

SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT! DECEMBER 2018

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

4th...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM @ NLES 8th...5th Gr. Bball Tourney @ NLES 9 AM 18th...Gr. 1-3 Holiday Music Concert 7 PM 18th...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM 19th...6th Gr. Band Concert @ JGHS 6 PM 20th...KDG Holiday Concert 1:30 PM 21st...End of 1st Semester

SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS TOO!

6th grade Cadet Band students (arrive at 5:15) will perform their Holiday concert at JGHS Auditorium at 6 PM on December 19. Elementary will perform one concert. Urey Middle School band will hold two concerts in the auditorium to accommodate all of those who would like to attend. The 7th and 8th Gr. parents are encouraged to attend the 7:30 performance with a large 6th Gr. crowd attending the 6 PM show. Mrs. Burnett is selling \$3.00 tickets in advance to reserve a seat.

6:00 PM Performance

WES & NLES 6th Gr. Cadet Band (only performance) UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Choirs UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Band

7:30 PM Performance (6th Gr. Band NOT performing)

UMS 7th & 8th Gr. Choirs UMS 7th & 8th G. Band

The Littlest Reindeer Holiday Concert by Gr. 1-3 Students

This is a reminder of our upcoming Winter Holiday Program for all students in grades 1, 2 and 3. The program is Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the NLES gym. All students should be in their seats by 6:45 so that the teachers can take attendance.

- 1st grade students will be Elves so please wear a green shirt.
- 2nd grade students will be Reindeer so please wear a brown/tan shirt.
- 3rd grade students will be Santa so please a red shirt.

Students with speaking parts or have other parts might be asked to wear something different. Mrs. Burnett will have special hats and other items to help dress up the students.

The kids have been practicing in class for a couple of months now so they are getting very excited for the performance. There will be a second performance on Wed. Dec. 19 at 8:20 AM. Students will need to wear their costume and colored shirts both days.

Attendance: Parent Communication is important when children are tardy or absent from school. Please call the school and provide doctor notes when available. If no communication is made, the student is marked "unexcused" and a computer call made. If tardy, the student must be brought in with parent to sign excuse book. Morning routines are very important so please allow students time to enter building prior to 8:00 AM.

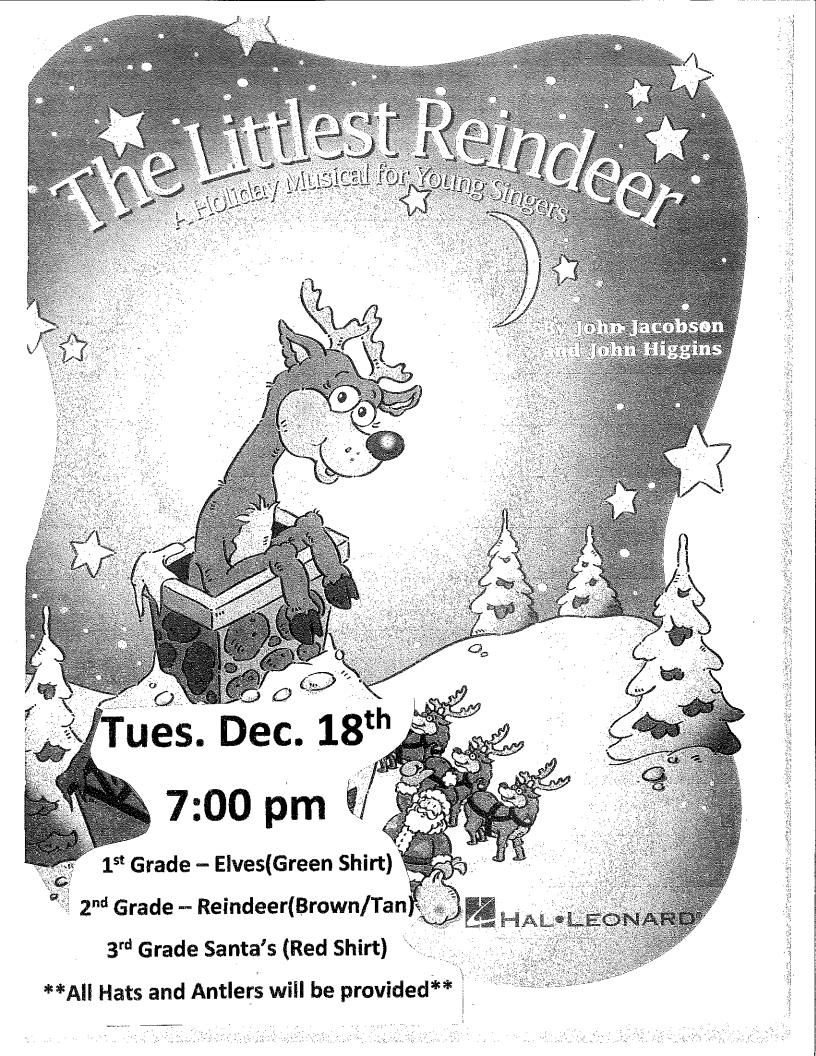
Celebration of Service to a Great Superintendent, Mr. Richard Reese

