



# Liberty Elementary Newsletter

April 2018

C.L.A.S.S. Lifeskills for April: Responsibility & Curiosity

## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Our annual Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2018 to be eligible to attend. Parents need to **call the school office at 458-5521 to schedule a time to register.** The hours of Round-Up registration will be 8:30 - 3:15. Scheduled registration times help insure that no one will have to wait for a long time. Round-Up will take place in A-400. ***Parents should enter door #37 on Layman Street.*** Parents need to bring their child, along with a **certified** birth certificate (not a hospital record), a record of immunizations, proof of residency, and if applicable, legal papers pertaining to custody.

\*Our current kindergarten students will attend school on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 16 ISTEP Begins for Gr. 3-5  
Apr 16 mCLASS Begins for Gr K-2  
Apr 16 UCCCJS Board Mtg. 7:00  
Apr 18 1<sup>st</sup> Gr to C.O.P.E.  
Apr 19 Basket Bash Fund Raiser 6:00  
Apr 20 Kindergarten Round Up!  
Apr 20 COSI Camp forms due-5<sup>th</sup> Gr  
Apr 25 COSI on Wheels!  
Apr 26 COSI Camp In- 5<sup>th</sup> gr. leaves @ 3:30  
Apr 27 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. returns from COSI @ 1:30  
Apr 27 Kindergarten Grandparents Day

them using these four simple steps:

1. **Establish a homework time.** Don't fight about when he'll do his homework. He will benefit from a routine. Some kids work best right after school. Others do better if they work right before or after dinner. Give him some choice in the matter- but once he picks a time, that's it. Homework should be as routine as brushing his teeth.
2. **Insist that homework time happens every day.** This will solve the problem of "I did that at school." What if your child says she really, truly has nothing to do? She can read ahead. She can do extra math problems or practice facts. But she will spend that time doing something that will help her do better in school.
3. **Ask your child questions when he says he doesn't understand something.** For example, instead of explaining the math, ask, "How did you solve that last math problem? Could you do that here, too?" Talk to him about breaking down the problem into smaller steps. Have your child tell you what the important information in the question is.
4. **Don't ever do her homework for her.** One way the teacher sees how much your child is actually learning is by checking the homework. If you do the work, the teacher may not know if she needs to reteach something.

- from *The Parent Institute*

## HOMEWORK HELP

Homework hassles can affect the entire family. You can help eliminate

## ISTEP PART 2

As our students in grades 3-5 begin the second part of our State assessments on April 16, 2018, we would like to encourage parents to partner with us to do all that we can to give our students the best opportunities to be successful with these computerized tests. Below are some simple, yet beneficial things that can help all students:

- ✓ First and foremost, please make sure your students get a **good night's sleep**. This can make all the difference in the world when your child is presented with challenging questions or lengthy reading passages.
- ✓ Make sure your child is **to school on time**.
- ✓ **A good breakfast** that is not heavy with sugar can help students with test-taking stamina. School breakfast is available daily at 7:55am.
- ✓ **Be encouraging!** Nobody likes taking tests! As adults, we need to present a positive, encouraging message to our children, letting them know that they should strive to do their personal best, and persevere through the tough questions. We also need to convey that it is ok not to know every single answer.

The staff of Liberty Elementary appreciates your parental support as work through ISTEP Part 2.

Please help your student with their math facts mastery! 5-10 minutes a day can make a huge improvement in your child's mastery.

## MATH FACTS

As we near the end of another school year, please check with your child to see where they are in their Math Facts mastery. Your students are responsible for mastering a certain amount of facts with automaticity! This means quickly and without counting on their fingers.