



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT

March 2017



IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR MARCH

4th ...5th Gr. A & B Bball Tourney @ NLES
7th ...PTO Meeting 3:15 PM
7st ...JGSC Board Mtg. 7 PM
17th ...End of 3rd Nine Weeks

17th ...Shamrock Pride Day
21th-23th ...IREAD-3 Testing Window (3rd Gr.)
21st ...JGSC Board Mtg. 7 PM
27th-31st ...Spring Break

SHAMROCK PRIDE DAY

March 17th celebrate being a Shamrock by wearing green, NLES Spirit Wear, or anything shamrock. We are celebrating what it means to be a shamrock and how we make North Liberty Elementary School a “great place to learn, teach, lead and succeed”. We show Shamrock Pride in all three areas of our life by taking...

1. Pride in Yourself 2. Pride in Others 3. Pride in Our School



NLES PTO & Student Council Sponsored Shamrock Gram Sale

Shamrock Grams are \$1- one REAL white carnation tipped in green. You may send a completed form & money to the office (form attached). Student Council members will deliver the grams on Friday, March 17 – Shamrock Pride Day! Shamrock Grams can be sent to anyone in any school or office building within JGSC.

Do you want to know what is happening at NLES?

The first place to start is on our school website that links you to many other places like Facebook. NLES

Website: <http://www.jgsc.k12.in.us/north-liberty-elementary-school.html>

NLES Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-LibertyElementary/194063664013102>

Kindergarten Roundup is March 21 @ 6 PM

Please spread the word and share with as many families, day care providers, and preschools in the area. Parents will be presented with KDG information to preregister while incoming KDG students interact with staff in the classroom, sit on a school bus and get to know their future classmates. Entrance eligibility is five (5) years of age on or before August 1 in order to enroll in public school KDG.

CALLING ALL OUTSIDE - DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS

We ask that all families living outside of the John Glenn School Corporation fill out the 2017-2018 request to attend school for next year. Follow these steps: 1. Go to <http://www.jgsc.k12.in.us/> and scroll down to the tuition notice and click on link to complete [this form](#) (you can click on “this form” as well)

5th Grade Beginning Band Recruitment for next year as 6th graders

Thursday, April 6th - Petting Zoo (both schools, one am/one pm)

Wednesday, April 19th - Evening Parent Meeting

Monday, April 24th - WES Evening Instrument Fittings

Wednesday, April 26th - NLES Evening Instrument Fittings

NLES 2017 Fun Fair – Make a Splash! Come to the Beach!

Mark your calendar for April 21 from 5:00-8:00 PM. NLES PTO parents and staff volunteer their time and efforts to help raise funds for all the wonderful events and initiatives we offer to our Shamrock students. Soon you will see raffle tickets that students are encouraged to sell and return. If interested in volunteering or lending a hand, contact Melinda Frick - ethan_sammy_harley@yahoo.com

I Need A Vacation! Spring Music Program

MAY 10 at 7 PM for the Spring Music program for students in Grades 4-6.

John Glenn School Sports Physicals

April 4 from 12:30-2:30 at NLES

April 11 from 12:30-2:30 UMS

April 18 from 1:00-4:00 JGHS

Gym-NEWS-ium

Climbing the Wall!!! 2nd through 6th

The 2nd through 6th graders had an awesome time enjoying learning how to properly and safely traverse the NLES climbing wall. They focused on introductory activities which allowed them to familiarize themselves with the climbing wall. Each grade level was tested on climbing wall rules and guidelines. The 4th through 6th graders moved on to level 2 skill activities where they competed in teams against other classmates in the game "Ring Roundup". They learned cognitive and social/emotional skills such as communication, problem solving, teamwork, respect, and more—all of which benefit a lifetime.



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.

Swoop Groups are busy Mondays through Fridays! Mrs. Weiss and our instructional aides work within K-3rd grade reading classes offering extra help for reading. Some students work in the Swoop room in the afternoons for half hour periods. The students work in consistent small groups with reading lessons led by Mrs. Weiss or an instructional aide.

Swoop Family Night - February 7 ~ Thanks for attending!

We enjoyed seeing the all who joined us for Swoop Family Night Below are a few snaps from the event (there are lots more on the NL facebook page--check it out!). We'll have **one more Family Night this year. Info will be sent home after Spring Break.**

Slime, snowflakes and loads of SMILES made it a wonderful evening!



Swoop Group Spotlight



These 2nd grade Swoopers have enjoyed reading several Classic Tales. It is awfully fun to reread and retell using stick puppets, too! This activity helps students with fluency, expression, and story sequence. (So sneaky!)

Coming Soon!

