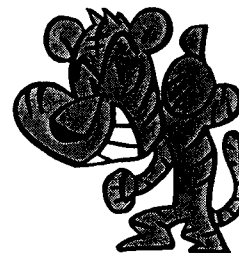


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A note from:
Mr. Wade
Elementary Principal

With a New Year comes a new semester. It does not seem like we should already be half way through a school year.

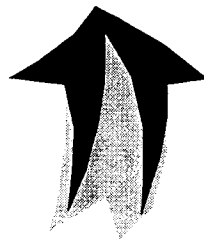
With less than five months left in the school year we want to encourage our students and their parents to continue to work hard. We recently sent out grade cards that show your child's first semester grades. If you have any concerns or questions regarding their current progress please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Together we can come up with various ways to help your child improve and perform at their fullest potential.

This month's newsletter has several articles that provide information to help your child to be the best that they can be.

"A home is no home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as for the body."

--Margaret Fuller



What's Up!

Grade Cards- Thursday,
January 6.

Spelling Bee- Thursday, January 13 at 1:30 PM

Accelerated Reading Award- For students who have met their reading goals. Chuck E. Cheese
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

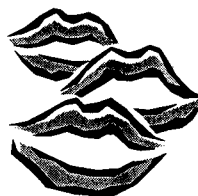
K-1 Wednesday, January 19

2-5 Thursday, January 20

Progress Reports- Tuesday, January 25.

Parent/Teacher Conferences-
Tuesday, February 1 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Thursday, February 3 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM

No School- Friday, February 4



Get Your Child To Talk About Their Day, Play 'High & Low'

Some children bound in the door from school and tell you every detail of their day. But many others just don't seem to have anything to say. They may need more coaxing to open up to you. A suggestion is to play "Low and High" with your child to get him to open up to you. Each day, each person has to tell the low and the high point of his or her day. This is a great way to learn something new about each other every day.

10 WAYS

TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK

1. Let your child know that homework is important and valuable.
2. Set a regular time each day for homework, allowing some time to unwind after school before getting started.
3. Be sure your child has all essentials, such as papers, books, school notebooks and pencils.
4. Help your child get organized by providing folders for papers and a calendar and/or assignment book.
5. Have a quiet, clean and well-lit place to study, with a comfortable chair. Keep all schoolwork there.
6. Discourage distractions, including TV, during study time. All study breaks at intervals.
7. Be available to answer questions or help quiz your child, but keep homework as his or her responsibility to complete.
8. Spot check homework when it's completed, but don't correct assignments unless the teacher has asked you to.
9. Read any comments the teacher has made on returned assignments.
10. If a homework problem arises, contact the teacher for clarification.

Remember-

Praise your child for homework done to the best of his or her ability.

10 WAYS

TO BE A GREAT PARENT

1. Be a good role model. Your child learns from the example you set.
2. Show respect for your child's feeling, thoughts and suggestions.
3. Make your child feel loved with your words of praise and your hugs and kisses.
4. Keep your word. If you must break it, apologize and make it up to your child.
5. Encourage your child's creativity. Ask questions to stimulate curiosity and imagination.
6. Build your child's self-esteem by showing appreciation for all genuine efforts.
7. Stay involved. Know what's going on in your child's life, both at school and with friends.
8. Discipline your child fairly, firmly and with love. Focus on the behavior, not the child.
9. Establish family traditions and make time to do fun things together.
10. Think positively. By expecting the best, you empower yourself and your child to solve problems and achieve goals.

Remember-

Being a great parent takes time and effort.

NOTICE

Parent-Teacher Conferences (February 1 and 3) will be held on two evenings (Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM) rather than the traditional Thursday Evening and Friday Morning schedule. This change also allows for no school to be held on Friday, February 4.