



Liberty Elementary Newsletter

April 2019

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

KINDERGARTEN Registration

Our annual Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th. Children must be 5 years old by August 1, 2019 to be eligible to attend. Parents need to **call the school office at 458-5521 to schedule a time to register.** The hours of Registration will be 8:30 - 3:15. Scheduled registration times help ensure that no one will have to wait for a long time. Registration 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 Wednesday, April 17th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 1	School Resumes
Apr 2	Spring Pictures
Apr 2	IMPACT Ambassadors
Apr 5	5 th Gr Visits UCMS
Apr 8	UCCCJSD Board Mtg. 7:00
Apr 9	Basket Bash 6:00
Apr 10	3 rd Gr Ag Day
Apr 10	H.S. Corner Market
Apr 15	mCLASS Begins for Gr K-2
Apr 17	Kindergarten Registration
Apr 17	2 nd Gr to Bath State Bank
Apr 18	PTO Meeting 6:30
Apr 19	eLearning Day!
Apr 22	School In Session
Apr 22	I-LEARN Testing Begins
Apr 23	School Smiles Dentist
Apr 26	Kindergarten Grandparents Day

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework hassles can affect the entire family. You can help eliminate 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 his homework for him.** 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*

I-LEARN Assessments

Our students in grades 3-5 begin the new State assessment on April 22, 2019. 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 loaded 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. Your child's best effort is all we can ask for.

The staff of Liberty Elementary appreciates your parental support as we work through this new State Assessment.

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

Snow Make-Up Days

April 19th is an eLearning Day for all UC Schools. Information will be sent home closer to this date. April 22nd school will be in session as a snow make-up day. School will also be in session May 22nd and 23rd as snow make-up days. The last student day will be May 24, 2019.