



Wolves' Tales

Something to howl about...

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SCHOOL HOURS

Breakfast: 8:40a.m.
Class
9:15a.m.-3:45p.m.

Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:30a.m.

All students are invited to eat breakfast (free of charge) because it is such an important meal to begin the day!

Breakfast begins promptly at 8:40a.m. so that students will be ready to go to class at 9:00a.m. to listen to the morning announcements.



Resolve to Read in 2008

Are you considering a New Year's resolution? Here are some to add to the list. They all support kids' reading skills-and best of all, they're simple and fun. Try to:

***Read with your child every day.** You've heard it before. But reading aloud is critical to helping children enjoy reading. As you read, you'll also build your child's vocabulary and teach her about the world.

***Give books as gifts.** During the holiday season, make it a tradition to give your child a book you know she'll love. Or look for a magazine that's sure to interest her. Choose materials she hasn't read yet.

***Create a special place for your child to read.** Pick a well-lit spot where she can curl up and relax. It should be separate from the TV and other distractions; it needs to be comfortable, too.

***Go online with your child.** Many publishers and authors have Internet sites with special activities for children. Your child may learn neat facts about an author and her books-including titles that are still "in the works".



Elizabeth Kennedy; "10 Resolutions for Parents," About.com, <http://childrenbooks.about.com/od/forparents/a/resolutions.htm>.

PROMOTE TIME MANAGEMENT

It's never too early to teach your child the secrets of time management. Here's how to get started:

Plan ahead. Can your child prepare her lunch? Lay out her clothes? Pack her backpack? All these can make the morning rush a little less hectic.

Teach your child to use small bits of time. Have 5 minutes before the carpool arrives? Challenge her to memorize one spelling word.

Make a calendar. Have your child write down the due dates for homework and big tests.

Source: "Helping Children Learn," The Parent Institute, Dec. 2007, www.parentinstitute.com

Counselor's Corner

Help your child avoid the temptation to cheat

Everyone wants to have a child who excels. But too much pressure may tempt a child to cheat.

Emphasize *doing your best*, not *being the best*. Tell your child that hard work pays off. Remind him that if he's done his best, that's good enough for you. Review your school's honor code. Make sure you and your child know the punishment for cheating. Support teachers and administrators when they enforce consequences.



Source: "Helping Children Learn," The Parent Institute, December 2007.

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Student Motto:

At Washington we will be responsible, respectful, studious, and safe.

Help children motivate themselves

At one time or another, most parents use rewards to motivate children. But when the rewards stop, sometimes the good behavior stops, too.

Research shows there is another kind of motivation that works better. When kids are motivated by an inner reward, they are more likely to stick with a task. A student who is curious, for instance, may study to learn—not just to get a good grade.

To help your child get motivated: Focus on his interests. Before he starts a project, have him think about what he wants to learn from it.

Help your child see progress as he works on a big task. It takes many successful steps to finish a long assignment.

Show interest and give positive feedback. Also be sure to encourage your child to praise himself for a job well done.



Source: Motivation: What Does Research Say? Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory. www.nwrel.org/research/act100/motivaf6.html



Star Polisher Award

...for gently polishing the shining stars in our school....

EUGENIA FERGUSON

....an important job and awesome responsibility...

We appreciate YOU!

We have GREAT EXPECTATIONS!

Word of the Week:

Resolve which means to come to a firm decision about something.

Quote of the Week:

Resolve never to quit, never to give up, no matter what the situation.

~Jack Nicklaus



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January's Concept Words

KINDERGARTEN-DREAM

*A dream is a goal, aspiration, or desire. Dreaming is imagining yourself at a certain place at a certain time.

T-1 & 1ST-BRIGHT FUTURE

*A bright future means achieving a goal or something planned, desired, or attempted. You are the only person on this earth who can use your ability.

2ND-HARD WORK

*Hard work is sticking with a task until it is done. You can achieve greatness working hard and smart.

3RD-PERSEVERE *Perseverance is the effort and the stick-to-itiveness that makes the difference between success and failure.

4TH-PERSIST *To persist is to hold firmly and be steadfast to a purpose. I am going to achieve my goals in life.

5TH-SET GOALS *Goals are the things you want to be and do in life. To accomplish great things—set goals!

THE 7 'UPS'

1. SHOW UP
BE ON TIME FOR CLASS
2. SPEAK UP
EXPRESS YOURSELF AT THE RIGHT TIME
3. STRAIGHTEN UP
DO THE RIGHT THINGS
4. LISTEN UP
PAY ATTENTION
5. DRESS UP
DRESS FOR SUCCESS
6. REST UP
GET PLENTY OF REST
7. DON'T EVER GIVE UP

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 7 3rd nine weeks begins
- Jan. 8 Assembly with Miss Oklahoma City –Sarah Jensen Platform-Get ACTIVE 9:30a.m.
- Jan. 10 Faculty Meeting 8:00a.m. Pam Deering-GE mentor
- Jan. 11 Rise & Shine 9:00a.m. Star Polisher Award
- Jan. 11 Dr. Vivian Thomlinson Writing Workshop 9:30– 11:00a.m. with 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders
- Jan. 14-18 Benchmark Testing
- Jan. 15 Spelling Bee 5th grade 9:30a.m.
- Jan. 17 Title 1 Family Math Facts Night 5:30p.m. Hot dog supper 6:00-7:00p.m. Workshop
- Jan. 18 Rise & Shine 9:00a.m.
- Jan. 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day –No school!
- Jan. 22 Basic Math Facts Week
- Jan. 24 Faculty Meeting 8:00a.m. Book Study- Words Their Way

