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English

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Spanish

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April 2016
Scheduled Events

Student Led Conference	6
Report Card Day	14
Kindergarten Play 1:00 pm	19
Earth Day & Drop Everything and Read	22

2015-2016 
You can still order a yearbook for \$18.00.

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A Little Ton of News

Dear Littleton Families:

I hope Spring Break provided a time for all of you to renew and rejuvenate in ways that fuel you best. We greatly appreciate your time and efforts in supporting your child's education and our school.

There is still much to do as we begin the 4th quarter of the school year. I encourage you to remind your child to remain focused, stick to your schedule and to celebrate the small achievements along the way. I also encourage you to see that your child does not become complacent, but to celebrate their hard work and focus throughout the remainder of the year. As always, be sure to communicate your expectations to your child and do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Broughton

Address Changes

Please inform the school if your address or telephone numbers have changed. Address changes will need to be verified by a copy of your electric bill, mortgage or lease agreement. If you wish for your child to have a bus to the new address, the address must be changed before this will take place. If your address is not changed in the system, transportation will *not* be assigned for the 2016-2017 school year.

Uniform Donations
We greatly appreciate any donations of gently used clean uniforms. All sizes, boys or girls are needed.



April's
Character
Education
Word

INTEGRITY
IS DOING THE
RIGHT THING.
EVEN WHEN
NO ONE IS
WATCHING.

C.S. LEWIS

Questions fire up thinking skills

Experts have identified six main categories of thinking skills. You don't have to be an expert to use this information to help improve your child's thinking skills! Just ask questions that engage your child in using:

- 1) **Knowledge.** Ask your child to recall facts.
- 2) **Understanding.** After reading an assignment, ask questions to check your child's comprehension.
- 3) **Application.** Ask your child to use what she has learned in everyday situations.
- 4) **Analysis.** Have your child compare and contrast things.
- 5) **Synthesis.** Help your child put information together to make conclusions.
- 6) **Evaluation.** Ask for your child's opinion on a controversy or a concern in the community.

Kids respond to questions about knowledge and understanding every day. Make an effort to ask questions that require your child to use these skills and you will be helping your child move to higher levels of thinking.

Source: Council for Exceptional Children, FamilyEducation.com, <http://School.familyeducation.com>

Perfect Attendance Requirements

School attendance is very important and plays a crucial role in the academic success of students. In order for your child to have Perfect Attendance, the student must be present each day of school, have no unexcused tardies and have no unexcused early sign-outs. In addition to Perfect Attendance, we have another category titled Excellent Attendance. The criteria for this category is that the student must be present each day of school, have no more than 4 tardies and no more than 4 early sign-outs throughout the school year.

Honor Roll Requirements

A Honor Roll

- All A's and all S's in Special Areas (Music, Art, PE)

A-B Honor Roll

- All A's and B's and all S's in Special Areas (Music, Art, PE)

Nurture the three elements of self-esteem in your child...



High self-esteem helps children cope with challenges in school and in life. A confident child will be more likely to take risks and have more successes than a child with poor self-esteem.

While you can't bestow self-esteem on your child, you can nurture its three key elements:

- 1) *Acceptance.* Tell your child you love him/her all the time-not just when he/she behaves or is successful. Make sure that you compliment him/her more than you criticize. Help him/her develop the social skills she/he needs to form lifelong friendships.**
- 2) *Confidence.* Emphasize your child's strengths. Accept, don't dwell on the weaknesses. Avoid comparing to siblings or classmates. Point out the progress made. Help your child to see that their actions do make a difference. Show your child how much he/she has learned in school by reviewing old tests and papers together.**
- 3) *A sense of purpose.* Help your child set attainable goals. Be positive about their abilities to succeed. Help your child overcome difficulties. Be truly interested in what is done at school and at home. Provide incentives and rewards. If they fail at something, tell him/her to get back up, dust themselves off and try again.**

Source: "Building Self-Esteem and Dealing with Disappointments at School," Bridges to Reading Kit, Schwab Foundation for Learning, www.schwablearning.org.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PARENTS: Make Math Fun!

We all use math everyday and most of the time we don't know we're using it. April is Math Awareness Month. Here are some ideas for building math skills and making it fun while you and your child are at home or out and about doing everyday chores:

At home, have your child look at things in a room: point out all the shapes in a room, count objects, or look for sets of things.

At the store, have your child read prices out loud, look for sale items, count the items in the cart, weigh fruit and vegetables, and try to add up or guess what the total will be.

As you walk outside, have your child notice shapes in nature, estimate the size of buildings, trees or windows, and count the number of cars passing by.

Teach your child about money by playing "The Change Game" by using either real or play money. Mark items, like food, with prices and take turns being cashier or customer.

In the car, have your child keep a record of things, for example gas---the date you buy it, the cost, how many gallons you buy, etc.

There are many ways that we can make learning math fun for our children. Take time to think of your own ideas or ask your child to help you create fun math games to play around the house, outside, in the car, or when you shop. **Make Math Fun!**