

Liberty Elementary Newsletter

February 2021

LifeSkills: Problem Solving & Resourcefulness

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 5 Midterms available on Power School
- Feb 8 UCCJSD Board mtg. 7:00
- Feb 9 Corner Market @ UCHS
- Feb 10 Student Council Mtg
- Feb 12 Valentine's Day Parties
- Feb 19 Yearbook Orders Begin

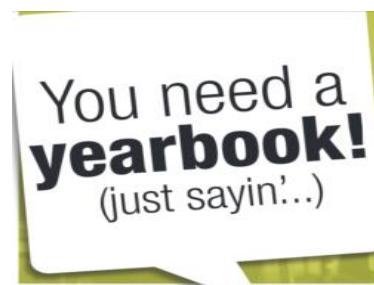
Key Academic Ideas for Parents from the IN Standards

- **THINKING DEEPLY:** The Indiana Academic Standards emphasize critical thinking. It requires students to analyze more, discuss more, justify more and explain their thinking and understanding, both verbally and in writing.
- **Take-Away:** Really thinking deeply is hard. Let it BE hard, and help students talk it out and explain their thinking.
- **INTEGRATING LEARNING:** The Indiana Academic Standards emphasize learning across disciplines (Ex: reading with math and social studies standards combined into one task). Students spend more time working together with different settings, structures and tools.
- **Take-Away:** Problems and solutions happen every day in the real world. Students need to use what they've learned in all their classes to explain their line of thought.
- **SHOW HOW THEY KNOW:** The Indiana Academic Standards emphasize proof and evidence.

- **Take-Away:** Students will be required to EXPLAIN HOW they know something. They will be required to use evidence from text to support their answers.

Yearbooks Are Coming!

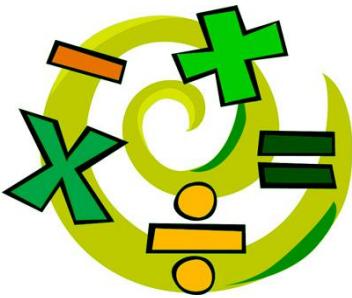
Yearbook order forms will be sent home on the 19th of February. Order forms offer several different options for purchasing. You still can get the basic yearbook for only \$15.50. All yearbook orders will be due by March 5, 2021.



You need a
yearbook!
(just sayin'...)

MIDTERM GRADE REPORTS

Parents/Guardians can go on Power School to check their child's grades and attendance at any time. Midterms are available on February 5th. If you do not have the Power School app or do not have internet access, and you would like a paper copy of your child's grades, please let the school office know.



MATH

One of our continuing school improvement goals for this year focuses on math skills and fact fluency. Each grade level is responsible for mastering certain facts. The following list shows the facts your child is responsible for mastering by the end of the school year:

- Kindergarten: **+ and - (0-5)**
- 1st: **+ and - (0-10)**
- 2nd: **+ and - (0-20)**
- 3rd: **+, - and X**
- 4th: **x and division**
- 5th: **x and division**

The end goal is for every child to leave LES being fluent in all their math facts! We ask that parents take just a few minutes each day (in the car, during commercials, standing in the check-out line, at the dinner table, etc.) to ask your child a few of his or her math facts.

The facts are considered mastered when they are answered automatically- that's what fluency is. We would greatly appreciate parents joining us in this effort to improve our students' math fluency.

HOW TO EARN BOX TOPS MAKES IT EASY.

All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. **Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!**

If you discover a traditional unexpired Box Tops clip on a product, you can still clip it and send it to school. **Every valid Box Tops clip is still worth 10¢ for your school.** Make sure each one you turn in has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.*