



SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT

March



IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR MARCH

1st...JGSC Board Mtg. 7 PM
3rd...PTO Meeting 7 PM
3rd... "I Love to Read" visit from WSBT 1:15
5th...5th Gr. A & B Tourney @ NLES
11th...End of 3rd Nine Weeks

15th...JGSC Board Mtg. 7 PM
18th...Shamrock Pride Day
14th-18th...IREAD-3 Testing Window
18th...Lock In (attachment)
28th-April 1st...Spring Break

SHAMROCK PRIDE DAY

March 18th celebrate being a Shamrock by wearing green, NLES Spirit Wear, or anything shamrock. We are celebrating what it means to be a shamrock and how we make North Liberty Elementary School a "great place to learn, teach, lead and succeed". We show Shamrock Pride in all three areas of our life by taking...

1. Pride in Yourself 2. Pride in Others 3. Pride in Our School

Do you want to know what's happening at NLES?

Of course you do and social media is the easiest way to accomplish that. The first place to start is on our school website that links you to many other places like Facebook or Twitter. Yes, Twitter has now been updated to our list of social media outlets. NLES Website: <http://www.jgsc.k12.in.us/north-liberty-elementary-school.html>

NLES Twitter: https://twitter.com/NLES_Shamrocks

NLES Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-LibertyElementary/194063664013102>



NLES PTO & Student Council Sponsored Shamrock Gram Sale



Shamrock Grams are \$1- one REAL white carnation tipped in green. Students complete Shamrock Gram during lunch time on March 4 and 11. You may also send a completed form to the office as well (form attached). Student Council members will deliver the grams on Friday, March 18 – Shamrock Pride Day! Shamrock Grams can be sent to anyone in any school or office building within JGSC.

ISTEP+ Part 1 Testing Schedule

March 1st Mathematics Session (Paper Pencil)
3rd Grade 12:15 -1:00
4th Grade 9:30 -10:10
5th Grade 8:30 - 9:10
6th Grade 9:00 - 9:40

March 2nd English/Language Arts Session (Paper Pencil)
3rd Grade 8:40 - 9:15
4th Grade 10:10 -10:45
5th Grade 8:30 - 9:05
6th Grade 9:00 - 9:35

March 3rd English/Language Arts Session (Paper Pencil)
3rd Grade 8:40 - 10:05
4th Grade 10:00 -11:25
5th Grade 8:30 - 9:55
6th Grade 9:00 - 10:45

March 4th Science or Social Studies Session (Online Responses)
4th Grade 9:30 -10:05 Science
5th Grade 8:30 - 9:05 Social Studies
6th Grade 9:00 - 9:35 Science

Kindergarten Roundup is April 7th @ 6 PM

Please spread the word and share with as many families, Day Care providers, and Preschools in the area.

CALLING ALL OUTSIDE - DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS

Follow these steps: 1. Go to <http://www.jgsc.k12.in.us/> 2. Scroll down to FREE tuition notice and click on link to complete this form Now that was easy.

Go Fish Spring Music Program for Gr. 1-3

MAY 11 is the date for the Spring Music Program for Grades 1-3 (different from the school calendar)

John Glenn School Corporation

Kindergarten Roundup

Thursday, April 7th, 2016

at 6 PM

Walkerton Elementary
and
North Liberty Elementary

Please plan to attend this important meeting if
you have a child who will be 5 on or before
August 1st 2016

Parents will:

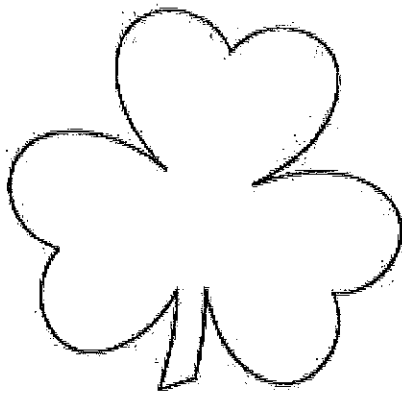
- *Complete school data forms online
- *Provide birth certificates
- *Immunization records
- *Learn about full day kindergarten

KDG students are encouraged to attend
the event so they can experience the
classroom and do some fun activities.



