

Alexander Elementary



Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:
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Elementary Principal

Summertime Chores Build Responsibility, Self-Esteem



Summer should be a time when children can relax. But that doesn't mean they should take a vacation from chores around the house and yard.

In fact, having some responsibilities each day helps your child develop self-esteem. She will see that she plays an important role in the family.

When everyone participates in chores, they get finished faster. This frees up valuable time that the family can spend together.

Here are some ways to help your child make the most of summertime chores:

*Sit down at the beginning of the summer and talk about the importance of doing things that benefit the whole family. Make sure your child sees how each small job fits into the big picture of making your home run smoothly.

*Be clear about rules. Do chores have to be completed before your child can play? What will happen if a job is not completed?

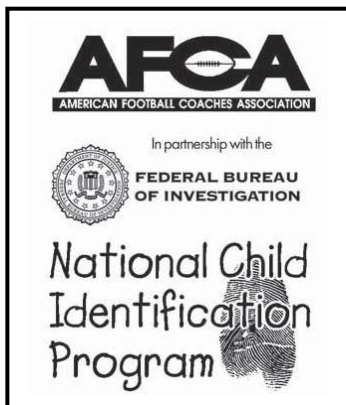
*Rotate jobs. This helps avoid arguments about who's got the better job. If children know that they'll be feeding the dog instead of taking out the trash next week, they may not pout. A chart on the refrigerator can help you keep chore assignments straight.

*Ask children to help you make the complete list of chores to be done.

*Assign chores by the week. Some jobs don't need to be done every day, which can seem unfair.

*Praise children when a job is well done. Point out the importance of taking pride in their work.

Our school is partnering with Governor Brad Henry, State Superintendent Sandy Garrett and OU Coach Bob Stoops to help you protect your child. We are pleased the State of Oklahoma is providing a free child identification kit. Parents that have children in grades PK through 4th grade will receive a kit along with this newsletter.



The National Child Identification Program allows you as parents to collect information about your child by easily recording the physical characteristics and fingerprints on identification cards that are then kept at home. If ever needed, this ID Kit will give authorities vital information to assist their efforts to locate your missing child. With more than 800,000 children in America missing each year we believe this program will help protect our most valuable asset.

The kit provides step-by-step instructions detailing how to take fingerprints. If you desire additional information about the program or information on how to obtain additional ID kits, please visit the National Child Identification Program website at:

www.childidprogram.com

If you have any questions, please contact our school office. Our number is 675-4336.

Calendar



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Teacher Appreciation Week Begins- Monday, May 3

Cinco De Mayo Assembly- Wednesday, May 5. Assembly begins at 1:30 PM in the gym.

Jay Track Meet- Make-Up Day- Wednesday, May 5.

Hispanic Dancers Travel to Area Schools- May 5 and May 6.

Tiger Track Meet- Friday, May 7.

Mother's Day- Sunday, May 9.

Testing Reward Trip 3rd & 4th Graders- Monday, May 10. Silver Wheels Skating Rink in Joplin.

AR Reward Trip- Thursday, May 11. Riverview Park, Miami.

Perfect Attendance Trip- Bowling in Miami.

Talent Show- Wednesday, May 12.

4th Grade Field Trip to Wildcat Glades, Thursday, May 13 in Joplin.

5th Grade Picnic- Thursday, May 13. 10:30 AM to 2:45 PM.

2nd Grade to Carousel Park- Friday, May 14 in Joplin.

First Grade to Tulsa Zoo- Monday, May 17.

PK Graduation- Monday, May 17.

**End of Year Awards Assembly- K, 1st 8:30 AM
2nd, 3rd 10:00 AM
4th, 5th 1:00 PM**

PK Fun Day- Tuesday, May 18.

Fifth Grade Reward Trip Fishing-

Honor Roll Knock-Out Tournament- Wednesday, May 19.

Last Day of School- Wednesday, May 19.

Memorial Day- Monday, May 31.

Summer Reading and 21st Century Program Begin- Tuesday, June 1.

2010-11 School Year Starts- Wednesday, August 18.

With Summer Break just around the corner it is time to begin thinking about summer activities for your children

There are many opportunities for your child to enjoy a break that includes both fun and learning. Here are just a few ideas:

Miami Public Library Summer Reading Program begins June 2. The theme for this year is "Make a Splash- READ!" For more information contact Children's Librarian, Connie Bradley at 541-2292.

Alexander Elementary Summer Reading Program will run through the month of June. Parents of qualified students will be notified.

Project Comet Summer Program will run through the month of June. Parents can contact program director, Stacy Moss at 675-4336 for more information.



Church Camp-Bible School- Many churches provide an opportunity for children to attend fun and exciting camps and/or Bible School during the summer months. Contact your local church for more information.

Summer break is also a great time to have fun as a family. Be sure and find plenty of time to get out and enjoy each other's company.

You can also find lots of ideas on-line regarding summer activities for children. To get you started checkout:

www.childparenting.about.com/cs/summer/a/summerart1.htm

Congratulations Mrs. Kipp For Being Selected Commerce School District Teacher of the Year!

