

Alexander Elementary



Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:
Mr. Wade
Elementary Principal

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. The theme for this year is "Catch the Reading Bug!" For more information contact Children's Librarian, Connie Bradley at 541-2292.

Summer Reading Program- Held at Alexander Elementary Monday through Thursday during the month of June. Parents of qualified students will be notified.

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

More Ways to Spend the Summer-

*Read with your child everyday. Read aloud. Have your child read to you.

*Plant a garden. See how seeds develop into plants.

*Start a neighborhood newsletter. Or have your child interview older family members and write a family history.

*Read newspapers together. Talk about what's going on in your town or in the world.

*Look for everyday ways you use math. Ask your child to figure out how much your grocery order should cost. Get him to keep track of how many miles your car runs on a gallon of gas. Here is a fun website to practice math skills playing a game called Math Baseball

<http://www.funbrain.com/math/>

*Read maps and make maps of your own. Have your child make a map of your neighborhood.

*Try an ethnic restaurant. Visit new countries on the internet.

We hope all of our students and their families have a wonderful and safe Summer Break!

**Red Wheel
Pick-Up Today**

**May 1, 2008
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Gym**

Please Remind Your Buyers!

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Red Wheel Delivery- Thursday, May 1. Please pick-up and pay for ordered items.

Third Grade Field Trip- Friday, May 2.
Pensacola Dam.

Teacher Appreciation Week Begins- Sunday, May 4.

Cinco De Mayo Assembly- Monday, May 5 at 10:00 AM in the gym.

Hispanic Dancers Travel to Area Schools- May 5 & 6

Testing Reward Trip for 5th Grade- Monday, May 12.
Skating, Joplin. Bus leaves at 10:15 AM

Jay Track Meet- Friday, May 9.

Catt/Moore Classes- May 9, Muskogee Castle.

First Grade to Tulsa Zoo- Friday, May 9.

Second Grade Field Trip- Friday, May 16
Audubon Nature Center, Joplin

5th Grade Picnic- Monday, May 16.

Pre-K Fun Day- Wednesday, May 21.

Elementary Track Meet at the High School- Friday, May 23.

Talent Show- Monday, May 28.

5th Grade Payday Program- Tuesday, May 13.

Pre-K Graduation- Thursday, May 22 at 1:30 PM.

Awards Assembly- Tuesday, May 27, in the gym.
K, 1st 9:00 AM
2nd, 3rd 10:00 AM
4th, 5th 1:00 PM

Memorial Day- Monday, May 26.

Super Student Prize Giveaway! Thursday, May 29.
Beach Day- Thursday, May 29.

Last Day of School- Thursday, May 29.

2008-2009 School Year Starts- August 14.

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.



**If You Can Read This...
Thank A Teacher!**

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4-10