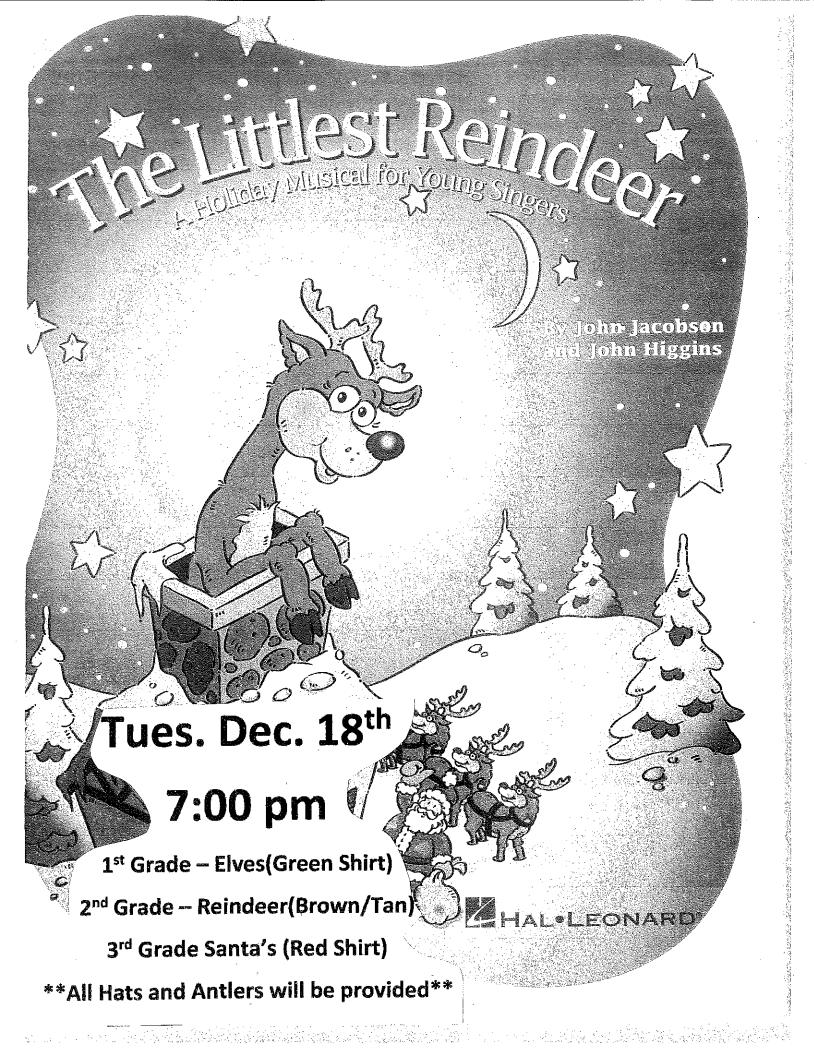
At the November 20 School Board meeting, Mr. Richard Reese officially announced his retirement effective June 30, 2019. Some important comments from Mr. Reese's retirement letter shared with the school board.

"At the end of the 18-19 school year, I will finish 42 years (1977-2019) in education. Seven years as a middle school Social Studies teacher, one year as an Assistant Principal, 20 years as a Middle School Principal, and the last 14 years as the Superintendent of John Glenn School Corporation. Serving as the Middle School Principal and Superintendent in the School Corporation from which I graduated in 1973, is an extreme honor."

"I want to thank the dedicated teachers, support staff, students and parents whose hard work made this success possible at John Glenn. I have enjoyed the opportunities provided to me by the school corporation and this community."

