

HES December Newsletter

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Dear HES Parents,

December is an exciting month at Highland Elementary! Our students are full of cheer and excitement.

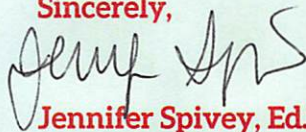
This month HES is hosting an attendance challenge for students. All students (regardless of learning environment/remote or face to face) with perfect attendance in December will be entered in a drawing for a fun winter toy.

I have an important deadline to share with you: **December 1- 10** is the window to change your child's learning platform for second semester. If you wish for your child to switch from remote to face to face learning or vice versa in January, please email Dr. Spivey at jspivey@harentt.k12.nc.us before December 11, 2020. No changes will be permitted after this date. This timeline will provide time for important safety and transportation planning.

December 21 is a remote learning day for all children. As you know, we have an upcoming Winter Break. Students will be out of school from December 22 - January 5. Please visit our Free Little Library over break. Parents please encourage your child to read every day. Reading should not be "forced" but encouraged. Allow children to self select texts they are interested in reading. We want to see your children reading! Email pictures of your child reading to our Technology Facilitator, Ms. Morrison: tmorrison1@harnett.k12.nc.us. We will feature these pictures on our school Facebook Page.

Thank you for your partnership during a very difficult year. May the Holiday Season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Spivey, Ed.D.

HES Principal

How long should my child read independently?

Quarter II Harnett County Schools Recommended

Independent Reading Times

3-5 days per week (more is better!)

Kindergarten- 5-10 minutes

First Grade- 15-18 minutes

Second Grade- 15-18 minutes

Third Grade- 20-25 minutes

Fourth & Fifth Grades- 25 minutes

Dates to remember in December:

**8-Remote Student/Make-up Picture Day
21-Remote Learning day for all students
Dec. 22- Jan. 5- Winter Break, No School**