



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT



APRIL 2016

IMPORTANT EVENTS

7th...NLES Kindergarten Round-Up 6:00 PM

11th...Spring Pictures

5th & 19th...JGSC Board meeting 7:00 PM

11th - 15th...NLES Book Fair

15th...NLES-PTO Fun Fair 5:00-8:00 PM

21st...6th Gr. Band Concert @ JGHS 7 PM

22nd & 25th...Snow Make-Up Days

18th - May 6th....ISTEP + Multi choice Testing



A special "Thank You" to all the volunteers that helped make our 3rd Annual Lock-In event lots of fun and a great success. 275 students attended the amazing event.

THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE SET FOR SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

April 22nd and April 25th with May 25th being the last student day at this time.

PTO Fun Fair – Under the BIG TOP

Students received raffle tickets on Tuesday to sell for the Fun Fair. We inadvertently left off some incentive prizes to the students for selling their goal of 24 tickets. If every student sold their bundle of 24 tickets equaling \$20 if you sell the 6 tickets for \$5, our school would raise \$10,500 in ticket sales alone. Not to mention those that sell above and beyond the \$20 goal. The prizes for selling your goal are...

Pizza Party if you sell your bundle of 24 tickets

Top Seller in each GRADE LEVEL (7 winners) unlimited game wristband (some games not apply)

Top 3 Sellers with gift cards donated by PTO: \$100, \$50, and \$25

JGSC Sport Physicals Coming Soon

April 5th at NLES from 12:30-2:30. April 12th at UMS from 12:30-2:30. May 6th at JGHS from 1:30-4:00. Sports Physical forms can be picket up in each school office. All students must have permission slips signed by the Monday BEFORE the chosen clinic attending.

FUTURE AND PRESENT BAND STUDENTS

April 7th....Instrument "Petting Zoo", 5th grade students get to try out instruments,
@NLES 9:00am-10:30am in the cafeteria

April 13th....6th Grade Band Concert with UMS Bands and Choirs @ JGHS 7:00pm

April 18th...Beginning Band Parent meeting for current 5th graders @JGHS 7:00pm

April 27th...Instrument fittings @NLES 3:00pm – 6:00pm in the library

May 11th...Spring Music Program for 1st 2nd and 3rd grade @NLES 7:00pm

Food Drive and Document Shredding Event @ JGHS

Saturday, April 9 from 9:00-12:00 at 201 John Glenn Drive. 1-2 Boxes of paper to shred - \$10, 3-5 Boxes of paper to shred - \$20, additional boxes over 5 - \$5. Bring in non-perishable food items to donate to our local food pantry. Sponsored by the JG Falcon Pride Marching Band.

North Liberty Youth League Trivia Night Fundraiser

April 9th @ VFW Post 1954 with doors opening at 5:30 and Trivia begins at 6 PM. Max of 8 people per team and outside food accepted. Contact Jennifer Toth 574-910-0475, Sheree Rudecki 54-250-3322, Michelle Whitmer 574-315-9577, Sarah Collins 574-220-0282 or Jason Platz 574-952-0786 for more information.

Under The Big Top

North Liberty Elementary School Fun Fair

APRIL 15 from 5-8 pm

Fun -Food -Games -Bounce House -Photo Booth

Many Raffles... Come join us for an evening of Fun



Sell your raffle tickets
for chances to win a
gaming system,
50+ in. TV,
headphones and gift cards.