**Marshall County Reading Council
Young Authors' Conference**

Author Patricia Polacco will be at NLES April 11 and featured at the MCRC YAC April 13 at WES 6pm.

You are your child's most important teacher! Thank you for your support and teamwork!

~ Mrs. Weiss, Title I Teacher ~

APPAREL ORDER FORM

SALE ENDS: 3-10-17



SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT \$8
ROYAL BLUE • YOUTH S-L ADULT S-3XL

ADD \$2.00 FOR 2XL AND UP

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CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WALKERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

John Glenn School Corporation

Kindergarten Roundup! Tuesday March 21, 2017

At 6PM

Walkerton Elementary School and
North Liberty Elementary School

Parents will register online and receive an informational packet describing our program.

Please bring:

Your child

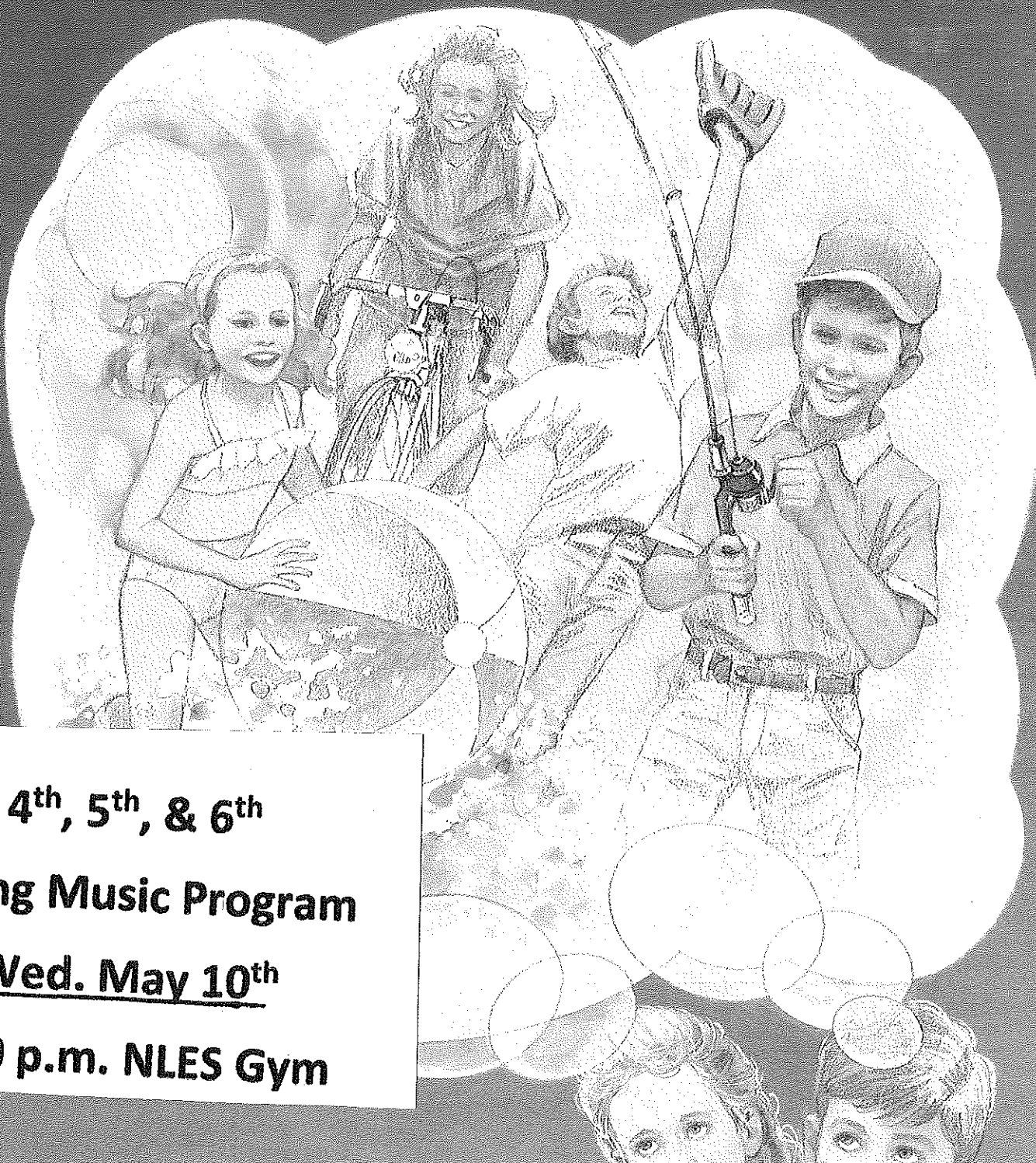
Your child's Birth Certificate

Your child's shot records

**PLEASE BRING YOUR KINDERGARTEN
CHILD FOR A TOUR OF OUR BUILDING!**

I NEED A VACATION!