SHAMROCK GRAMS

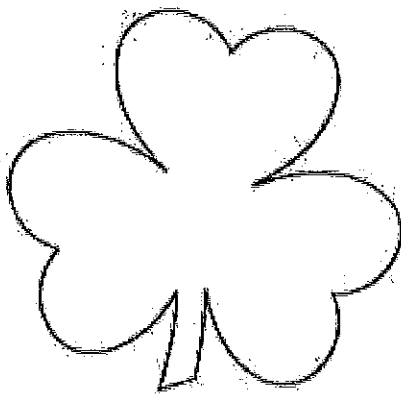
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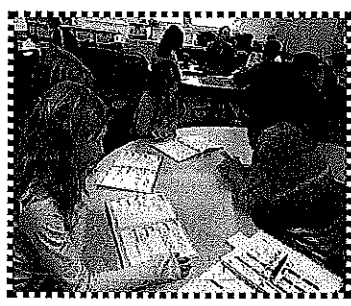


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The Swoop Scoop

"Swoop" is a nickname for our Title I Program. Students in grades K–4 may qualify for extra reading support each semester thanks to a federally funded program for which JGSC qualifies. Currently, our Swoop Groups service over 120 of our NLES Shamrocks in grades kindergarten through grade 4.

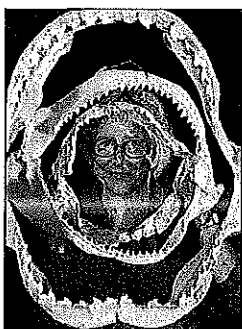
Our groups are led by our dedicated **Swoop Crew**. Monday through Thursday, the students work in small groups with reading lessons led by an instructional aide. Our Swoop aides are **Mrs. Craft, Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Tibbs, and Ms. Zoellner**. **Mrs. Amy Weiss** is the Title I teacher at NLES. Mrs. Weiss alternates between groups in order to work with each student throughout the semester.



Small Group Spotlight:

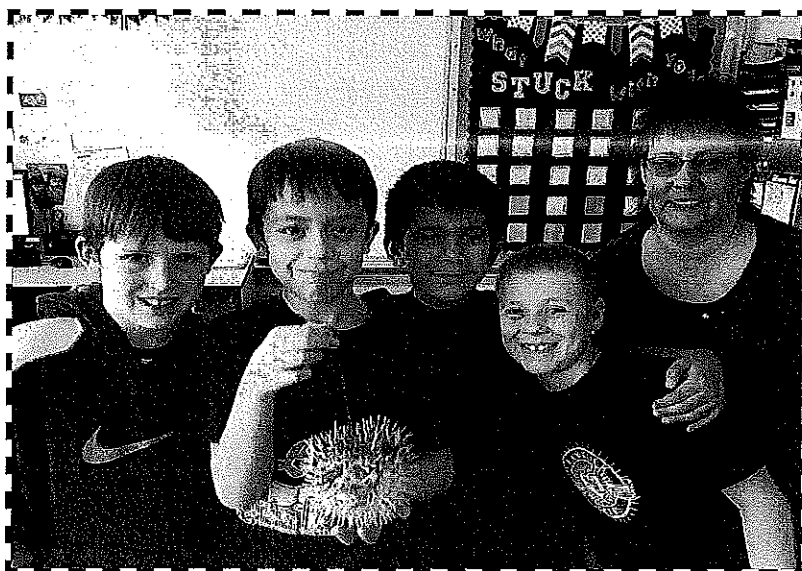
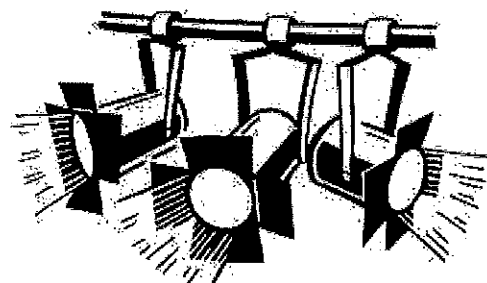
3rd graders enjoyed a biography titled Eugenie Clark, Shark

Lady. It was interesting to learn about her exciting adventures of this marine scientist. The photos in the book really sparked great conversation, too! One of the photos was of a blowfish. Mrs. MacLeod



brought in a REAL blowfish to share with the students!

Another exciting day in Swoop!





Welcome to Mrs. Courtney Dubie who is a long term substitute with us while Mrs. Tibbs recuperates from knee surgery. Mrs. Dubie is a familiar face at NLES as she has subbed in the classroom, and she has a son at NLES.

