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Only as high as I
reach can I grow,
only as far as I
seek can I go,
only as deep as I
look can I see,
only as much as I
dream can I be.

Karen Ravn

What to Know from Your PTO



~ Next PTO Meeting ~
Wed, Jan 15th @ 8:45am

~ Mom & Son Event ~
Sunday, Feb 9th
Registration for this event
can be found within this
packet.

~ Family Skate Night ~
Wed., Jan 22nd
6-8 pm @ The New Rink

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Lead to empower
learners for a lifetime
of success.
Cherokee ... a GREAT
place to be!

Hello Cherokee Families~

Welcome Back & Happy 2020! The New Year is always a time of excitement, renewal and hope. It's also a time to reflect on the past, set goals and plan for the future. Students began the new year discussing goals and resolutions and how these both help us live better lives.

All students begin Winter NWEA testing this month. Teachers will inform families of specific testing dates. Please be sure to encourage your child to do his/her best since we use this data to make instructional decisions.

As we kick-off the new year, our students are also revisiting schoolwide behavioral expectations to ensure we are all on the same page and know what is expected of themselves and one another.

We invite your family to Practice Habit 2 & Begin with the End in Mind by creating and sharing your 2020 Family Plan. The resources provided in this month's packet are there to help your family with this process. Please consider returning a copy of your 2020 Family Plan to your child's classroom teacher by the end of January. Together, we can Lead & Learn!

At Cherokee, our mission is to *Inspire, Believe, Achieve and LEAD*. Each and every day, we encourage our leaders to work on the A-B-Cs of Success.

- A=Academics (what they are learning)
- B=Behavior (what they are saying and doing)
- C=Culture (how they are making other people feel)

Information and resources to support and continue A-B-C learning at home can be found within this month's packet.

We wish you a successful 2020! ☺ ~ Lynn Mair & Anthony Lewis



WHAT'S INSIDE THE DIGITAL ISSUE:

Leadership!

- Spotlight on Leaders
- Celebrating Leadership & Success
- Kids Heart Challenge

Learning!

- Spotlight on Leaders & Success
- Notes from our Special Teachers
- Family At-home Activities

Events!

- CVS School Board Appreciation Month
- No School – 1/20
- PTO Events
- Progress Reports 1/24

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Dream Big – Aim High – LEAD ON!

Cherokee Elementary ~ 2019-2020



Welcome Back! PTO Sit & Sob @ 8:45	9/3/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	9/3/19
Silent Dismissal - Patriot Day	9/11/19
Cub Scouts Info Meeting	9/13/19
Art to Remember begins	9/16/19
Scouting Meeting	9/17/19
PTO Skate Night	9/18/19
K to Westview Orchards	9/27/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	9/27/19
PTO Walk-a-Thon	10/4/19
PTO Skate Night	10/9/19
LifeTouch Fall Pictures	10/11/19
Wildcat Pack #1 – Wear T-Shirt	10/11/19
Fall Book Fair begins	10/21/19
Collaborative Conferences	10/23/19
Collaborative Conferences - Evening	10/24/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/24/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	10/25/19
PTO Trunk or Treat	10/25/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/25/19
Red Ribbon Spirit Week begins	10/28/19
Halloween Celebration	10/31/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/31/19
No School	11/5/19
Wildcat Pack #2 – Wear T-Shirt	11/8/19
Silent Dismissal - Veterans' Day	11/11/19
UMvsMSU Canned Food Drive Week	11/11/19
K-5 to Little Mermaid @ CVS	11/12/19
Giving Tree begins	11/15/19
PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the DEN	11/20/19
LifeTouch Fall Retake	11/22/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	11/22/19
Summer Learning Celebration	11/25/19
No School-Thanksgiving Break begins	11/27/19
Santa Shop Week	12/2/19
2nd Grade Concert – 2:30 & 6:30 pm	12/5/19
Holiday Celebration	12/13/19
Wildcat Pack #3	12/13/19
PTO Holiday Event	12/13/19
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	12/20/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	12/20/19
Holiday Break begins	12/23/19

School Resumes	1/6/20
LifeTouch Team Pictures	1/10/20
PTO Meeting @ 8:45 pm in the DEN	1/15/20
Wildcat Pack #4 – Wear T-Shirt	1/17/20
No School - MLK Day	1/20/20
PTO Skate Night	1/22/20
Leadership PJ & Movie Celebration Day	1/31/20
Wildcat Pack #5 – Wear T-Shirt	2/7/20
PTO Mom & Son Event	2/9/20
"Sharpen the Saw" Spirit Week	2/10/20
Kid's Heart Challenge Week	2/10/20
Valentine's Day Celebration	2/14/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	2/14/20
No School – Mid-Winter Break begins	2/17/20