An All-School Musical Revue
by
MAC HUFF and JOHN JACOBSON



4th, 5th, & 6th

Spring Music Program

Wed. May 10th

7:00 p.m. NLES Gym

Spring Break Enrichment 2017

Dear parents,

Registration for the new Spring Break Enrichment is just beginning. Spring Enrichment will be held at North Liberty Elementary from March 27th thru March 31st. Our program will be open from 6:15am until 6:00pm. The cost of the program will be \$18 a day. Payments are to be made by March 17th to guarantee a spot in the enrichment.

A field trip is in the works but not set yet more details will be given closer to Spring Break.

Please fill in the schedule of days your child will be in attendance. Lunch count and the activities need an accurate head count. We are looking forward to a fun filled week of activities and learning.

Sincerely
Charman Dreessen

Please fill out the bottom portion and return to the B&A staff ASAP

Childs name: _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Parents name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

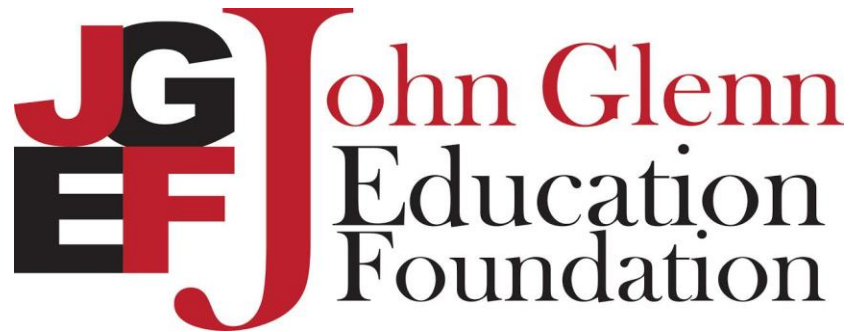
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ALL Allergies _____

Dentist: _____ Phone _____

Doctor _____ Phone _____

3-27	3-28	3-29	3-30	3-31



Ed and Sue Hiler Estate Sale
123 Shamrock Street
Walkerton

Saturday, April 8, 2017
8 am – 3 pm

Mr. and Mrs. Hiler donated many beautiful household items, furniture, art, area rugs, collectibles, bedding, appliances and sporting equipment to the foundation.

Check out our website: www.jgedfoundation.org to see pictures of the many items that will be for sale. Not all items are shown because there are too many to post!



All proceeds will go to the John Glenn Education Foundation.

Sports Physicals in April, 2017!!

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 \$25.00 for any student who will be participating in athletics for the school year 2017-2018.

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

1 – April 4th (Tuesday) at NLES from 12:30 until 2:30 P.M.

2 – April 11th (Tuesday) at UMS from 12:30 until 2:30 P.M.

3 – April 18th (Tuesday) at JGHS from 1:00 until 4:00 P.M.

Students from Walkerton Elementary School will be transported to the clinic at North Liberty Elementary School on April 4th.

Sports Physical forms can be picked up in each school office after March 1, 2017. 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

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please fill out and return the permission form(s) below and return it with your \$25.00 payment for the Sports Physical. If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to **“Beacon Medical Group.”**

Please fill out the transportation permission form ONLY if your child(ren) attends Walkerton Elementary School and will need transportation to the clinic at North Liberty.

The Sports Physical forms are available in each school office, so please pick one up for each child needing a physical. Please turn in permission form(s), physical forms, and payment to your school office. **All paperwork and payment must be in the school office by the Monday prior to the clinic that your child is attending!**

Thank you for your assistance!

Teresa Russell, R.N.

Sport Physical Permission Form

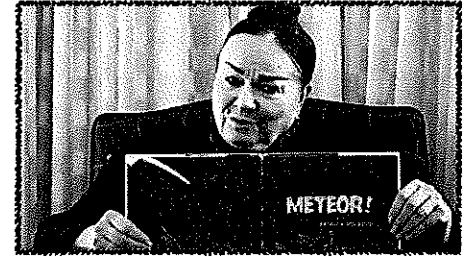
I give permission for _____ to participate in the Sport Physical Clinic at _____ on _____.
(school) (date)

I understand that this clinic is only for sports physicals, and that no medical treatment or advice will be given during the clinic. I release JGSC and Beacon Medical Group from any liability related to participating in this clinic.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Marshall County Reading Council Young Authors' Conference 2017 Author and Illustrator Contest



Contest Rules:

"Step Outside: Writing About the Natural World"

- All entries must be original creations.
- Only 1 entry per student may be submitted.
- Entries must be submitted to your teacher by March 17th.
- Your Fiction, Non-fiction, or Poetry writing should be no more than 2 pages in length.
- Use correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Final copy may be handwritten or typed.
- Attach the entry form below to your work.