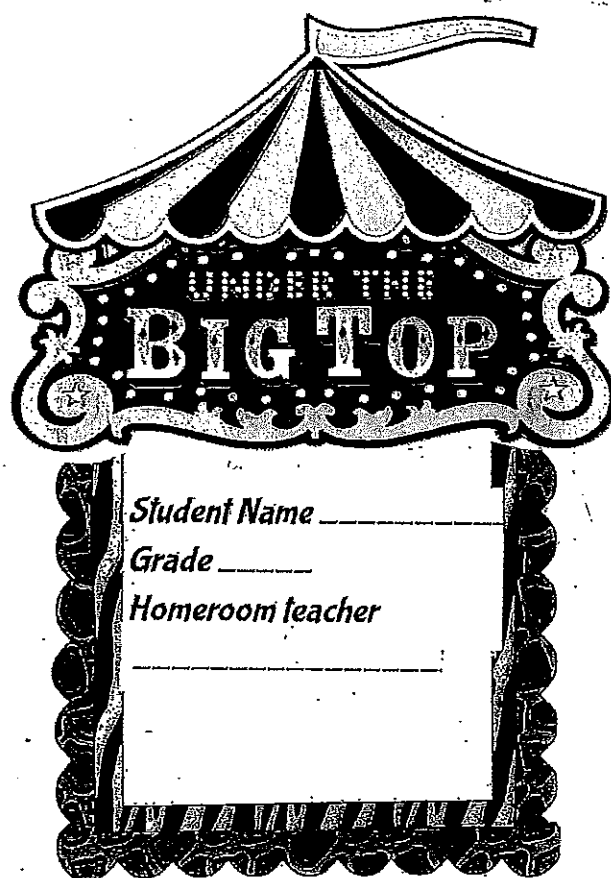
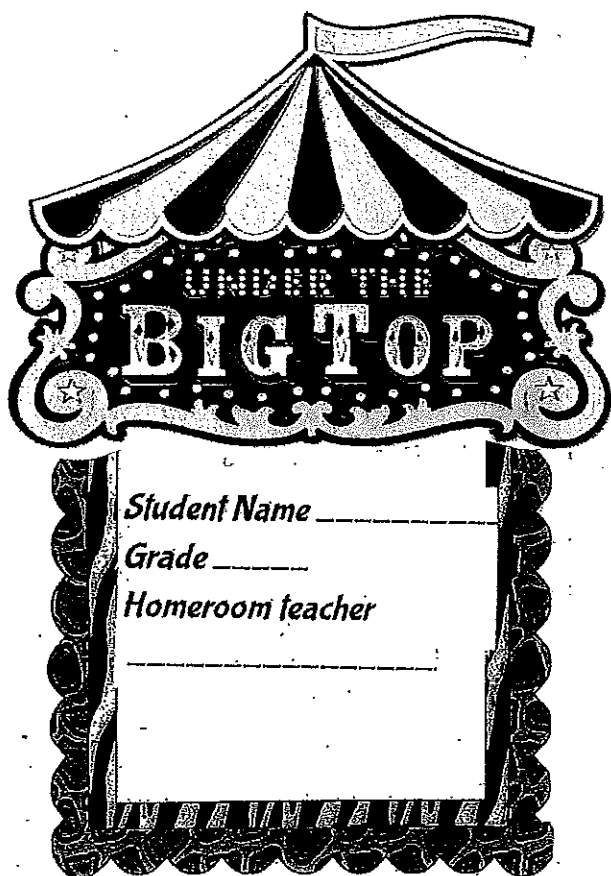


All proceeds
support NLES

Cake Walk 2016

We are in need of baked goods for the Fun Fair. Baked good donations will be accepted on April 16 starting at 8:00 am in the office. Each baked good donated to the cake walk will be rewarded with 2 game tickets! Attach a jungle card to each item with ALL information completed, and tickets will be distributed before the end of the school day on April 16, 2016.

If you have any questions contact the 4th grade teachers— Mrs. Kosinski, Mrs. Martin or Mrs. Marks.





FUNDRAISER

for

North Liberty Elementary School's Blessings in a Backpack Program

Blessings in a Backpack provides elementary school children who are on the federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program with a backpack of food to take home for 38 weekends during the school year. Backpack food includes easy-to-prepare, ready-to-eat foods, like granola bars, juice boxes, mac and cheese, and oatmeal.

