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Tri-Valedictorians

Commerce Middle School is proud to announce their 2006 - 07 8th grade tri-valedictorians; Tyler Maxville, Talor Stevenson and Jacy Knight. All three students have maintained a 4.0 grade point average for the last three years and are to be commended for their efforts and accomplishments.

Taylor Stevenson is the daughter of Ashlee Stevenson of Miami and Jim Stevenson of Tulsa. Taylor's activities include basketball, track, softball and cheerleading. Her hobbies are talking with her friends and going to the mall.



Tyler Maxville is the son of David and Sharon Maxville of Commerce. He is the grandson of North and Dixie Wood; Fred and Carol Akerson; and the late Viola Rogers. Tyler's activities include football, basketball, baseball, track, TSA, and SADD. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and computer chatting.

Jacey Knight is the daughter of Danny and Paula Knight of Commerce. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Beverly Perry of Commerce; Howard Knight of Commerce; and, Dale and Lenora Burkhart of Miami. Jacey's activities include softball, basketball, cheerleading and track. Her hobbies are hanging with her friends and playing sports.



EVENTS

APRIL

- 02 Calendar meeting 3:30
- 03 B-ball Quapaw (T)
- 06 Good Friday
- 08 Easter Sunday
- 10 Micky Mantle Classic
B-ball Welch (T)
- 11 Teacher's Meeting 7:45 a.m.
- 16 B-ball Fairland (H)
PASS Reading Test
- 17 M.S. Lucky 7 Track
PASS Math Test
- 19 H.S. Tiger Classic
Track Pictures 1:30
PASS Science TEST
- 20 HS Prom
PASS Social Studies Test
- 24 H.S. Lucky 7 Track
- 25 Teacher's Meeting 7:45 a.m.
7th Geography Test

MAY

- 09 Teacher's Meeting 7:45 a.m.
- 18 8th Promotion 6:30 p.m. H.S.
- 20 H.S. Graduation
- 24 Semester Tests
- 25 Semester Tests
- 28 Memorial Day No School
- 29 Last day for students
- 30 M.S. Professional Day
- 31 Parent Teacher Conferences

Middle Years

Working together for school success

Short Stops



Talk to teachers

Want your child to get the best education? Talk to her teachers. Research suggests that the stronger your relationship with your middle grader's teachers, the more she may learn. Regular communication shows your child that you and her teachers are a team.

Managing moodiness

If your middle grader is grumpy, try not to take it personally. Middle graders are often very moody. Consider giving him some space and respecting his privacy. He may not thank you, but he'll probably appreciate it.

DID YOU KNOW?

Middle graders can expect to spend up to two hours on homework each day, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Help your child keep up her studies by making sure she doesn't save her homework for the end of the night. Her brain—and her body—will be most tired then.

Worth quoting

"Joy is not in things; it is in us."
Benjamin Franklin

Just for fun

"How do I look?"

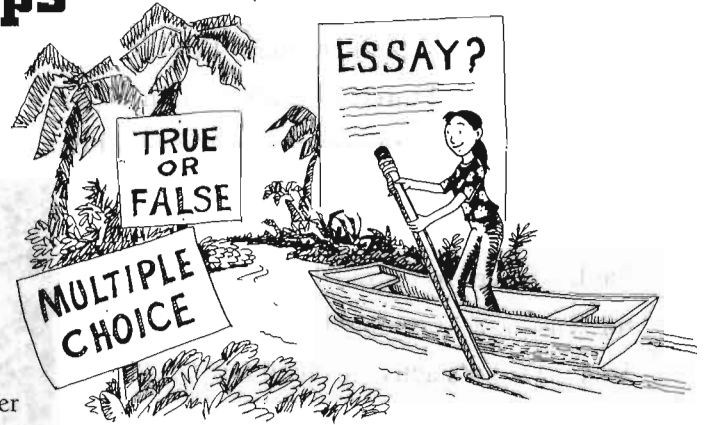


Testing tips

"Tests are easy,"
some middle graders

say. "It's the questions that are hard." But test questions aren't so difficult if your child understands how to handle them.

Help your middle grader tackle tough questions by sharing these strategies.



True or false

As a general rule, a question should be answered false if any part of the statement is untrue. Suggest your child look for words like *all*, *none*, and *always*. These may be clues that the answer is false. *Example:* "Every soldier in the Revolutionary War was an American." At the same time, words like *often* and *may* usually signal that a statement is true.

Multiple choice

With these questions, it's important that your middle grader read every choice before choosing an answer. This allows her to rule out answers she knows are wrong. Using this strategy, your child may have two options to pick from instead of five, which increases her chances of selecting the correct answer.

Essay

Most students find this kind of question to be the toughest. Encourage your child to read each question at least twice before answering. Then, with the question fresh in her mind, she might list a few thoughts she wants to include in her answer. Making notes keeps her from having to remember everything at once. Suggest she look at the list if she gets stuck while writing. 👍

10 TV alternatives

Watching too much television can have a negative effect on your child's learning. That's why it's important to monitor what your middle grader does in his spare time.

The next time your child wants to turn on the TV, recommend some active things for him to do. He could:

1. Ride his bike.
2. Read his favorite magazine.
3. Build a model car.
4. Draw a picture.
5. Walk the dog.
6. Listen to music.
7. Write a letter to a friend or relative.
8. Play a board game.
9. Shoot some hoops.
10. Help cook dinner. 👍

