Dear families,

This year, during the week of November 28-December 2, we will be celebrating Right-to-Read Week. This is always a special week at West. Our theme is “Reading in a Winter Wonderland.” We wanted to send you this information guide early with everything you need to know for the week. Our goal is to celebrate literacy and encourage our students to Read, Read, Read during this week. This week is always so much fun!!! We are looking forward to another great year!!!!!! Please let us know if you have questions.

**Daily themes**

- Each day, we will set aside a daily theme to get the students excited about reading. This year the daily themes are as follows...
  - Monday- **Snuggle Up to Reading Day**: Wear your PJ's and read wonderful stories all day long.
  - Tuesday- **Snow Many Books Day**: It’s a Snowy White Out. Bring your favorite book and wear the colors white or ice blue.
  - Wednesday- **Scarves and Hats Day**: Wear your favorite scarves or hats.
  - Thursday- **Author Visit Day**: Wear your "Let it Snow Books” shirt if you bought one or another Licking Heights shirt for the day to welcome our guest.
  - Friday- **Wonderland Character Day**: Dress like Jack Frost, a winter fairy, a snowman or another winter character.

**Great West Reading Race**

Every year we have a reading race between groups of students. It has been done by grade level and by hallway. This year, we have cross grade level teams that will compete. More info will come home mid-November.
**Family Picture**

Sometime during this week, send in a picture of your family reading together. It can be a photo or drawing. We will display these pictures on our bulletin boards in the main hallway. If you send in a photo, please make sure it is a copy as they will not be returned.

**Author/Poet Brod Bagert will join us December 1**

Poet Brod Bagert will be having assemblies for us on December 1. He is an amazing writer of poetry for children. Here is his website to find out more info, [http://www.brodbagert.com/](http://www.brodbagert.com/). He was here with us before in 2010 and he does a phenomenal job presenting poetry to the students. You can also check him out on youtube. We look forward to having him join us again this year!

**Author/Poet Book Sales**

Book pre-order forms went home October 17. The company we are using gives a 20% discount. Students can also buy books at local bookstores for him to sign as well. Pre-orders are due November 4. He will be available to sign the books purchased. Let us know if you need any assistance in ordering.

**Service Project**

We will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, and food for those that need them. There will be collection trees at the end of each hallway. We hope to be able to help a lot of families in need in our community.

**Family Reading Night is December 1, 2016, 6pm-8pm**

Please RSVP (form attached) if you are coming so that we plan for enough materials and snacks. We hope you will join us!!

**T-Shirts**

The T-shirt order form went home October 21. The cost is $8.00. Last day to order is November 4. We will wear the shirts for our author on Thursday. (You can also wear them any of the other days too. The teachers will also wear them on Monday with our PJ’s).

**Community Readers**

If you are interested in coming to read a book aloud to your child’s class, contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time and day during the week.
Every year during Right to Read Week, we have a reading contest. This year, we will have cross grade level teams. Every book or chapter read by a child, or to a child, during the week counts (at home or school). Have your child spend some extra time reading at home. They will write their name and title on a ‘Snowflake’ like the one below for each book or chapter read. Attached is the form that you will use for the week. We have included one form, but more are available upon request to the classroom teacher. These will be returned to your classroom teacher each day. Basically, we want to encourage A LOT of reading during the week. Each day we graph the data coming in on how many books were read. This is a lot of fun each year!!

The teams are as follows... (Team captain is first on list and in bold)

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**PS. Don’t forget to send in a picture of your family reading and RSVP for Family Reading Night!**