Along with the small groups, our Swoop Crew has held some special events this year. Our next one is coming up! Swoopers and their families are invited to Swoop Seuss Night on March 2.



Our Swoop Team is heading up an all-school reading event! All students (and staff!) are invited to participate in Read Across America Week Feb 29– Mar 4. Daily prize drawing, book quizzes and All-School Theme Days for Read Across America Week:

MONDAY: WILD HAIR DAY

Recommended Reading: Wanda and the Wild Hair, Stephanie's Ponytail

TUESDAY: SPORTS DAY—WEAR JERSEYS OR TEAM SHIRTS

Recommended reading: Apple Batter, Salt in my Shoes,
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

WEDNESDAY: HAT DAY/READING SHIRT

Recommended reading: Cat in the Hat and any Seuss favorite,
The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins

**THURSDAY: COLOR DAY-- WEAR LOTS OF
one COLOR**

Recommended reading: My Many Colored Days,
Pinkalicious, Stripes, Mr. Brown Can Moo

FRIDAY: PAJAMA TOP/SLIPPERS DAY

(please bring slippers in backpack for homeroom wear!)

Recommended reading:
SLEEP Book, Llama Llama Red Pajama, Goodnight Moon

**Who Reads?
We Read!**

Mrs. Weiss, Title I teacher

Mrs. Craft, Title I Instructional Aide

Mrs. MacLeod, Title I Instructional Aide

Mrs. Tibbs, Title I Instructional Aide

Ms. Zoellner, Title I Instructional Aide

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

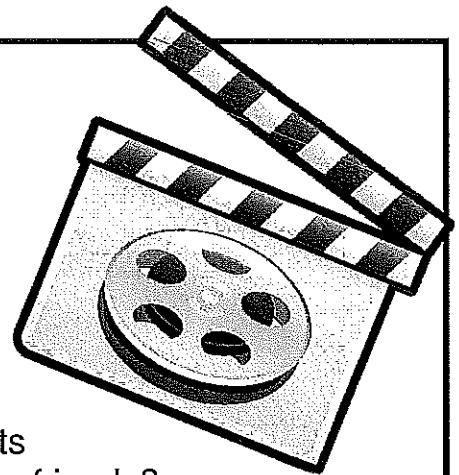
WHAT: NLES Lock-In

DATE: MARCH 18th, 2016

**TIME: 6:15-9:30 pm (Doors open at
6:00 pm)**

WHERE: NLES (of course)

COST: \$10 per NLES Student



Are you kids looking for an evening free from your parents where you can come to the school and hang out with your friends? What if while there, you were able to play your favorite PE games, build some neat art projects together, watch a movie on the big screen, and stuff your face with pizza? Why not have your parents bring you to the 2016 NLES Lock-In?

In case you hadn't heard, last year's Lock-In was a huge success with over 260 students attending. That was over 50% of the NLES student body. This year, we are again preparing an exciting evening of fun and excitement for you. And based on your input from last year, this year we have added Art Projects into the variety of activities available for you to do. (Check the Gym-NEWS-ium schedule on the back for a rundown of events!)

What you need to do:

- Your parents/guardian **MUST** bring you into the school between 6:00 and 6:15 to sign you in. (No participation unless they sign you in)
- They will pay \$10 per student for you to have 3 1/2 hours of fun.
- When your parents pick you up, they **MUST** sign you out at 9:30 that evening.

What you need to bring:

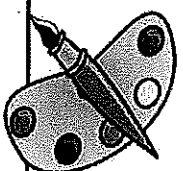
- Bring your favorite board games to play
- Bring your gym shoes to play the PE games
- Bring your best NLES friends (this event is only for NLES students)
- Bring your best behavior to have the greatest time possible
- Bring some extra money for the concession stand:
 - Pizza Slice—\$2.00
 - Popcorn—\$0.50/bag (or one free with the movie)
 - Gatorade/Pop—\$1.50
 - Bottled Water—\$1.00
 - Candy Bars—\$1.00

Why are we doing this:

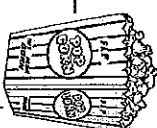
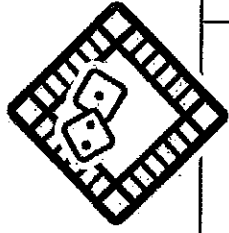
We are doing this for you, the students of NLES. The funds raised at this event will be used for this year's upcoming NLES Fun Fair. If you are willing to volunteer with this years Lock-In, please contact Mrs. Walden at swalden@jgsc.k12.in.us or (574)656-8123.