**Students with winning entries will meet & greet with
Patricia Polacco, receive an autographed book
and
certificate of recognition!**

Patricia Polacco is an American author and illustrator who has written and illustrated over 115 books for children! She has a true passion for reaching the hearts of children and adults with her poignant stories often based on her own childhood and life experiences.



Official Entry Form

Marshall County Reading Council - YAC

Student Name:

Grade:

School:

Teacher:

Marshall County Reading Council
Young Authors' Conference
Timeline for Building Representatives

February 13th- Distribute Contest Flyers to all students K-6

**2 page maximum is for handwritten or typed writing pieces.

Teachers may use their own discretion for requirements. K-2 most likely hand written and 3-6 most likely typed.

Form a committee to evaluate student writing pieces.

March 17th- Contest Deadline

When all writing pieces have been collected, hold a committee meeting to evaluate writing. Select winners, based on the following criteria, to be recognized at the Young Authors' Conference.

Building Size:

K-6- 1 winner from K-2 and 1 winner from 3-6

K-5- 1 winner from K-2 and 1 winner from 3-5

K-4- 1 winner from K-1 and 1 winner from 2-4

5-6- 1 winner

7-8- 1 winner

9-12- 1 winner

March 24th- Submit winners' full names to Karlie Gibson at kgibson1@jgsc.k12.in.us for award certificate preparation.

Please mail writing pieces to:

Karlie Gibson 400 School Drive, North Liberty, IN 46554

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John Glenn School Corporation

BREAKFAST



School Information: Milk included with all meals.
Full Pay: \$1.25 Reduced .30
Students must select a fruit and or juice



Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.



Monday



Apple Cinnamon Tx Tst

6

Fruit and Juice

Tuesday



Cheese Omelet w/ Muffin

7

Fruit and Juice

Wednesday

Donuts

1

Fruit and Juice

Cereal w/ Pop Tart

8

Fruit and Juice

Thursday

PBJ Graham

2

Fruit and Juice

Pancake/saus/stick

9

Fruit and Juice

Friday

Oatmeal Round

3

Fruit and Juice

Mini Bagels

10

Fruit and Juice

Cereal w/ Pop Tart

13

Fruit and Juice

Breakfast Pizza

14

Fruit and Juice

Donuts

15

Fruit and Juice

PBJ Graham

16

Fruit and Juice

Oatmeal Round

17

Fruit and Juice

Apple Cinnamon Tx Tst

20

Fruit and Juice

Cheese Omelet w/ Muffin

21

Fruit and Juice

Cereal w/ Pop Tart

22

Fruit and Juice

Pancake/saus/stick

23

Fruit and Juice

Mini Bagels

24

Fruit and Juice

NO SCHOOL

27

NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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North Liberty Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Cheesy Potatoes Beets Warm Cinnamon Apples	Shamrock Potato Bowl Steamed Broccoli Crunchy Baby Carrots Bread & Butter Mandarin Orange/Pineapple	1 Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans Golden Corn Garden Bar Crisp Apple Wedges	2 <u>Dr. Suess Birthday</u> Green Eggs/Ham Cat in the Hat Kabob Smiley Potatoes 1/2 Bagel Juicy Orange Wedges Cookie Juice	3 Macaroni & Cheese Bread/butter Carrot Coins Celery Sticks Mixed Fruit
6 Hot Dog/bun Golden Corn Baked Beans Diced Pears Carnival Cookie	7 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potato/gravy Sweet Peas Warm Dinner Roll Diced Peaches	8 Deli Sub Sandwich Sun Chip Snack Mix Fresh Veggies/dip Red Grapes Juice	9 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Cole Slaw Carrot Coins Applesauce	10 Cheese Pizza Garden Bar Green Beans Fruit
13 Chicken Patty/bun Sweet Potato Cubes Steamed Broccoli Strawberries	14 Pepperoni Calzone Garden Bar Green Beans Mixed Fruit	15 Soft Taco/toppings Spanish Rice Refried Beans Golden Corn Crunchy Baby Carrots Red Grapes	16 Chicken Smackers Mashed Potato/gravy Sweet Peas Warm Dinner Roll Mandarin Or/Pineapple	17 <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> Fish Sticks Oven Baked Fries Cole Slaw Applesauce Choc/mint Ice Cream
20 <u>First day of Spring</u> Hamburger/bar Oven Baked Fries Carrot Coins Banana Choc Chip Cookie	21 Chicken Drumstick Steamed Broccoli 1/2 Baked Potato/butter Warm Dinner Roll Mandarin Orange/pineapple	22 Pasta/meat Sauce Garlic Bread Garden Bar Golden Corn Diced Peaches	23 BBQ Rib/bun Curly Fries Crunchy Veggies/dip Baked Beans Warm Cinnamon Apples	24 Cheesy Bread Sticks Tomato Soup Green Beans Fruit
27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL

