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FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

As we wrap up another month of learning, we wanted to reach out with a few updates, reminders and celebrations!

November brought us SEI Family Night, which went well. We encourage more families to participate in P.T. Coe online events.

21st Century After School Program is up and running smoothly. **One to One** tutoring has now been added to our list of classes and clubs. Also, we are getting our NASA program materials together to start this new exciting club soon!

Literacy Day was a great hit! Classes at Coe had several volunteer readers come into their classroom and read a great book to the class.

For the month of December we have our Virtual Spelling Bee on Wednesday December 9th. (More information to come). Also our Coffee with the Principal will resume in the month of January. No Coffee with the Principal for the Month of December.

Holiday Wishes

We know holidays can be a hard time of year financially for so many. We are taking requests now for families that could use assistance during the holidays. We encourage you to reach out to the district's "Heart of Isaacs Office" 1403 N. 32nd Ave. (602) 442-0583.

Please keep in mind the risks as we all celebrate the Winter Holiday with family and friends...

Gatherings with more preventive measures in place, such as mask wearing, social distancing, outdoor gatherings and hand washing, pose less risk than gatherings where fewer or no preventive measures are being implemented.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and relaxing

Winter holiday! Please stay safe

WE ARE A FAMILY OF READERS

When families share a love of reading, children develop stronger literacy skills and are more motivated to pick up a book. Here's how some of our readers have made reading a family affair.

After-dinner novel

"We pick a novel all ages can enjoy—often one my wife or I enjoyed as a child—and take turns reading a chapter a night. The kids look forward to it, especially if we stopped at a cliff-hanger the day before. After each chapter, we share our opinions of the book and say what we think will happen tomorrow."

Reading adventures

"Every time we visit the library, we look for books related to someplace we're going soon. Before a visit to the aquarium, we found nonfiction books about sharks and dolphins. And before a trip to my sister's apartment in the city, we read about skyscrapers, subways, and taxis."

Treasure hunts

"When my son first learned to read, he searched for free reading 'treasure.' He'd collect maps from parks and malls, brochures from the vet's office, and even fortunes from cookies. Soon, our whole family was adding to the 'treasure chest.' We've learned a lot, like how dogs communicate and what fun things there are to do at our favorite park."

CONNECT WITH HISTORY

Connect with history Become history "tourists" in your own town. These activities help your child learn about history and make connections to what they're learning in school.

Exhibits

Visit historic sites and museums. Your youngster may learn how people made hand-dipped candles or crafted armor.

Encourage them to ask questions about the time period. They might inquire about chores children did, for instance.

Historical markers

These plaques tell what happened in specific locations. Perhaps a one-room schoolhouse once stood in your town or a famous inventor was born nearby. Stop to read and discuss the markers.



SHORT NOTES

Spot the object

Finding hidden pictures is not only fun—it also improves your youngster’s attention to detail. Try a book from a series like *Where’s Waldo?* (Martin Handford) or *I Spy* (Jean Marzollo). Or search the internet for “hidden pictures.” She can print out the pages or play online.

Tell the truth

Show your child that being truthful matters—even in situations where no one would know the difference. For example, if you leave a store without noticing an item under your cart, let him see you return to pay for it. Explain that being honest is the right thing to do and it makes you feel good.

The best gifts

This holiday season, help your youngster brainstorm presents that don’t cost a lot of money. For instance, she might make a book of coupons that family members can redeem (“Good for one dog wash”). Or the two of you could bake muffins for teachers and neighbors.

Worth quoting

“Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.” *Kahlil Gibran*

just for fun

Q. Why can’t Elsa from *Frozen* have a balloon?

A. Because she will “let it go, let it go.”

Q. What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?

A. A tuba toothpaste.

November 25-27th, no school
Thanksgiving break

December 2020, Middle of the year
diagnostic testing on iReady

December 21-January 3, 2021-No school
for winter break

CLEARING OUT THE CLUTTER

Try these ideas for decluttering during winter break, and your youngster will start the New Year with organized spaces to work and play:

- Have your child sort through their backpack and study area. They could file old tests and quizzes, save favorite papers and projects, and discard anything they won’t need when school starts again.
- Let your youngster start a donation box in their closet for outgrown clothes and toys. Once the box is full, decide together where to donate it—they’ll discover the satisfaction that comes from helping others.
- Suggest that your child label separate containers for smaller items like erasers and sticky notes. Putting them into the correct bins gives them practice with sorting and makes school supplies easy to find at homework time.

I CAN HANDLE THAT !

What is your child capable of doing for himself/herself? Probably more than he/ she realizes. Encourage them to become more responsible with these tips.

Manage a social life

Let your youngster call friends to set up their own get-togethers. They can also RSVP to birthday parties and pick out and wrap gifts. If they’re sleeping over at a friend or relative’s house, ask them to pack their own overnight bag themselves.

Do minor repairs

Teach your child how to use a screwdriver and other tools safely. You can watch as they puts their know-how to work fixing a younger sibling’s toy or tightening a loose doorknob.

Track “inventory”

Is your youngster running low on crayons, shampoo, or their favorite cereal? Have them keep a list on the refrigerator.

Cook food.

Your child can learn to make sandwiches and salads, mash potatoes, and whisk eggs. With supervision, they could peel and chop vegetables and use the microwave. Idea: Encourage them to be creative in the kitchen and come up with their own recipes.

FROM THE HEALTH DESK

Parents please check if your child is up to date on their immunization records.

If not please get them as soon as possible and bring a record to our health office.

