

Alexander Elementary



Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:

Mr. Wade

Elementary Principal

With a new calendar year comes a new and final semester of school. With less than five months left in the school year we encourage our students and parents to continue to make school a top priority.

First semester grade cards go out on Thursday, January 8. Your child's report card will show how they performed during the first half of the school year. This is a very crucial time. It is a time to analyze your child's current academic progress. It is a time to make any adjustments needed to insure they make appropriate gains necessary to move on to the next grade level. If you have any concerns or questions regarding their current progress please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself. We can work together to build and implement a plan to help your child perform at their full potential.

A new semester means all students have a fresh start. In a way of speaking, every student begins the semester with all A's. It is important that each student work hard and do their best to maintain the highest grade possible. With teachers, parents and administrators working together we can give them the encouragement they need.

We appreciate your continued dedication and support!

January

First Semester Grade Cards Go Out-
Thursday, January 8.

School Wide Vision Screening- January 20, 21
and 22.

Book Club- 5th Grade, Tuesday, January 27.

Progress Reports- Thursday, January 29.

Parent/Teacher Conferences-
Tuesday, February 3 from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Thursday, February 5 from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

No School- Friday, February 6.

No School- Friday, February 13.
Professional Development Day.

Valentine's Day- Saturday, February 14.

**New Program Begins this Semester
Includes 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades Only**

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For more information, please visit with or
contact your child's teacher, Mr. Brough or
Mr. Wade.



Make Your Child Feel Special When Tough Goals Are Met

He or she did it! They learned all their multiplication tables. They were chosen Student of the Month in their class for good behavior!

Setting goals and reaching them is one of the best ways to motivate children. Sometimes, just reaching the goal is enough. But other things call for a special celebration. So when your child reaches a tough goal, let everyone share in their success. Here are some fun ideas:

*Take a picture. Photograph your child as she achieves the goal. Get a picture of her crossing the finish line. Snap a shot of your child holding the science fair project. If you don't have a camera, ask your child to draw a picture. Frame it and put it by your child's bed. That way, every time they wake up, they'll see an image of themselves as an achiever. When you replace the picture, put it in a special photo album.

*Keep a journal. Buy your child a "special goals" journal. As they work toward each goal, have them write it in the book. They might list the goal, the date she achieved it and any thoughts.

*Plan a special surprise. Write a note offering your child some small reward. It might be a trip to get ice cream or a chance to invite a friend over. On the other side of the paper, write the goal your child wants to achieve. Now roll up the paper and put it into a balloon. Tell your child that when they reach the goal, you'll pop the balloon together.

*Make a victory dinner. Get out your good dishes. Cook your child's favorite foods. Decorate the table. Have a special family dinner to celebrate your child's successes.



Listen

Learn about your child each day. Communication is the key to a good relationship whether it is with your child, spouse, teacher, or friends. An important part of communicating is listening. How many of us have someone who truly listens to what we have to say? Make a commitment to be a good listener to your child. Give them that advantage. To get started, ask your child what their high and low is each day. Then, just listen. You might be surprised what you hear.



Bad Weather

With bad weather, the potential for school closings and on extreme cases early dismissal exists. When real threats of bad weather occur during the night, we will be out early driving the streets and country roads of our district. Our primary concern is for the safety of our children as they ride our buses and walk to and from school. Announcements of school closing will be made on the following stations:

TV Stations:

Joplin:
KOAM Channel 7
KSNF Channel 16
KODE Channel 12

Tulsa:
KOTV Channel 6
KTUL Channel 8

Radio:

KIXQ-FM 102.5
KSYN-FM 92.5
KJMK-FM 93.9
KXDG-FM 97.9
KZRG-AM 1310
KZYM-AM 1230

Board Games Can Keep the Busiest Parents Involved

Even parents who work multiple jobs can stay connected to their kids.

Teresa May from Piggott, Arkansas, says her husband has found a fun way. He keeps a running chess game going with his nine-year-old.

Each day—whether father and son are together or not—they go to the chessboard. One player makes one move, then excitedly awaits the other to come and make the next move. This can be done with checkers and other board games!