News

**Breakfast offered daily
in the cafeteria**

Full Pay: \$1.25

Reduced: .30

Lunch

Full Pay: \$1.90

Reduced: .40

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

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

**Enjoy your Spring
Break!**

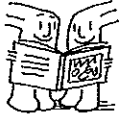
Menu subject to change

Home & School

CONNECTION[®]

Working Together for School Success

March 2017



North Liberty Elementary
Melanie Heiser, School Counselor

SHORT NOTES

Which way?

Improve your youngster's sense of direction by having her observe the sunset from a window in your home—that's west. Then, let her make north, south, east, and west signs to hang on the walls. Next, hide a toy, and give her directions to find it. ("Take two steps south and three steps east.") When you walk outdoors, she can try using the sun to figure out directions.

Use medicine safely

Teach your child about drug safety from an early age. If medicine is prescribed for him, read the label together, and explain that it's important to take it exactly as directed. Then, dispense doses yourself, and store it in a locked cabinet. Also, tell him he should never share medication—or accept medicine from a friend.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first day of spring (March 20) is also World Storytelling Day.

Celebrate it by spending an evening telling family stories. Your youngster will probably enjoy hearing tales from your childhood—or the story of the day she was born.

Worth quoting

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather." *John Ruskin*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What was the farmer doing on the other side of the road?

A: Catching all the chickens!



The importance of helping others

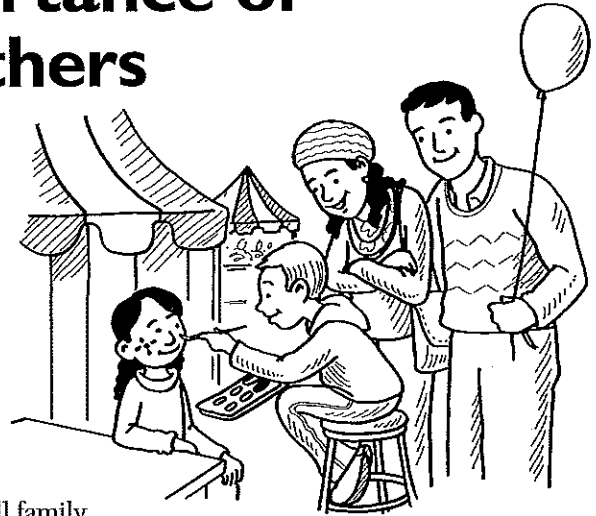
Your child will discover that the world is a better place when people help each other. Consider these ideas for raising a helpful youngster.

Take on chores

Helping starts at home, and regular chores are a good place to begin. Point out that your household runs more smoothly when all family members help take care of it. Get your child in the habit of everyday chores (washing dishes, folding laundry). Then, suggest that he look for other ways to help, perhaps cleaning the attic or weeding the garden.

Assist classmates

Let your youngster see that he has the power to help others. If he mentions someone who might need help (say, a classmate who is struggling with math facts), ask, "What could you do?" Your child could invite the student to study with him. Tell your youngster about



everyday ways you lend a hand, such as bringing morning coffee to a coworker who broke her ankle.

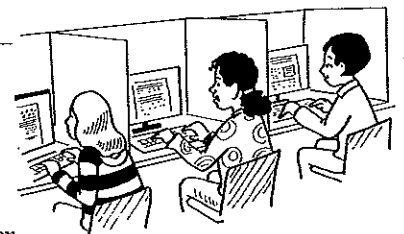
Volunteer together

Your child can be a community volunteer with your help. For ideas, contact the parks and recreation department, community centers, and service agencies like the United Way. Your family might take part in a park cleanup day, be a foster family for rescue dogs, or do face painting at a fund-raiser. When your youngster sees how good it feels to make a difference, he may want to make volunteering a habit! ♥

Tips for test day

Good news: Everyday strategies your youngster uses in reading and math will come in handy on standardized tests. Here's how:

- Help your child prepare for sections where she has to read paragraphs, answer questions, and give supporting details. When you read to her at home, talk about the book, and ask her to show you *evidence* to back up her ideas and opinions.
- Your youngster may be asked to show how she solves math problems during the test, just like she does on regular assignments. Tell her that it's better to write too much rather than not enough, especially if the test isn't timed. She might also include drawings, such as a sketch showing how she found the area of a trapezoid. ♥



It's cool to learn new words!

