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Elementary School Counselor Newsletter

Inside the Classroom

December is a very busy month for both families and schools. During the month of December, teachers are free to choose what topic they would like the School Counselors to present on in their classrooms. Therefore, lesson topics will differ depending on school and grade level. This allows for the counselors to target specific

classroom needs that the teachers are identified. Examples of lesson topics for this month include, but are not limited to: tattling vs. telling, organization, personal space, making good choices when no one is looking, saying no to peer pressure, and respect and empathy. These lessons will provide opportunities for the School Counselors and teachers

to further collaborate, as well as to customize the supports offered.

Next Month:
Study Skills and Organization



REMINDER
CIDS Parenting Class:

123 Magic- 3 hr. workshop focusing on effective discipline for 2-12 year olds.
Class is held Jan. 8th 9:30am.- 1:00pm.
To register call: 733-6533

The Gift of Giving

It is especially important during the Holiday season when our children are focused on receiving—to share the gift of giving with them. Take time to volunteer with your children. Offer them the opportunity to ring the bell for Salvation Army or to work for a local Soup Kitchen. Encourage them to offer help to an elderly neighbor or to shovel sidewalks in the community. Have them go through their clothes or toys

and donate what they no longer use to families who are in need. Afterwards, talk with them about what the experience was like for them. Praise them for their willingness to give their time and energy for the good of others. They will begin to feel just as good about giving as they feel when they receive something.

- Connecting with Your Child:**
1. Encourage your child to succeed and be a support in areas they need to work on.
 2. Try something new together.
 3. Give advice only when asked; if you truly want to empathize with your child just be there to listen.
 4. Have a sense of humor. Lighten up and laugh!
 5. Trust your children. When they know you trust them, it builds confidence within.

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School Counselor's Corner

How to Make P/T Conferences Work for Your Child

Getting Ready:

As each teacher prepares for the parent/teacher conference, you should prepare as well!

- *Talk to your child pre-conference and find out what their best subjects are and what subjects they like the least and why. Help your child understand that the purpose of the conference is to meet together in order to help them succeed.
- *Before the conference, think about your child with regard to home life, personality, and habits and decide what you feel is important for the teacher to know.
- *Think about any concerns regarding school programs or policies.
- *Think about any questions you have regarding your child's progress. How can you and the school work together to help your child succeed?

The Conference:

Some good questions to ask:

- *How well does my child get along with others?
- *What are my child's best and most difficult subjects?
- *Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- *Is my child working to his/her ability?
- *Be sure to ask the teacher for specific suggestions on ways to help your child do better.
- *If needed, ask to meet again.

After the Conference:

- *Start immediately on the plan that you and the teacher worked out.
- *Discuss the plan with your child and make sure that he/she knows that you and the teacher care!
- *Stay in regular contact with the teacher to discuss the progress your child is making.

Strong parent/teacher partnerships are needed in order to get your child the best education possible!



Words of Wisdom:

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it."

-A. Einstein



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

-W. Churchill

Dates to Remember:

12/15-1/2 day for Parent/Teacher Conferences

12/16-Hendy Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm
-School Board Mtng. @ 7 at EFA

12/17-Coburn Concert @ 6:30 pm

-Riverside Gr. 1/5 Holiday Concert @ 6:30 pm

-BES Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm

12/19-Riverside Winter Wonderland Craft Night 5-7 pm

12/21-Becher & Fassett Concerts @ 6:30pm

12/24-1/3-Winter Recess