



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

February 2020

C.L.A.S.S. LifeSkills for February: Problem Solving & Resourcefulness

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 4 Robotics after school
- Feb 4 Junior Achievement- 1st Gr
- Feb 5 K & 1st Gr. Global Play Day
- Feb 5 Midterms available on Power School
- Feb 5 Student Council Mtg
- Feb 8 Robotics Competition- Indy
- Feb 10 3rd Gr Field Trip to Civic Hall
- Feb 10 UCCCJS Board mtg. 7:00
- Feb 11 Junior Achievement- 1st Gr
- Feb 12 Corner Market @ UCHS
- Feb 14 Yearbook Orders Due
- Feb 17 Snow Make-Up Day
- Feb 18 Junior Achievement- 1st Gr
- Feb 20 3rd Gr Field Trip-Dr. Kaboom
- Feb 28 Jump Rope for Heart Day

Key Academic Ideas for Parents from the IN Standards

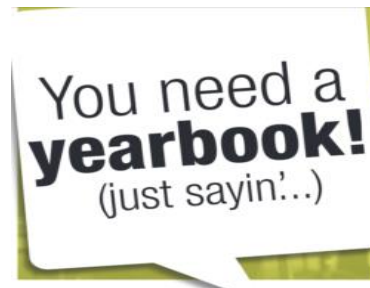
- THINKING DEEPLY: The Indiana Academic Standards emphasize critical thinking. It requires students to analyze more, discuss more, justify more and explain their thinking and understanding, both verbally and in writing.
- **Take -Away: Really thinking deeply is hard. Let it BE hard, and help students 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.**

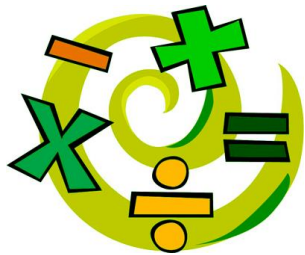
Yearbooks Are Coming!

Yearbook order forms were sent home last week. Order forms offer several different options for purchasing. You still can get the basic yearbook for only \$16.00. All yearbook orders will be due by February 14th.



MIDTERM GRADE REPORTS

The school will not be sending home midterm grade reports. Parents can go on Power School to check their child's grades and attendance at any time. 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. We will send a paper copy home.



MATH

One of our 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:

- Kindergarten: **+ & - (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.

**Don't forget to
save your
Box Tops for
our school!**