At home or on the go, your youngster can expand her vocabulary. Try these suggestions.

My word wall. Many classrooms have word walls—why not let your child make one at home? Her closet door, a side of the refrigerator, or any other open spot will do. She could write words she



is learning on index cards and arrange them by category. *Examples:* History words (*expansion, treaty*), science terms (*photosynthesis, mineral*). Each time she adds a word to her wall, ask her what it means. Then, she can refer to the wall as she does her homework or writes stories.

Games to go. In the car, let your youngster pick a random letter (say, G), and take turns calling out something you see that begins with

that letter (*grass, gazebo, girl*). If you say an unfamiliar word, point out the item so she learns it. When you reach the next block, someone else can pick a different letter. *Tip:* Later, help her remember the words by asking questions like “What was that round wooden structure that started with G?” (*gazebo*)♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

Structural engineering

Your child will have fun exploring engineering with homemade building blocks. Share these steps.

1. Make triangle blocks

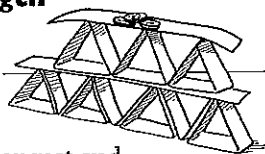
Let him cut poster board, file folders, or index cards into 24 strips, each about 1" x 5". Then, have him fold each strip into thirds, bend it into a triangle, and tape the ends together. (*Note:* He should save a few unfolded strips to use for building.)

2. Build a structure

Encourage your youngster to experiment with different designs. He can fit triangles together into rows with every other block pointing up, lay an unfolded strip on top, and continue alternating layers. Perhaps he'll make the rows all the same length or make them different lengths.

3. Test strength

Ask your child to check each structure to see which design is the strongest and most stable. He could put a strip of paper on top and add pennies, counting as he goes, until the structure topples. Which arrangement of blocks holds the most pennies?♥



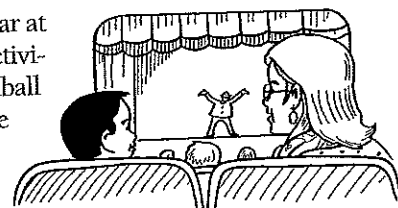
PARENT TO PARENT

Spring events: A family affair

The last quarter of the year at my son Andy's school is always filled with fun activities like plays, concerts, a student-teacher basketball game, the book fair, and curriculum nights. I like to attend or take Andy to as many as possible, but I'm a single mom with two jobs, so we usually end up missing some.

This year, I sent the calendar of events to my mom, my brother, and my cousin, and I asked whether they could each take Andy to one. They were happy to help! My mom took Andy to the school play, and my brother is going with him to the basketball game. My cousin, who's studying to become a teacher, is excited about literacy night.

I'm relieved that my son will attend so many evening activities. And Andy looks forward to sharing his school events with other family members.♥



Q & A

Encourage good school behavior

Q: My daughter has been misbehaving in school. The teacher sent home a note saying she's goofing off and not listening. What should I do?

A: First, contact your child's teacher. Find out when your daughter tends to act up, maybe during silent reading time, in the hallway, or at lunch. Together, you and the teacher might be able to figure out what triggers the behavior. Perhaps she

is struggling in a particular subject, or maybe sitting beside her best friend makes it a challenge for her to follow the rules.

Then, talk to your daughter about the importance of behaving well in school.

Discuss strategies for solving the problem like asking for help when an assignment is hard or sitting near different kids. Finally, plan to keep talking to your child and to stay in touch with the teacher to make sure her behavior improves.♥



