

**DAVE Says**  
By Dave Ramsey



# William Dean Jr. Elementary students join in "Reading Across America"

**It's a better idea to pre-plan**  
Dear Dave,  
My husband passed away last year at just 45 years old. We always tried to be careful with our money, and we were in good enough shape financially that I paid for his funeral with cash. A few days ago, I started getting letters from the funeral homes in town encouraging me to pre-pay for my own funeral. I'm 42, and in very good health, so is this a good idea?

proper planning, but don't ever pre-pay for them. God bless you, Janet. I'm so sorry you're going through this.  
—Dave  
**No, they're not a good deal**  
Dear Dave,  
I have an emergency fund equal to six months of expenses. Considering this, would you consider an extended home warranty to be a waste of money?  
Ami

Dear Janet,  
My advice is to pre-plan, not pre-pay. Unfortunately, you learned first-hand how hard it is to make important decisions in the middle of that kind of grief. Many times, people are so emotional when they face these kinds of things that they make bad decisions. That's why pre-planning, and making decisions ahead of time, is a really good move.

Dear Ami,  
My advice to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, sitting in a good money market account with check writing privileges, is designed to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. The cash, combined with the easy access that kind of account allows, will make it quick and easy to take care of things in the event of a financial emergency.

Extended warranties, of any kind, are not a good deal and I don't recommend them. You're better off to self-insure against things breaking down, and put what would have been profit for the extended warranty company in your own pocket!  
—Dave  
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Read Across America Day is held annually on a school day closest to March 2 every year. The day promotes reading for children. Popular children's author Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel, 1904-1991) had his birthday on March 2; Original planers of the holiday wanted it to be near his birthday. The National Education Association (NEA) was one of the main backers of the idea to have a special day to promote reading among the population and especially children. Students at William Dean Jr. Elementary School in Lexington were visited by several people from the Lexington community this past week. Visitors read stories in observance of the literacy promoting week. Pictured above (each row from left to right): front row, Kaleb Redmond, Neveah Haymon, Jacquez Lewis, Bryson Simpson, Zebulun Wilson, Ka'Deriana Stewart, Kildrick Deering, Jordyn James, Mikenzie Cobbins and Sykiyah Kirklin; second row: Xavier Landfair, Kylon Johnson, Ayden Scott, Tamiah Grove, Destiny Dixon, Kameron Davis, Kyle Haymon, Rebekah Blair, Ahlonah Dixon and Braylen Anderson; Third Row: Tierra Cobbins, Antoine Love, Merideth Fancher, visiting reader, Ryleigh Steverson and Carleigh Williams.  
(Photo by Zenobia Cockrell)

**IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON**  
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Fred Horton of Tchula is going to doctor visits kind of regular. When I talked to his mother, she says he's doing pretty good. Let's keep him in our prayers. Not only Fred, but all the handicapped and sick in need of prayer.

Whitehead and two of her sisters for the fun. If grades were given for having good clean fun things to do, Doris would get an A+.

Tuesday, February 25, the seniors at the senior citizen feeding site in the Multi-Purpose Complex in Lexington had a Mardi Gras bash. We dressed in Mardi Gras attire. You should have been there to see all the hats and beads. Our colors were green, purple and yellow. We pulled numbers to win prizes. We searched slices of King Cake to find the baby in it. We had two cakes, so two people won the prizes. The cake prizes were two big baby bottles filled with candy. We thank Ms. Doris

Up Highway 17 where Highway 430 crosses 17, the highway caved in. To travel that way, you have to know how to detour. The highway is blocked off on each end of the caved in spot, but I did not see any detour signs when a friend and I rode up there Thursday morning.

On February 28, the retired teachers meeting was held at the school district's central office in Lexington. We observed Black History Month. The national theme was "African Americans and the Vote." Mrs. Annie Wardell, the president, called the meeting and program to order. The program guide was



Pictured above left (standing): Holmes County Sheriff Willie March visits with young readers at Williams Dean Jr. Elementary School Library on Monday, March 2. Pictured above right (holding book): Visiting reader Merideth Fancher narrates a Dr. Seuss book while donning a theme hat.  
(Photo by Zenobia Cockrell)



**\*Algebra Team**  
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They worked as a group and could use three reference books, but they were not allowed to access any electronic devices.  
The potpurri round allowed one 4-person team per school to solve logic puzzle-type questions. These teams could not involve any of the students on the mini-inter-school team since the rounds were held at the same time.

At the awards ceremony the top 10 scorers in each category were named and certificates and trophies were presented. HCCHS placed 9th in the Algebra I written test. Members of the Algebra I team are: Jaylon Barnett, Coreyanna Garmany, Romiya Grant, Kamaria Jackson, Carmen Smith and Chasity Wright.  
Math teacher Rebecca Victor said, "the students took part in academically chal-

Ms. Doris Buchanan. The program consisted of songs, solos, reading, etc. Door prizes were given and food were served. We opened with "Lift Every Voice and Sing." We closed with "We Shall Overcome." During the meeting our general business was conducted. Dues and offerings were collected. We adjourned at 2 p.m. School supplies were collected and donated to two schools.

lenging activities and enjoyed interacting with other Mississippi students. Everyone learned a lot and had fun."  
Superintendent of Schools Dr. James L. Henderson said, "these are the positive types of exposure we want our students to have so that they understand they can compete with Mississippi students, as well as aim higher to be part of the global community upon graduation."

# Time Change

**Clocks will be moved forward one hour this Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 a.m.**

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