Through generous donations from individuals, churches and local organizations, we have been able to send bags of food home on the weekends with **60 children** since the end of August 2015. The children have been very excited and appreciative when they have received their bags each Friday morning. The support and encouragement we have received for the program has been wonderful.

Ongoing donations of funds and food donations are necessary to ensure that we are able to continue reaching out to our children in need. The program costs approximately \$80 per child (this covers all weekends during the traditional 38 week school year). **100% of money raised is used to purchase FOOD for NORTH LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to Blessings in a Backpack, write NLES in the memo line, and send or drop off at NLES, Attention Julie Brinkhoff, 400 School Drive, North Liberty, IN 46554. Your donation is tax deductible, and you will receive a letter back from Blessings in a Backpack with your giving information. Blessings in a Backpack is a 501c3 National Organization. Donations of healthy non-perishable food items may be dropped off at the school office during normal school hours.

You may also support the program through our upcoming Rise 'n Roll fundraisers. Limited quantities of items will be available to purchase at the Fun Fair on Friday, April 15. Product catalogs and order forms will be available the night of the fun fair and be sent home with students the week of April 11, to place orders for our 2nd Annual Mother's Day Weekend fundraiser.

Thank you for helping us feed hungry children, one child at a time!

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GO FISH

Spring Music Program

Wed. May 11, 2016

7:00 p.m. NLES Gym

All 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade students



The Swoop Scoop

“Swoop” is a nickname for our Title I Program. Students in grades K–3 may qualify for extra reading support each semester thanks to a federally funded program for which JGSC qualifies. Currently, our Swoop Groups service our NLES Shamrocks in grades kindergarten through grade 3.

Our groups are led by our dedicated **Swoop Crew**. Monday through Thursday, the students work in small groups with reading lessons led by an instructional aide. Our Swoop aides are **Mrs. Craft, Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Tibbs, and Ms. Zoellner**. **Mrs. Amy Weiss** is the Title I teacher at NLES. Mrs. Weiss alternates to work with each student throughout the semester.

Small Group Spotlight:

1st graders read All About Robots this week. They read about a robot dog, an underwater robot that can explore shipwrecks, and a space rover (robot) that explores in space.



Read Across America Week was fantastic! Our Swoop Seuss Night was such fun! Thank you to all who attended! Mark the date for our final Swoop Night of the school year— Thursday, March 12. Enjoy the pics, there are many more on the NLES facebook page for you to view or download.



GYM-NEWS-IUM

2016 FIELD DAY NORTH LIBERTY

This year we are excited to see the return of the North Liberty Shamrock's Field Days. This will be the fifth annual field day that will be sponsored by the NLES PE department. This year's plan is again to hold an afternoon of fun filled events for the different grade levels. 1st through 6th grade classes will compete on their grade level in 6 events.

Team Flag Tag
Target Toss

Cage Ball
Tug-O-War

Fireman's Relay
Sack Races

Grades 4th-6th - Monday, May 23th, 2016

Grades 1st-3rd - Tuesday, May 24th, 2016

The Field Days Events will begin as soon as the students are done with their lunches. The events and recognitions will take the entire afternoon. We will move the event indoors if the weather is bad.



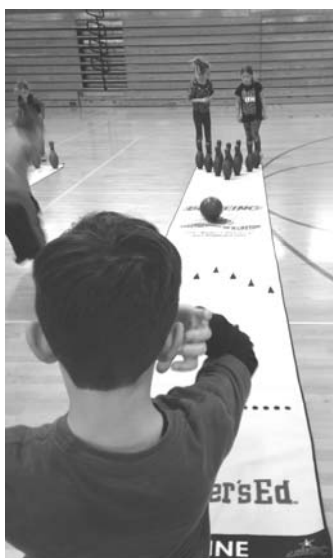
THE WALL

It's finally here! Our PE fundraiser last fall has brought something new to NLES. If you haven't seen it, the back gym now has a traverse climbing wall that the students will put to great use. At the end of February, Alan Limerick, Tanner Brooks, and Gary Brooks volunteered their Saturday to come in and install this neat new activity. Thank them if you see them in the halls.