OUR PURPOSE

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

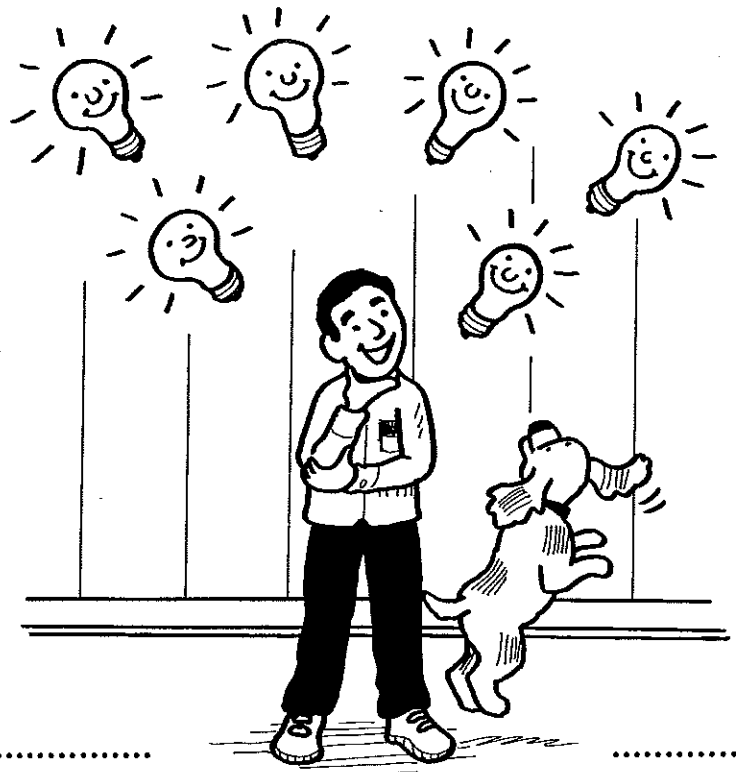
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Think About It

When students wear their “thinking caps,” they come up with ideas and solve problems by asking questions, considering different approaches, and using their imaginations. Being a critical and creative thinker can help your youngster in every school subject—as well as in everyday situations at home and at play.

Encourage your child to sharpen his thinking skills with these 10 fun activities.

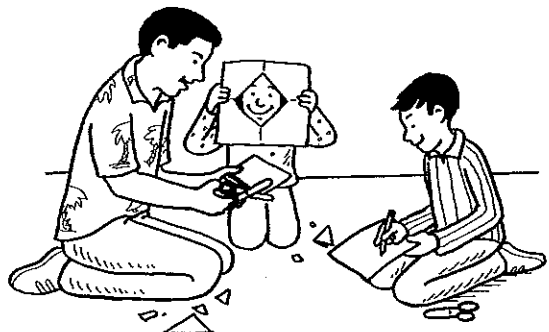


1. What is it? Your youngster can practice seeing things in different ways. Take turns describing everyday objects as if the other person had never seen them before. For example, he might say, “A pencil is skinny like a finger, yellow like a bus, and round like a tube.” How would he describe a book, a television, or a horse? *Idea:* Turn this into a guessing game by giving the descriptions without naming the object.

2. My own restaurant. Let your child use problem-solving skills to create an imaginary cafe. Encourage her to write and illustrate a menu. Then, go shopping together so she can price ingredients and decide what to charge to make a profit. You might pretend to be a food supplier and pose problems. *Example:* “There’s an avocado shortage! I need to charge \$1.50 per avocado instead of \$1.” Will she raise the price of guacamole or remove the avocado slice from her chicken sandwich?



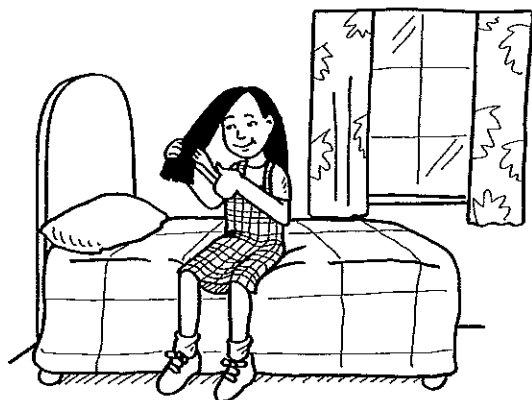
3. Cutout mystery. Your youngster will have to use spatial reasoning for this project. Have each family member fold a sheet of construction paper in half and in half again. Cut out shapes along the edges. Then, trade the folded papers, and let each person draw what the paper will look like when it’s unfolded—where the cutouts will fall and what shapes they will be. Finally, open the paper. Does your child’s picture match his prediction?



4. Squiggle art. What can you do with a squiggle? Practice brainstorming and creativity, of course! Draw a squiggle on a piece of paper. Suggest that your youngster turn the paper to look at it from several angles. Now, using the squiggle, what will she draw? Or draw a few squiggles, and have her create pictures centered around a theme. For instance, she might turn each squiggle into a different robot.