"I hope the legacy that I leave at John Glenn is the importance of building positive student relationships. *If you show them you care, they will care enough to learn.*"





StarMakers Theatre Company Presents



Friday, December 14th at 7:30 pm and Saturday, December 15th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm in the Main Gym at NLES.

Tickets are \$7.00, no presale.

Come enjoy this incredible show featuring students from North Liberty Elementary School, Walkerton Elementary School and Urey Middle School.

Sponsored by the John Glenn Theatre Company

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The Thriller BMX Experience is ON!!!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the K-4th graders and some upper elementary students, the entire school is invited to the <u>Thriller BMX Bike Experience</u> on Friday, December 21st, at 2:00 pm. This is an entertaining event featuring a demonstration of some fantastic BMX skills including backflip tailwhips, side-by-side flips, and front flips by X-games competitors and Dew Tour athletes from the Thriller BMX team. This event is so much more than just a bike show. And we would like YOU, the parents and families of the students, to come and enjoy the show for the important part you played in their successes!

We couldn't have done it without YOU!!! This year's fundraiser was another great success thanks to the team of all the **students**, **parents**, **teachers**, **and everyone else who bought chocolate bars to support our PE program**. This year we exceeded our goal of 225 cases of chocolate bars, and sold 293 cases!!! This money will primarily be used to enhance the effectiveness of the PE classes and continue adding equipment to the NLES Back Gym by purchasing additional equipment for our NLES Ninja Warrior course.

The class that sold the most chocolate this year was Ms. Gurtner's 1st grade class with a total of 25 cases. They have earned a pizza party for their entire class being donated by Officer Stewart, one of NLES resource officers.

There are a few MVP students that I would like to recognize. Each of these students sold 5 or more cases of chocolate and their combined efforts allowed them to raise nearly \$1000 for the fundraiser!

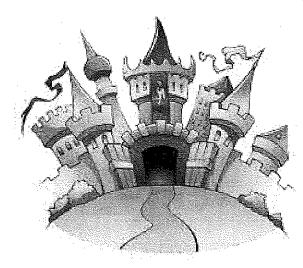
Journie King, 1st Grade, 6 cases
Annebelle Singleton, 1st Grade, 6 cases
Ariah Bland, Kindergarten, 5 cases
Emma Thomas, 2nd Grade, 5 cases
Jackson Hanson, 3rd Grade, 5 cases

Each of the 244 students who participated were important in helping us reach this year's goal. I just want each of you to realize that your efforts through this fundraising program continue to build a wonderful NLES PE program for your children. Hope to see you at the upcoming Thriller BMX Experience!



All Title | Families:

Save the Date for our next NLES Swoop Family Night



Tuesday, January 8

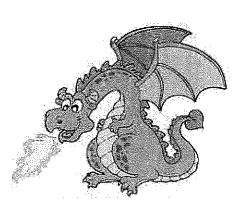
Fairy Tales and Fractured Tales!

We'll brighten up January with light—hearted activities, books, art, games, snacks, and a giveaway.

Siblings are included. :)

Flyers with sign up and details will be sent home with all Swoop/Title I students.

Any questions: contact Mrs. Weiss aweiss@jgsc.k12.in.us



Winter Break Enrichment 2018

Dear parents,

Registration for the fifth winter Break Enrichment is just starting. Enrichment will be at North Liberty Elementary on Dec 26, 27, 28, and Jan 2-4 We will be CLOSED on Monday Dec 24 and Tuesday Dec 25. Our program will be open from 6:00am until 6:00pm. The cost of the program will be \$20 a day. Payments are to be made in full by December 7, 2018 to guarantee a spot in the enrichment. Please write in on the days you plan on using. Due to rising cost, the program must have at the minimum 12 children daily or we will not be open that day. To assure the quota you will need to submit the days you will need by Dec 3, 2018. If there are days not filled, B&A will be forced to close that day of enrichment. Having the schedule by Dec 3 will allow B&A to let parents know ahead of time if plans need to be changed. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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Family Winter Wonderland Dance

Friday January 18th 6 to 8 pm

North Liberty Elementary School PTO would like to invite you to our Family Winter Wonderland Dance for students Kdg thru 6th grade.