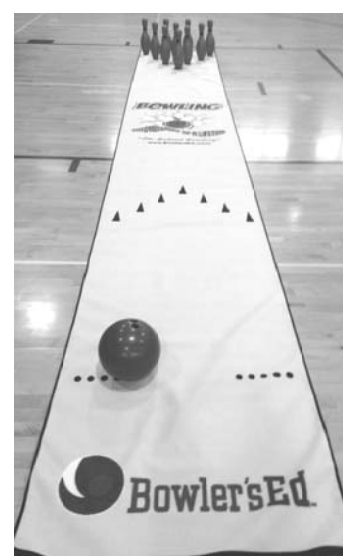
Traverse climbing involves a predominately lateral move; The focus is on a horizontal route versus a vertical route. This is safer as students stay at a lower height. Traverse climbing also provides more than just physical benefits for students and teachers. Students learn cognitive and social/emotional skills such as communication, problem solving, teamwork, respect, and more - all of which are benefits for a lifetime!



Never mind what others do; do better than yourself, beat your own record from day to day, and you are a success.—Unknown



Bowling



NLES has been selected as a recipient of the 2016 Bowler's Education In-School Bowling Equipment Grant. The grant consisted of 6 Deluxe 20' carpet lanes, 6 weighted pin sets, 6 rubberized bowling balls, curriculum, and other various equipment. The grant's equipment alone was worth \$2,220. The IBC Youth Development department were the sponsors of this grant. They believe the In-School Bowling Lanes will help each and every one of your students learn valuable life skills including; teamwork, cardiovascular activities, spelling, and even math! While doing this they will gain self-esteem and be confident about themselves and learn to work together with fellow students. Be sure to ask your lower elementary kids about it! They are using it right now!

CAPS MUST ARRIVE **LOOSE**
IN LARGE CONTAINERS

SUCH AS 55 GALLON PLASTIC BAGS or BARRELS

AFTER

removal of ALL METAL / other DEBRIS

BY CHILDREN.....UNDER GUIDANCE OF THEIR MENTOR

THESE CONTAINERS WILL GO HOME WITH THE DRIVER.

NEVER ACCEPTABLE

METAL.....ANY	TRASH.....ANY
drink bottles	food containers
plastic ziplock bags	soap pumps
trigger sprayers	lotion pumps
fast food drink lids	grocery bags
METAL.....ANY	TRASH.....ANY

ACCEPTABLE CAPS

medicine bottle caps	drink bottle caps
milk jug caps	flip-top caps (ketchup, mustard)
detergent caps	spout caps (mustard)
hair spray caps	spray paint caps
toothpaste tube caps	ointment tube caps
deodorant caps	caps w/ RECYCLE NUMBERS of (2) (4) (5)

ACCEPTABLE LIDS

cottage cheese container lids	cool whip container lids
mayonnaise jar lids	coffee can lids
yogurt lids	cream cheese container lids
peanut butter jar lids	butter container lids
ice cream bucket lids	