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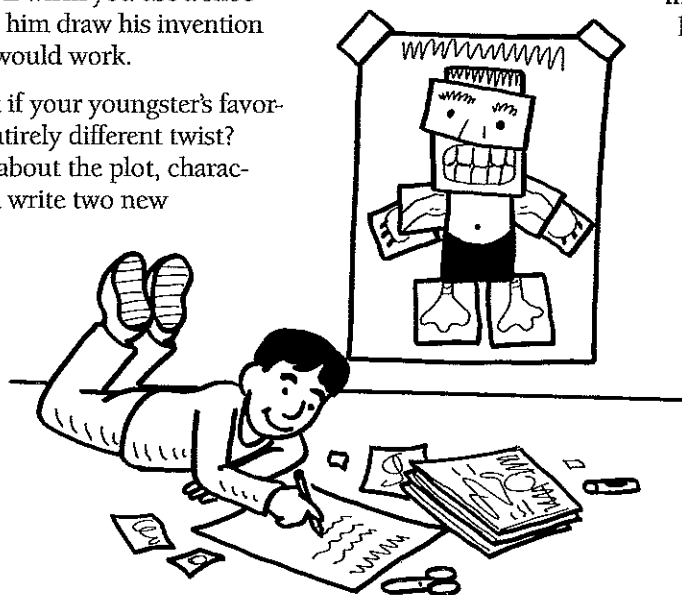
5. Map mission. Breaking down directions will help your child identify key steps, which is great practice for problem-solving. Ask him to pick a secret spot (say, a chair in the living room or a tree in the backyard). Then, he should write directions to get to it ("Go down the stairs, turn left at the hallway..."). Follow his directions together, and see if you end up in the right place. If not, how could he make them clearer?



6. Super substitutes. Considering how to replace one thing with another fosters creative thinking. For instance, what might your youngster use to brush her hair other than a hairbrush? If she likes lollipops with gum in the middle, ask what could go in the center instead. Or sing a fun song, pick out rhyming words, and think of words to replace them.

7. Improve it! Encourage your child to find new approaches by playing inventor. Have him think of items he uses in daily life and how he could design a new-and-improved version. Maybe he often misplaces his sneakers. He might dream up shoes with alarms that go off when you use a shoe-finding remote control. Let him draw his invention and explain to you how it would work.

8. A brand-new tale. What if your youngster's favorite story or book had an entirely different twist? Based on what she knows about the plot, characters, and setting, she could write two new beginnings—one that would keep the rest of the story the same and one that would change it. Or she might come up with an alternate ending, or even a sequel, that fits with the plot.

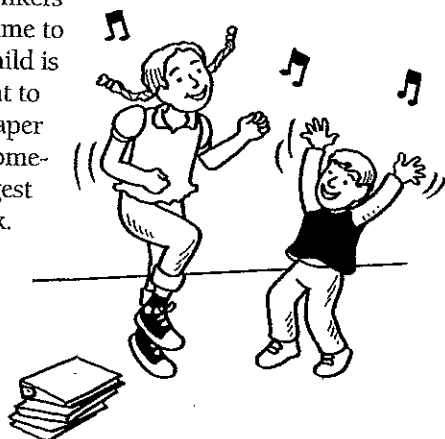


I'm stuck—now what?

Even the best thinkers get stumped from time to time. When your child is struggling with what to write for a school paper or how to solve a homework problem, suggest that she take a break.

Giving her mind a rest can refresh her and give her renewed energy to tackle her work. Plus, she may think of the answer while she's doing something completely different! Here are ways to recharge:

- Dance to favorite music.
- Talk to a parent, sibling, or friend about something completely different.
- Get active by doing jumping jacks, marching around the room, or going up and down the stairs a few times.
- Go outside for a breath of fresh air. Walk the dog (or yourself) around the block.
- Take a bath or shower. In fact, some people say they do their best thinking in the shower!



9. Creature feature. Develop your child's imagination and writing skills by having him make his own monster. Using old magazines and newspapers, have him cut out pieces to put together into a never-before-seen creature. Encourage him to write an encyclopedia entry about his monster—describing its appearance, habitat, and diet.

10. Crazy questions. Spur your youngster to think creatively and make predictions by asking her thought-provoking questions. For example, how would the world be different if cars had never been invented? What would her life be like if she were an insect? Together, write questions on separate index cards. Use the deck to start interesting dinnertime or car-time conversations.

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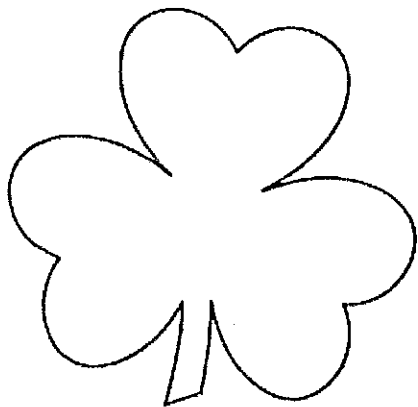
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