Tickets are \$3.00 per person you may send in money with your RSVP or pay at the door the night of

A night of memories, music and dancing

Refreshments, Candy Corsages, and Boutonnieres

Photo Booth

All included with admission

Last Chance to RSVP January 11th so we can have a head count of number attending.

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Stephanie Reynolds
College & Career Readiness
Urey/North Liberty/Walkerton Elementary
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A message from Ms. Stephanie...

Hello Parents! I am excited to be working with your students more this second semester. It is so fun to hear what goals and dreams our students have for themselves. Each one of our kids is going to have an impact...they don't even realize the adventures that are awaiting them!! As you enter this magical time of Christmas, take the time to dream with your student about their future:)



CAN YOU HELP?

I would like to reach out to siblings of NLES/WES students who are in college. We would love to be able to have them send us pictures of their college, talk about their time at college, maybe give us a virtual tour and help our elementary students see the possibilities from all kinds of schools.

Contact me if you could connect me with a college student in your life to help us with this project at sreynalds02@jgsc.k12.in.us.

Long-term Dreaming...

As parents, we can help ourselves and our older children begin the important task of establishing longterm goals and a vision for ourselves. Ask these questions:

- 1. What do I want to do?
- 2. Who do I want to be?
- 3. What do I want to see?
- 4. What do I want to have?
- 5. Where do I want to go?

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A GOAL BROKEN DOWN INTO STEPS
BECOMES A PLAN.

A PLAN BACKED BY **action** Makes your dreams come true.

Parent/Student Resources

CHECK OUT THIS COOL WEBSITE:

https://www.knowitall.org/ collections/career-explorations



Executive Function Activities for This Holiday Season

This holiday season, spend some quality time working on executive function skills while creating fun memories!



As the academic attendance coach I provide supplemental executive function lessons to 5th and 6th grade students who did not pass the I-STEP the prior school year, as well as meet with students who have frequent unexcused absences

Create stories (Grades K-3)

Most stories that children create at this age are a series of events (where each event is related to the one before), and usually lacks any cohesive structure. With practice and guidance, students will learn to create more complex and well organized story plots. This will aide students working memory skills greatly.



Make a book (great Christmas present for relatives)

- Have your child tell you a story and write it down together. After you have written down your child's story, have your student create pictures to go along with the plot and then put the book together.
- You can also have students act out their stories after they are finished. This helps provide a structure that student's actions must follow.

Cook Together (Grades 4-6)

With the holiday season upon us, cooking/baking becomes a frequent necessity. Cooking/baking together is a great way for your child to learn executive function skills such as planning and time management.



Let's cook (great family bonding time)

 First, have your child find a recipe they want to make (or choose the recipe you want to make with your student) and then make a list of ingredients, amount of each ingredient, and kitchen tools they will need to prepare it. (Planning) The preparation of the meal will engage your child in time managements skills, since they will have to properly time the cooking of the meal and properly prioritize the steps in the recipe for the desired outcome.

Family Game Night (all ages)



Board games are a great way to build executive function skills such as planning, working memory, and cognitive flexibility. Some games that promote these skills include card games (Hearts, Spades or Bridge, and matching card games for younger students), Monopoly, Clue, Chess, puzzles, Chinese Checkers, Mind trap, Mastermind, and Rush hour.



Food Bytes

Wash Your Hands

It is cold and flu season. Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your family, and others from getting sick.

When should you wash your hands? Wash hands often. Here are key times:

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After you blow your nose, cough or sneeze
- After touching an animal, its feed or waste
- After touching garbage

How should you wash your hands?

- 1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold) and apply soap.
- 2. Lather hands by rubbing them together with soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- 3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. (Hint: Sing the "Happy Birthday" song.)
- 4. Rinse hands well under clean, running water.
- **5.** Dry hands with a clean towel or air dry them.

If you don't have access to soap and water, use a 60% alcohol-based sanitizing solution until you can wash your hands.