APRIL 2016

North Liberty Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
4 Chicken Patty/bu Sweet Peas Tri Tater Mixed Fruit Carnival Cookie	5 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans California Blend Vegetables Diced Peas Chocolate Pudding	6 Bosco Sticks/sauce Golden Corn Garden Bar Grapes Tropical Twist Juice Blend	7 Chicken Smackers Sweet potato cubes Green Beans Dinner Roll Diced Peaches	8 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Garden Bar Applesauce
11 Pepperoni Calzone Golden Corn Garden Bar Apple Wedges Choc Chip Cookie	12 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Carrot Coins Dinner Roll Strawberries	13 French Tst Sticks Sausage Patty Hash Brown Patty Celery Sticks Baked Cinnamon Apples Juice	14 BBQ Rib/bun Sweet Potato Puffs Green Beans Beets Diced Peas	15 Deli Sub Sandwich Baked Beans Sun Chips Snack Mix Raw Veggies/dip Fruit
18 Hamburger/bar Oven Baked Fries Steamed Broccoli Orange Wedges Strawberry Shortcake Cooki	19 Oven Roast Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Dinner Roll Rst Baby Carrots Beets Mandarin Orange/Pineapple	20 Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Celery Sticks Golden Corn Grapes Soft Pretzel	21 Mini Ravioli/marinara sauce Garlic Bread Garden Bar Sweet Peas Diced Peaches	22 <u>SNOW MAKE UP</u> Fish Filet Green Beans Tri Tater Cole Slaw Bread/butter Applesauce
25 <u>SNOW MAKE UP</u> Chicken Tenders Baby Baker Potatoes California Blend Vegetables Beets Banana	26 Cheese Pizza Garden Bar Golden Corn Apple Wedges	27 Hot Dog/bun Baked Beans Sun Chip Snack Mix Baby Carrots Raisins Tropical Twist Juice Blend	28 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/gravy Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Diced Peaches	29 Hot Ham & Cheese Sweet potato cubes Green Beans Fruit Sugar Cookie

News

**Breakfast offered daily
in cafeteria**

Full Pay: \$1.25

Reduced: .30

Lunch

Full Pay: \$1.80

Reduced: .40

**Students must select a
fruit and or vegetable
with each meal.**

**Reminder: Please keep
your child's lunch
account current.**

**Happy Spring!!! Only
eight more weeks of
school.**

April 2016

John Glenn School Corporation

BREAKFAST



School Information:

Full Pay: 1.25 Reduced .30
Milk included with all meals



Nutrition Tip: Drink Water! Drink water instead of sugary drinks when you're thirsty. To maintain a healthy weight, sip water or other drinks with few or no calories.

Reference: USDA. MyPlate.gov



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Students must select a fruit or juice with each meal.

Menu subject to change



NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

1

Cereal
Pop Tart
Fruit
Juice

4

Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Juice

5

Cinnamon Bagel Stick
Fruit
Juice

6

Sausage Biscuit
Fruit
Juice

7

Apple Cinn/Tex Tst
Fruit
Juice

8

Dutch Waffle
Fruit
Juice

11

Pancake/saus Bites
Fruit
Juice

12

Pineapple Smoothy
Mini Donuts
Fruit

13

Cheese Omelet
Muffin
Fruit
Juice

14

Apple Frudel
Fruit
Juice

15

Cereal
Pop Tart
Fruit
Juice

18

Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Juice

19

Cinnamon Bagel Stic
Fruit
Juice

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Sausage Biscuit
Fruit
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Apple Cinn/Tex Tst
Fruit
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Dutch Waffle
Fruit
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25

Pancake/saus Bites
Fruit
Juice

26

Pineapple Smoothy
Mini Donuts
Fruit

27

Cheese Omelet
Muffin
Fruit
Juice

28

Apple Frudel
Fruit
Juice

29

Sports Physicals in April, 2016!!

The John Glenn School Corporation will be offering Sports Physicals again this year for students in grades 4 through 11. Dr. Heckman-Davis and Dr. Martinez will be performing these exams for \$20.00 for any student who will be participating in athletics for the school year 2016-2017.

If you are interested, we have set up the following clinics:

- 1 – April 5th (Tuesday) at NLES from 12:30 until 2:30 P.M.
- 2 – April 12th (Tuesday) at UMS from 12:30 until 2:30 P.M.
- 3 – May 6th (Friday) at JGHS from 1:30 until 4:00 P.M.

Students from Walkerton Elementary School will be transported to the clinic at North Liberty Elementary School on April 5th.

Sports Physical forms can be picked up in each school office after March 7, 2016. All students need to have permission slips signed, sports physical forms filled out, and all forms turned in with the payment by the Monday BEFORE the clinic your student(s) is attending!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at JGHS(586-3195, ext. 8222) or UMS(586-3184, ext.6101)!
Thank you!

