

A Little Ton of News

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is a Title One School

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English

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Spanish

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Scheduled Events April 2017

Kindergarten Program 1:00pm	4
Spring Break School Closed	10-17
FSA testing for Grades 3-5 begins	18
FSA testing ends	28



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

TESTING: What Parents Can Do To Help

Kids get upset before they take a test. They know tests are important and they want YOU to be proud of them. Here are a few things you can tell your child to help calm him/her:

- Praise your child for the things done well; if he/she feels good about self, then more effort will be put forth.
- Tell your child the importance of eating a good breakfast and getting lots of sleep before testing.
- Remind him/her that tests are just one way to show what is known; classwork, homework and attitude are important, too.
- Encourage your child to do their best!
- Let your child know YOU THINK he/she will do well and that you love him/her, no matter what!
- Speak daily words of love, praise and support!

When answering a multiple choice question: Read all the answers before marking your choice. Remember, your first instinct is usually best--so don't change your answer unless you are sure.

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)

School's out. Free meals are in

The School District of Lee County will be participating in the USDA Summer Food Service Program from June 5th of this year through July 28th. Participating sites will provide nutritious meals to kids and teens 18 and under. Meals are free. There are no income or registration requirements.

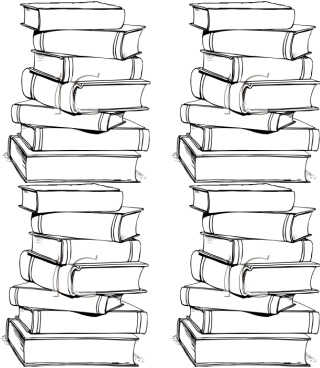
To find a location near you visit the school district website at www.leeschools.net, www.summerfoodflorida.org, Dial: 2-1-1 or Text: "FoodFL" to 877-877.

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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads *20 minutes*
each day
3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads *5 minutes*
each day
900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads *1 minute*
each day
180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

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.

The School District of Lee County values your opinion. Please help us in our efforts to serve you better by taking a brief online survey. You may access the survey at this link:

El Distrito Escolar del Condado Lee valora su opinión. Por favor, ayúdenos en nuestros esfuerzos de servirle mejor con-testando esta encuesta. Puede tener acceso a la encuesta mediante este enlace:

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