Gym-NEWS-ium NILES LOCK-IN



March 18th, 2016 - Lock-In Schedule

Time	Front Gym	Back Gym	Music Room	Foyer	Art Room	Library
6:30	2 & 3 Game 1	K & 1 Game 1	6:15 Start Movie <u>Max</u> 4th - 6th	 Concession Food OPEN ALL NIGHT	6:30-7:15 4 & 5 Grades Project	Board Games OPEN ALL NIGHT for K-6
7:00	2 & 3 Game 2	K & 1 Game 2			7:15-8:00 6th Grade Project	
7:30	2 & 3 Game 3	K & 1 Game 3			8:00-8:45 K & 1 Grades Project	
8:00	4 & 5 Game 1	6th Game 1	8:00 Start Movie <u>The Good</u> <u>Dinosaur</u> K - 3rd		8:45-9:30 2 & 3 Grades Project	
8:30	4 & 5 Game 2	6th Game 2				
9:00	4 & 5 Game 3	6th Game 3				

Note:

You **MUST** be ON TIME for all of the activities to participate
Gym shoes will be **REQUIRED** to participate in the PE games
No drinks or food of any type will be allowed in the gyms or the art room
Coats, hats, gloves, and boots should be placed in your locker

MARCH 2016

North Liberty Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Deli Sub Sandwich Tri tater Raw Veggies/dip Apple Wedges Juice	2 Chicken Smackers Green Beans Beets Dinner Roll Diced Peas Chocolate Pudding	3 Dr. Suess Birthday Green Eggs & Ham Hash Brown Potato Celery Sticks Fruit Muffin Banana Juice	4 Pepperoni Calzone Golden Corn Garden Bar Diced Peaches Carnival Cookie	5 Fish Fillet Oven Baked Fries Bread/butter Baked Beans Cole Slaw Applesauce
7 BBQ Ribbun Crispy Cubed Potatoes Carrot Coins Baked Cinnamon Apples	8 Oven Roasted Chicken Mashed Potatoes/gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll Diced Peas	9 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Tri Tater Baby Carrots Apple Wedges	10 Chicken Patty/bun Steamed Broccoli Sweet Potato Puffs Mixed Fruit Snickerdoodle Cookie	11 Bosco Sticks/sauce Garden Bar Golden Corn Fruit Juice
14 Hamburger/Bar Potato Wedges Baked Beans Carrot Coins Strawberries	15 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Pot/gravy Dinner Roll Steamed Broccoli Beets Mandarin Oranges/pineapple	16 Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Celery Sticks Golden Corn Banana Soft Pretzel	17 St. Patrick's Day Teriyaki Chicken/rice Sweet Peas Roasted Baby Carrots Diced Peaches Sugar Cookie	18 Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Garden Bar Applesauce
21 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Carrot Coins Baked Cinnamon Apples	22 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Garden Bar Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges/Pineapple	23 Hot Dog/bun Baked Beans Tri Tater Raisins Sun Chip Snack Mix	24 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner roll Diced Peaches Vanilla Pudding	25 Cheese Pizza Golden Corn Raw Veggies/dip Fruit
28 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	30 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

News

Breakfast offered daily in cafeteria

Full Pay: \$1.25

Reduced: .30

Lunch

Full pay: \$1.80

Reduced: .40

Students must select a fruit and or vegetable with each meal.

Honor Dr. Suess, March 2nd, read a good book!

Time springs forward one hour March 13th.

Eat a rainbow of fruits and vegetables each day!

Enjoy your Spring Break!

March 2016

John Glenn School Corporation

BREAKFAST



School Information: A complete breakfast must include fruit or juice.
Full Pay: \$1.25 Reduced .30



Nutrition Tip: MyPlate recommends:
The intake of dairy products is especially important to bone health during childhood and adolescence, when bone mass is being built.