Teresa Russell, R.N.
School Nurse

Home & School

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Walkerton and North Liberty Elementary Schools

Melanie Heiser, Counselor

SHORT NOTES



Speak and listen

Remind your child that speaking is only half of a conversation. The other half is listening. Encourage him to listen and let others finish speaking before chiming in again. He'll find conversations are much more fun when they're a two-way street.

You can do it!

As children get older, they can do more and more. You can help your youngster build self-confidence by encouraging her to try new things. Suggest that she audition for the school math competition or read an extra-challenging book. You'll give her a boost by showing you believe in her abilities.

They need you

Parent volunteers can make the end of the school year go much more smoothly. Consider offering your time and talents to your child's teachers and principal. Maybe you could decorate for end-of-the-year parties, make certificates for award ceremonies, or help pack up your youngster's classroom.

Worth quoting

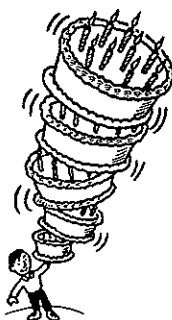
"Education is the transmission of civilization."

Will Durant

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What goes up but doesn't come down?

A: Your age!



Encourage cooperation

Cooperative children are ones who work well with others. They know how to pitch in and take part in a team effort, whether at home or in school. Try these ideas to help your youngster develop the important trait of cooperation.

Stress teamwork. Let your child see how everyone wins when you work as a team.

Example: "Wow! With everybody helping to clean up the house, we finished early. Now we have time to go to the pool!" Learning that cooperation pays off will motivate your youngster to form the habit.

Point out results. Help your child understand how cooperating can help him succeed in school. Say he is working on an assignment with a classmate. What will happen if one of them doesn't do his part? (Their grade will suffer.) What will happen if they work together? (The assignment will be done on time.)

Congratulate effort.

Show your youngster that all efforts, no matter how small they may seem, add up: "If you hadn't been backstage helping with the props, the show would not have been such a hit." Kids will enjoy being part of a group if they know their contributions are appreciated.



Note: Giving choices can help your child be more cooperative. For instance, if he's in the middle of playing a game, let him decide: "Would you like to set the table now, or when you've each had one more turn?" ♥

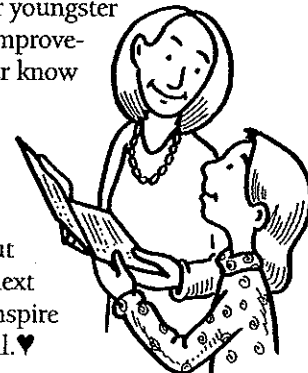
Report cards ahead

As the school year winds down, it's time to start thinking about how to handle final report cards. Try this approach when the big day arrives:

■ Read through the whole report card before reacting. You'll be able to see the full picture and pick out parts to highlight with your child.

■ Celebrate progress first. Find a grade that went up, a tough subject your youngster held her own in, or an improvement in behavior. Let her know you are proud of her.

■ Your child already knows the disappointments. Discuss what happened, and talk about ways she can do better next year. Being upbeat will inspire her to try again in the fall. ♥

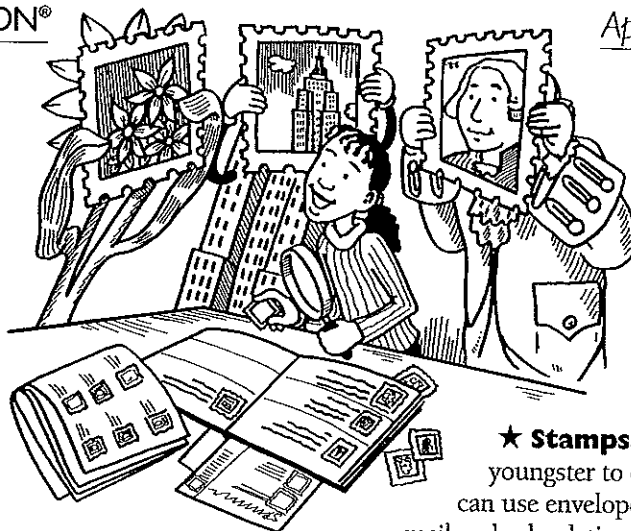


Collectors unite!