Lunch Menu for December 2018 North Liberty Elementary School

Monday, December 3	Tuesday, December 4	Wednesday, December 5	Thursday, December 6	Friday, December 7
Shredded Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Creamy Coleslaw Applesauce Blueberries	Chicken Patty on WG Bun Garden Bar Mixed Veggies Diced Peaches Fresh Apple	Rotini Pasta With Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit Gelatin Cup	Philly Cheesesteak Peppers & Onions Crinkle Cut Fries Pineapple Tidbits Fresh Banana	Choice of Wild Mike Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Green Beans Sweet Corn Diced Pears Fresh Apple
Monday, December 10	Tuesday, December 11	Wednesday, December 12	Thursday, December 13	Friday, December 14
Oven "Fried" Chicken Drumstick WG Biscuit W/ butter cup Capri Blend Veggies Steamed Broccoli Applesauce Raisins	"Breakfast for Lunch" French Toast Sticks With Syrup Turkey Bacon Hash brown Patty Baby Carrots W/Ranch Diced Peaches Fresh Banana	Falcon Bowl Garden Bar Mixed Fruit Fresh Apple	Pizza Meatball Sub Baked Beans Peas & Carrots Pineapple Tidbits	Pepperoni Bosco Stix Marinara Sauce Waffle Fries Mixed Veggies Diced Pears
Monday, December 17	Tuesday, December 18	Wednesday, December 19	Thursday, December 20	Friday, December 21
Steak burger on WG Bun Mixed Veggies Celery Sticks Peanut Butter Applesauce	Chicken Patty on WG Bun Garden Bar Seasoned Green Beans Diced Peaches Fresh Apple	Sloppy Joe on WG Bun Baked Beans Seasoned Spiral Cut Fries Mixed Fruit Seedless Grapes Christmas Cookie	Tangy Orange Chicken Uncle Bens Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Roasted Baby Carrots Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges	Cooks Choice
Monday, December 24	Tuesday, December 25	Wednesday, December 26	Thursday, December 27	Friday, December 28
Winter Break		Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
Monday, December 31				
New Year's Eve				

Menu Subject to Change

- Reduced price \$.40 Full price \$2.10
- All meals come with low fat or fat free milk
- Students must take at least 3 items and at least 1 must be a fruit or vegetable



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Breakfast Menu for Dec 2018 Walkerton, North Liberty & John Glenn

Monday, December 3	Tuesday, December 4	Wednesday, December 5	Thursday, December 6	Friday, December 7
Chocolate Chip Mini Pancakes String Cheese Fruit Juice Fruit	Blueberry or Banana Muffin Fruit Juice Fruit	Scrambled Eggs Toast with butter Fruit Juice Fruit	Pancake Wrap Fruit Juice Fruit	Ultimate Breakfast Round Yogurt Fruit Juice Fruit
Monday, December 10	Tuesday, December 11	Wednesday, December 12	Thursday, December 13	Friday, December 14
Breakfast Sliders Fruit Juice Fruit	Cinnamon Roll Cheese Cubes Fruit Juice Fruit	Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Fruit	Egg & Cheese Muffin Fruit Juice Fruit	Mini Chocolate Donuts Yogurt Fruit Juice Fruit
Monday, December 17	Tuesday, December 18	Wednesday, December 19	Thursday, December 20	Friday, December 21
Cheese Omelet WG Toast with butter Fruit Juice Fruit	Cinnamon Sugar Bosco Sticks Fruit Juice Fruit	Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar Fruit Juice Fruit	French Toast Sticks With Syrup Yogurt Fruit Juice Fruit	Yeast Donut String Cheese Fruit Juice Fruit
Monday, December 24	Tuesday, December 25	Wednesday, December 26	Thursday, December 27	Friday, December 28
Winter Break		Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
Monday, December 31				
Vew Year's Eve				

Menu Subject to Change

Reduced price \$.30 Full price \$1.30

- All meals come with low fat or fat free milk
- Students must take at least 3 items and at least 1 must be a fruit
- Assorted Cereal available everyday as well

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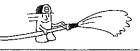
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Put memory to work

Many card games build working, or short-term, memory. This kind of memory lets your youngster remember and use information he learned recently. Play Go Fish or Crazy Eights together. By keeping track of which cards have been played, your child will make better moves!

Taking the lead

You may have heard the phrase "a born leader." But leadership skills, such as speaking up and taking initiative, can be learned. Encourage your youngster to practice during group projects. For example, she might suggest a way to divide up tasks or offer to give the introduction during the group's class presentation.

Busy parents can volunteer

Whether you have a little time or a lot, you can pitch in at your child's school. Ask teachers and PTO or PTA officers for ways to volunteer that fit your schedule. Maybe you'll listen to students read for 20 minutes during your lunch break or compile families' book catalog orders on the weekend.