Monday



Yogurt
Cereal Bar
Fruit
Juice

Cereal
Pop Tart
Fruit
Juice

Yogurt
Cereal Bar
Fruit
Juice

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Juice

Scrambled Eggs
Muffin
Fruit
Juice

Breakfast Pizza
Fruit
Juice

Scrambled Eggs
Muffin
Fruit
Juice

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday

Breakfast Burrito
Fruit
Juice

Cinnamon Bagel Stick
Fruit
Juice

Breakfast Burrito
Fruit
Juice

Cinnamon Bagel Stick
Fruit
Juice

NO SCHOOL

Thursday

Mini Donuts
Fruit
Juice

Sausage/Biscuit
Fruit
Juice

Mini Donuts
Fruit
Juice

Sausage/Biscuit
Fruit
Juice

NO SCHOOL

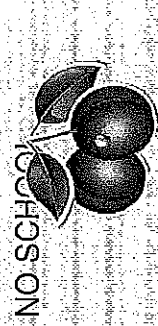
Friday

Apple Cinn Tx Tst
Fruit
Juice

Dutch Waffle
Fruit
Juice

Apple Cinn Tx Tst
Fruit
Juice

Dutch Waffle
Fruit
Juice



NO SCHOOL

Spring Break Enrichment 2016

Dear parents,

Registration for the new Spring Break Enrichment is just starting. Enrichment will be held at North Liberty Elementary from March 28th thru April 1st . Our program will be open from 6:15am until 6:00pm. The cost of the program will be \$18 a day. Payments are to be made by March 18th to guarantee a spot in the enrichment. Enrollment past March 18th will be on space available basis.

Sincerely
Charman Dreessen

Childs' name _____

Age _____ Grade just finished _____

Parents' Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact (name) _____

(other than parent)

Emergency Phone _____

Allergies _____

Dentist (name & phone) _____

Doctor (name & phone) _____

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Walkerton and North Liberty Elementary Schools

Melanie Heiser, Counselor

SHORT NOTES



"Flashy" words

To help your youngster learn vocabulary words, suggest that she make flash cards. She can write the word on one side of an index card and the definition on the other. You can drill her—or she can drill herself—each day until she knows all the words.

The sharing habit

Want to raise a child who is considerate? Suggest that he share something each day with a classmate or family member. *Examples:* books, markers. At night, ask your youngster what he shared that day. He'll learn how good it feels to be kind.

What is it?

Boost creativity and thinking skills with this simple game. Tape a large piece of paper to the wall. Start drawing something, such as an airplane or a dog. Draw one line at a time until your child guesses what it is. Then, have her draw a picture for you to guess.

Worth quoting

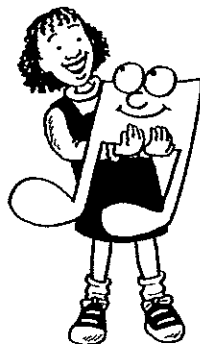
"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."

Dean Acheson

Just for fun

Q: Why did the music students get in trouble?

A: They were passing notes.



Be a math whiz

Good math students know how to do simple problems without a calculator. Pass these tips on to your child to help her build math confidence and do well in school.

Turn it around

Encourage your youngster to use addition to learn subtraction. *Example:* If she knows $8 + 7 = 15$, she can reverse the problem to $15 - 8 = 7$ or $15 - 7 = 8$. This also works for multiplication and division. If $3 \times 7 = 21$, then $21 \div 7 = 3$ and $21 \div 3 = 7$. *Tip:* Suggest that your child turn problems around to check her answers on homework and tests.

Think zero

Here's a trick for multiplying by a number that ends in zero. To multiply by 10, add one zero. *Example:* For 16×10 , add a zero to 16 (160). To multiply by 100, add two zeros ($15 \times 100 = 1,500$),



and so on. To multiply by 20, she can multiply the number by 2 and then add a zero. For 4×20 , do 4×2 (8), and add a zero (80).

Round it

Remind your child to round numbers for a quick estimate. *Example:* She's trying to see if she has enough allowance to buy one item for \$1.69 and another for \$3.19. Suggest that she round \$1.69 up to \$2.00 and \$3.19 down to \$3.00 ($2 + 3 = 5$).♥

Parent power

Did you know there are many ways you can support your child's learning and school? Here are a few ideas:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
- Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or home.
- Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank-you note or e-mail.
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your youngster succeed.
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.♥