Young children love to collect things. The good news is that they can collect academic skills at the same time. Here are some ideas for getting started.

★ **Rocks.** Your youngster can pick up rocks at the park, in your backyard, or while walking home from school. Suggest that she store her collection in shoeboxes or ice cube trays. While grouping and labeling her rocks, she'll practice sorting and classification skills. Have her use a library guidebook to identify each rock and learn how the rock was formed.

★ **Favorite animal.** Does your child love pigs? Elephants? Have her collect magazine stories and pictures from the



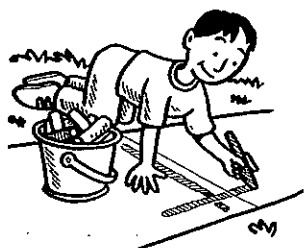
Internet and store them in a binder. She'll build reading skills and become an "expert" as she learns interesting facts about the animal's appearance, habitat, and diet.

★ **Stamps.** Encourage your youngster to collect stamps. She can use envelopes from the day's mail and ask relatives and friends to save stamps for her. Arranging them in a scrapbook by country or topic (famous people, nature) will help your child develop organizational skills. Together, do research to learn more about the countries, people, or buildings pictured on her stamps. ♥

Q & A Practice makes perfect

Q: My son's teacher said his handwriting needs work. How can I help Eric at home?

A: Try practicing a few times a week—in ways he finds fun. For example, try "air writing." Have Eric use his fingers to write the alphabet in huge letters in the air. Then, let him do it again with much smaller letters.



Next, get out some lined paper, and have him practice with a pencil. Ask Eric to write big letters at first, covering

three to four lines. Then, have him fit his letters into two lines, and finally into one line.

Also, suggest that he use fun materials. He can form letters with glitter glue on paper or chalk on the sidewalk. You'll see that a little practice will make a big difference in your son's handwriting! ♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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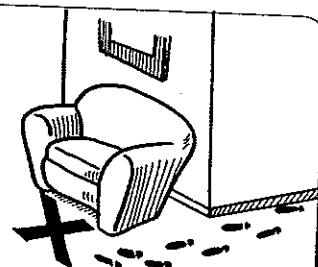
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ACTIVITY CORNER

Which way is it?

Knowing how to follow—and give—directions will help your child in the classroom and at home. Help him work on both skills with these activities:

1. Pick a secret destination in your house (the living room sofa). Give your youngster directions to get there ("Take two small steps forward. Turn right, and walk 10 steps"). After he arrives, let him pick a spot and direct you.
2. Ask your child to give you instructions for a simple task (brushing his teeth, pouring juice into a cup). Follow his directions exactly. Are they accurate? Then, give directions to him, and let him try to follow yours.
3. Take out game rules or a recipe. Have your youngster circle the words that give directions (move, add, stir). He can use the words to make up a new game or recipe. ♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Curing forgetfulness

Earlier in the year, my daughter Andrea kept forgetting her lunch. And sometimes she forgot her homework folder, too. To help her keep track of everything, we created a new morning routine.

She now has to put her lunch and homework in her backpack before eating breakfast. On the way out the door, we ask Andrea to look inside her bag. She says, "Homework, check!" as she

touches her homework folder, and "Lunch, check!" as she taps her lunch box. In the afternoon, her teacher has her follow a similar routine to make sure she takes her homework folder with her.

The system is working great! Andrea does it automatically now. She has learned it takes only a few seconds to stop and check that she has what she needs. ♥

