

Wolves' Tales

Something to howl about...

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Washington Elementary

Lawton Public Schools

CiCi's Pizza
will donate 10%
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to Washington!
Every 4th Wednesday
of the month:

**March 26 &
April 23**

Dine there between
the hours of
5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.



and mention
our school's
name when
ordering.



Motivation Methods *That Work* series...

~Offer praise~

Never underestimate the power of a "Good job!" Children crave approval from their parents. A positive response, such as a hug or smile, can be a big incentive. Whether it's for washing a sink full of dishes or passing a math quiz, a word of encouragement will show your youngster that you notice his hard work. His self-confidence will soar, and he will want to keep trying.

Can-do tips: Let your child overhear you bragging to a friend when he cleans his room without being asked. Hang tests on the fridge, or send copies of a good report card to relative.

~Create excitement~

When your youngster need help getting motivated for a task, find a way to make it enjoyable. For example, if you make reviewing for a test entertaining, you're not only helping her study, you're teaching her that learning doesn't have to be boring.

Can-do tip: The next time your child is preparing for a test, turn studying into a game. *Example:* Draw a baseball diamond on a piece of paper. Ask her questions related to what she's studying. Tell your youngster that she gets a base hit for every correct answer and a strikeout for every incorrect one. For every three base hits, she scores a home run. Source: Home & School Connection, 2005.

It's never too early for good etiquette

Your youngster may not be ready to dine with the queen. Still, he's old enough to show proper table manners. That is, he's perfectly able to chat politely, put his napkin in his lap and wait for everyone to sit before he starts eating. But when he forgets? Offer a friendly reminder-"what should we do before we start eating?"- and give him a chance to correct his own behavior!



Counselor's Corner



Flowers aren't the only way to say, 'I love you!'

Who needs chocolate hearts? To show your child you love her every day:

Carve out some special time. Spend a few hours doing something fun together.

Use positive, loving words. Avoid being sarcastic with your child.

Be kind. If you're upset about something she's done, criticize her actions, not her.

Set a good example. Let her hear you saying 'please, thank you, and excuse me'. Source: '14 Ways to Show Love for Your Child This Valentine's Day,' American Academy of Pediatrics.

PARENT CONNECTIONS CONNECTING OUR WASHINGTON PARENTS TOGETHER

PRESENTS

**'HOW TO HANDLE PEER PRESSURE'
WITH CYNTHIA LEWIS FROM MARIE DETTY**

MARCH 28, 2008 3:15P.M.



**DRAWINGS FOR FAMILY OF
4 AT HOLIDAY BOWL!**

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Student Motto:

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

Take control, plan a calm approach

Do you ever start off being angry with your child, but end up angry with yourself? This can happen when you feel out of control. You want to discipline your child, but in the heat of the moment, you aren't sure how. So you end up making mistakes. This is common:

In the morning. Maybe your child is tired, distracted or out of sorts. Once you pinpoint the problem, find a solution. Try an earlier bedtime or wakeup time, for example. Or create a helpful routine.

In the evening. A long day takes its toll on families. It's tough to be at your best when you're tired. Relaxing habits help, such as listening to favorite music on the drive home or unwinding with a quiet family activity. Give your child time to wrap up activities before bed. And make bedtime appealing by reading together!

In disagreements. Make sure your expectations are reasonable. Remember that too many rules can make it hard for your child to obey. Be firm about limits--but not overly demanding. And don't forget to follow through with reasonable consequences.

Plan ahead. Decide how to handle problems calmly. Set a good example by being in control of your actions. And take pride in your success!

Source: Leslie Lampert, "How to Stop Yelling," Parents, July 2000.



Star Polisher Award

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

JESSICA MCGAVIC

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

We appreciate YOU!

We have GREAT EXPECTATIONS!

Word of the Week: Culmination which means the highest or final point of an activity

Quote of the Week: I think and think for months and years. Ninety-nine times, the conclusion is false. The hundredth time I am right.

~Albert Einstein

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March's Concept Words

KINDERGARTEN-RECOGNIZE ACHIEVEMENT *A sense of accomplishment for a job well done, no matter how big or small. It's good to know that others recognize what we do.

T-1 & 1ST-ACCOMPLISHMENT *Tasks that we get done. You can always reward yourself for a task well done.

2ND-ACCEPT RECOGNITION *Giving attention to or acknowledging something accomplished. I like what you have done today.

3RD-DEDICATION *Working hard to get something done. It can also mean being loyal or devoted to a person, an idea or an action.

4TH-APPRECIATION *Recognition of value, quality, and magnitude of people and things. Always look for opportunities to recognize others for a job well done.

5TH-PRODUCTIVE THINKING *Productive thinkers ask, "How many different ways can I look at it?"; "How can I rethink the way I see it?"; and "How many different ways can I solve it?" instead of "What have I been taught by someone else on how to solve this?"

THANK YOU, P.T.A. OUR A.R. (ACCELERATED READER) PROGRAM IS THE BEST BECAUSE YOU BOUGHT ALL THE NEEDED TESTS!



Dates to Remember

Mar. 10— 14 Benchmark Testing Week
3rd, 4th, & 5th grades

Mar. 13 Book Study 8:00a.m.
Final chapter— Words Their Way
Title 1 Family Bingo Night
5:30 Dinner 6:00-7:00 Bingo!

Mar. 14 Rise & Shine 9:00a.m.

Mar. 17— 21 Spring Break!!

Mar. 25 Report Cards

Mar. 26 Fine Dining

Experience 4th grade

Mar. 28 Rise & Shine 9:00a.m.

Math Challenge ends!

Student of the Month

Assembly 2:30p.m.

Parent Connections 3:15-3:45p.m.

Mar.31— Apr. 8 Spring Fundraiser

HAPPY EASTER

Mar. 23rd