Worth quoting

'If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." Milton Berle

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Q: What does Wednesday have that no other day of



Smart discipline

Disciplining your child is all about guidance. You're training her to follow rules and behave in an acceptable way without your nagging or yelling. Consider these strategies to make discipline easier and more effective.

Stay positive

Rather than telling your youngster what she can't do, try explaining what she can do. Instead of

"Don't shove your brother," you might say, "Keep your hands to yourself, and politely ask Billy to move out of the way." Giving your child clear instructions will inspire her to cooperate.

Watch body language

When you correct your youngster, speak face-to-face rather than calling to her from across the room or another part of the house. You could get down on her level, gently touch her shoulder, and speak softly. Sensing that you're in control of yourself will keep her calm so she focuses on what you're saying.



Be consistent

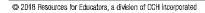
If your child breaks a rule, announce a consequence right away. This helps her see cause and effect. For example, if she eats in the living room and that's not allowed, ask her to vacuum up the crumbs right away. Tip: Being consistent with consequences shows that you're serious. If she knows you won't change your mind, she'll be better about sticking to the rules.♥

Engineering at play

Every time your youngster has fun on the playground swings, he has engineers to thank! Let him explore engineering for himself by constructing a play swing set.

He might use craft sticks for the frame, yarn for the chains, and card-

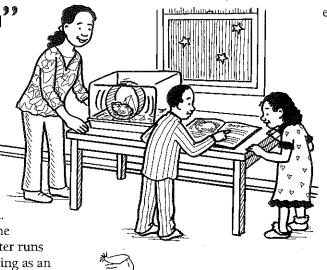
board for the seat. How could he make a swing that gives a longer "ride"? Suggest that he adjust the length of the "chains," and then test it each time. He can set a timer for one minute, pull back the seat, and count the swings per minute. What does he notice? (The shorter the chains, the more swings per minute.)♥



"I love to learn"

Children devote more energy to learning when they're motivated. These ideas will boost your youngster's thirst for knowledge.

Show enthusiasm. Tell your child what you learn. ("I found out that about 90 percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere!") Also, ask him to teach you information he learns in school. If he's studying nocturnal animals, he might explain to you why his hamster runs on its wheel at might. He'll see learning as an



everyday activity for kids *and* grown-ups, and your attitude will be contagious.

Inspire curiosity. Express interest when your youngster poses questions. If he asks why we get the hiccups or whether owls really are wise, you could say, "That's a good question! Let's find out together." Then, help him look up the topic in a library book or online. When you discover the answer, encourage him to share it with friends or relatives so they can learn more, too.♥



Frosty science

With this experiment, your child can see frost and learn why people sprinkle salt on icy sidewalks and roads.

How? Have your youngster rinse out two empty soup cans, remove the labels, and



fill each can halfway with ice. She should stir $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt into just one can and set both cans aside.

What happens? After 10 minutes, she'll notice frost on the "salty can" and water on the other one.

Why? Salt lowers the melting point of the ice, so the can with salt got colder than the other can. When water in the air condensed onto the cans, it froze into frost on the one with salt. That's why salt is useful in winter—it melts snow and ice, making it safer to walk or drive.♥

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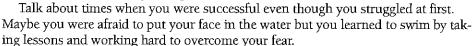


Grit: A family challenge

Q: My son wanted to learn to ice skate, but he changed his mind after he fell one time. How can I teach him not to give up when some-

thing is tough?

A: Children (and adults) may believe they should be able to easily do whatever they try right away. Understanding that setbacks are normal will help your son develop *grit*, or perseverance toward long-term goals.



Then, consider having a "family grit challenge." Each person can choose one thing to tackle that is hard for him and requires persistence, such as following a fitness routine or cutting back on screen time. Compare notes after a month, and then set your next goals!



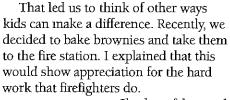
Making a difference

I wanted my daughter, Char-

lotte, to learn about the importance of helping our community.

While grocery shopping one day, we saw a sign announcing that each cus-

tomer could pick a favorite charity for the store to support. I let Charlotte choose, and she decided on a non-profit that benefits kids with cancer. Now every time we buy groceries, she reminds me that we're helping sick children.



Charlotte felt proud when the firefighters thanked her. I realized that the more ways we can find to serve our community, the more likely it will become a habit as she gets older.



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