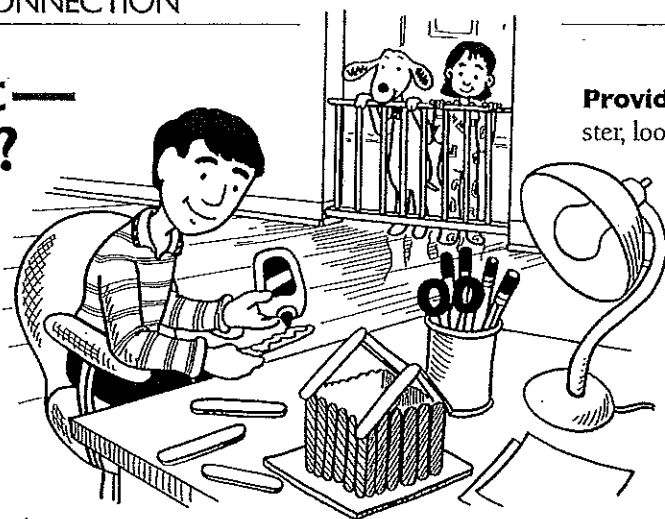


School project—whose project?

"This project is so big. I need you to help me!"

You can lend a hand with school projects by providing support, but without actually doing the work yourself. Help your youngster gain independence and succeed in school with these suggestions.

Get information. When a project is assigned, ask your child about it (When is it due? Is he working alone or with a group?). You'll show your interest, and you'll get him thinking about how to start.



Provide a space. With your youngster, look for a well-lit and pleasant place to work. Also, find a space to store his project away from pets and younger siblings.

Plan it out. Encourage your child to write a schedule and keep it nearby. Seeing a daily reminder will help him stay on task. Ask if he'll need rides to the library or a group member's house.

Gather supplies. Have your youngster make a list of tools and materials he needs. Together, find the items, or take him shopping if necessary.

Pack it up. When his project is complete, show him how to pack it carefully for walking or riding to school. ♥

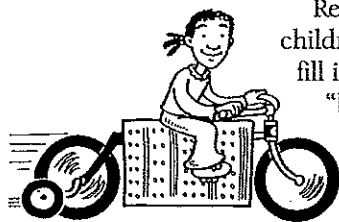


Q & A Test prep

Q: My girls have to take standardized tests this year for the first time. How can I help them prepare?

A: Kids do best on tests when they know what to expect. Start by asking your youngsters' teachers about the test format and what material will be covered. Perhaps they can offer a study guide or give your girls practice tests to take home. You could set a timer while they take a sample test so they get comfortable with the time limits.

Remind your children to neatly fill in the answer "bubbles" and to completely erase any answers they change.



Suggest that, if they have time left at the end, they check over their work. But tell them that first instincts are usually good—they shouldn't change an answer unless they're really sure they made a mistake. ♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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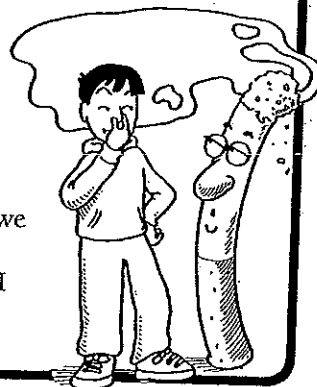
No-smoking zone

Just before my son started first grade, he asked me why our neighbor smoked. I realized this was a good opportunity to begin talking to Jeremy about smoking.

I started by telling him I was sorry our neighbor smoked, because it's very bad for her health. I explained what "addiction" is (a habit you can't stop) and how hard it can be to quit smoking.

I didn't want to scare Jeremy, but I did want to warn him that secondhand smoke can be dangerous, too. I suggested that he go in another room if a friend's parent begins smoking around him. I also told him that is why we ask for a no-smoking section in restaurants.

My son now says he's never going to smoke. I'm glad I started talking to him early—and I hope he keeps this attitude for life! ♥



Building family memories

The best family memories are usually about the little things—activities and rituals unique to your family. Create your own traditions with ideas like these:

● Pick a song your family enjoys, like "Rockin' Robin." Play or sing it to celebrate special times, such as the beginning of a vacation or a good report card.

● Serve a favorite food or treat. Maybe Wednesday night can be pasta night, or snowy afternoons could bring homemade cocoa in "snow day" mugs.

● Have a regular video-and-popcorn night. Some families do this on Sunday nights, to ease back into the school and work week in a fun way.

Tip: Take photos of special times together, and put them in an album to preserve your family memories. ♥

