Friday seemed to get more press this year than those parts of our lives for which we pause to give thanks. As the excitement of the upcoming season increases, I hope we will all continue to express our gratitude for life's many blessings. One of those blessings, of course, is the opportunity at Bright School to share with our young children the miracle of learning to read. I doubt there is anything more important we do, which is why I want to make my annual plea to consider the gift of a book for your child during the holiday season.

In the past I've recounted those memorable times when books made their way into my own life. The fourth grade was when I first gained the self-awareness that I was capable of reading something challenging. At the time I became enamored of the lives of famous people and read their long biographies. While most were well-known sports figures, they still led interesting and complicated lives, and reading about them forced me to think about life more than I ever had before.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, I had the good fortune to spend some time with my 83-year-old father, a great reader himself. As has always been the case, he and I talked about the books we had recently read. The topics ranged from mysteries to history to politics to biography, but what was most enjoyable was the opportunity to share in meaningful conversation with one another. Discussing books always opens the door for us to talk about our opinions, our feelings, our values, and invariably these discussions will lead to some great memories of times we shared as a family. Reading has enriched both of our lives, but it has also provided a vehicle for keeping us close and important to one another.

My point in all of this is that giving a book has far-reaching consequences. It is a potent gift that carries with it the power to change a life, to make one more aware of the world, and to deepen one's relationship with others. It is one of the most enriching gifts you can give a child, one that holds much promise for the future. Before too long, Mrs. Doyle, our librarian, will be making some great suggestions for books your child will want to read. I encourage you to look over these carefully and choose one. There's nothing much better than sharing in the miracle of reading with your child.

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Coming Soon.... Red Day with Red Grammer!

One of the premier entertainers for children and families in the world is coming to Bright School! Grammy nominee Red Grammer will visit on Thursday, January 28, and Bright School is declaring the day “**RED DAY**” in his honor. Red Grammer’s glorious voice, award-winning songwriting and thoughtful commitment to the best in all of us endear him to parents and educators everywhere. But ultimately it is his irrepressible sense of play and genuine love and respect for children that make his songs of oneness, character, conflict resolution and community so beloved by kids all across the globe.

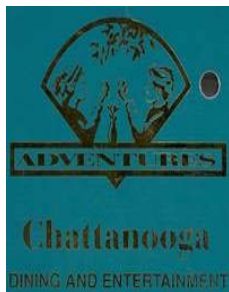
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Chattanooga Dining Adventure Guides

\$30



Shop early for holiday gifts! The Bright School Bookstore is selling Chattanooga Adventure Dining Guides for \$30. The book is full of 1/2 price dining options all around town. Books are available in the office - see Kim Brown or Sabrina McAllister.