



# Wildcat News

Woodrow Elementary School

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## January Principal's Award Winners



Students Pictured (L-R)  
Back Row: Jaida Rainwater (5th Gr.), Erin Thomas (2nd Gr.) & Jeffrey Kao (4th Gr.)  
Middle: Emerson Ward (3rd Gr.) & Kalle Armstrong (1st Gr.)  
Front Row: Abbi Hawes (Kindergarten)

## Celebrate Read to Your Child Day—Read a fairy tale!

In addition to being Valentine's Day, February 14 is Read to Your Child Day. What a fitting coincidence, since reading to your child is the best sign of love and caring! This year, connect the two holidays by reading Grimm's fairy tales to your preschooler.

Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm were German historians who collected folklore and stories. Over 200 tales were gathered into the final (seventh) edition of their *Children's and Household Tales* published in 1857.

Why would you want to read these stories to your children? Why did our parents and teachers read them to us? First of all, fairy tales are a part of our literary heritage. The themes of these stories are repeated in plays and movies and books. Our children have a "right" to these stories, just as they have a right to songs like "Old MacDonald" and the nursery rhymes.

### What makes a fairy tale?

1. There is always a hero or a heroine. Children relate to these characters. What child would not want to take goodies to his or her sick grandmother? And children want Hansel and Gretel to be reunited with their father.
2. The hero or heroine is usually faced with a big challenge.
3. Heroes or heroines work through their problems (dropping white rocks so they can find their way home) and receive help from unexpected sources (the woodcutter who saved Red Riding Hood).
4. As bad as it looks in mid-fairy tale, life goes on and things get better.

## It's BACK!

### Woodrow's First Annual Spring Carnival

**MARCH 22, 2013**

Parent Volunteers are needed to make this the best carnival yet.

PTA Carnival planning meeting  
Feb. 7th—6:00 p.m. in Room 14

If we do not have enough volunteers the Carnival will be cancelled :(

### What do we learn from fairy tales?

- \* Good people have problems.
- \* Problems can get very bad.
- \* We mustn't give up. We need to look for solutions and find people who can help us.
- \* Life gets better. Things work out.  
Relive the memories of your own childhood by sharing fairy tales with your child. Read to your child every day, and make Grimm's fairy tales a favorite with the next generation.

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Principal

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Kindergarten Registration  
February 4—6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Multi Purpose Room

PTA Carnival Planning Meeting  
February 7—6:00 p.m.—Rm 14

Lincoln's Birthday—Feb. 11

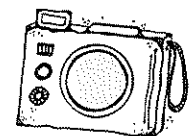
Washington's Birthday—Feb. 18

Spring Pictures—March 1

MINIMUM DAYS—1:15 p.m.  
Dismissal Grades 1—5  
March 4—8

SPRING BREAK  
March 29—April 5

### SPRING PICTURES MARCH 1ST!



Watch for picture order forms in your child's Tuesday folder.  
Order pictures before Picture Day  
[mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

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