The
LeaderinMe®

School Resumes	2/24/20
PTO Pastries with Parents	2/26/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	2/28/20
Reading Month begins	3/1/20
CMPL/CSV Literacy Night @ 6:30	3/5/20
Wildcat Pack #6 – Wear T-Shirt	3/5/20
LifeTouch Spring Pictures	3/6/20
4th Grade Concert – 2:30 & 6:30	3/12/20
Spring Book Fair begins	3/16/20
Collaborative Conferences	3/18/20
Collaborative Conferences - Evening	3/19/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	3/20/20
PTO Skate Night	3/25/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	3/27/20
PTO Book Bingo	3/27/20
Earth Month begins	4/1/20
Wildcat Pack #7 – Wear T-Shirt	4/3/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/3/20
No School - Spring Break begins	4/6/20

School Resumes	4/13/20
Fitness Night (TNT)	4/15/20
Brainstormers Visits	4/17/20
Earth Week/Spirit Week	4/20/20
Earth Day	4/22/20
PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the DEN	4/22/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/23/20
Schoolwide Beautification	4/24/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	4/24/20
PTO Daddy Daughter Dance	4/24/20
Walking School Bus	5/1/20
Wildcat Pack #8 – Wear T-Shirt	5/1/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	5/7/20
Wildcat Pack #9 – Wear T-Shirt	5/15/20
Kindergarten Kick-Off @ 6pm	5/12/20
PTO Meeting @ 8:45 in the DEN	5/20/20
Silent Dismissal - Memorial Day	5/22/20
PTO Spring Fling	5/22/20
No School	5/25/20
PTO Skate Night	5/27/20
Leadership PJ/Movie Celebration Day	5/29/20
Celebrating Success Spirit Week	6/1/20
Volunteer Appreciation & Fun Day	6/5/20
LifeTouch 5th Grade Pictures	6/10/20
Kindergarten Celebration	6/12/20
Leadership Celebration Day	6/12/20
Wildcat Pack #10 – Wear T-Shirt	6/12/20
5th Grade Completion @ 9:00	6/15/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	6/15/20
1/2 Day @ 11:37	6/16/20

PTO Meetings in the DEN

- 9/3 @ 8:45 am
- 11/20 @ 6:30 pm
- 1/15 @ 8:45 am
- 4/22 @ 6:30 pm
- 5/20 @ 8:45



Collaborative Conferences

10/23	Evening Only
10/24	Afternoon & Evening
3/18	Evening Only
3/19	Afternoon & Evening

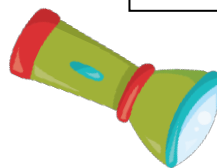
1/2 Day Release - No School

1/2 Day @ 11:23	9/3/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/24/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/25/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	10/31/19
No School - Elections	11/5/19
No School - Thanksgiving Break	11/27/19
1/2 Day @ 11:23	12/20/19
No School - Holiday Break	12/23/19
No School - MLK Day	1/20/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	2/14/20
No School - MidWinter Break	2/17/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	3/20/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/3/20
No School - Spring Break	4/6/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	4/23/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	5/7/20
No School - Memorial Day	5/25/20
1/2 Day @ 11:23	6/15/20
1/2 Day @ 11:37	6/16/20



Music Program

12/5	2 nd Grade Concert @ 2:30 and 6:30
3/12	4 th Grade Concert @ 2:30 and 6:30



LifeTouch Pictures

10/11	Fall Picture Day
11/22	Fall Picture Retake
1/10	Team Picture Day
3/6	Spring Picture Day
6/10	5 th Grade Completion Pictures

Our Mission:

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to empower learners for a lifetime of success.
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JANUARY



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5		6	7		8 Lifetouch TEAM Pictures Wear Cherokee Gear	9
12	13	14 	15 PTO Meeting in the DEN @ 9AM	16 Family Dining Night! 	17 Wildcat Pack #4 Wear Cherokee Gear 	18
19 	20 NO SCHOOL ML K Day	21 WATCH DOGS visits begin at Cherokee 	22 Skate Night at The New Rink 	23 	24 End of Trimester 1 Progress Reports	25
26 	27	28	29	30	31 Leadership Celebration PJ & Movie Day 	
	Mom/Son Event – Sunday, February 9 th Registration Information in the January Packet					

Elementary Monday Pizza

Cherokee
Clinton Valley
Erie
Ottawa
Shawnee
Sequoyah

Food Service: (586) 723-2110
Central Kitchen: (586) 723-2109

Available Daily:

Must Pre-Order

Turkey Salad w/
Roll & Goldfish Crackers

Chicken Popper Salad
w/ Dinner Roll

Chicken Caesar Salad w/
Roll & Goldfish Crackers

Turkey & Cheese Stackers

Sandwiches:

Turkey & Cheese

Ham & Cheese

PB&J Uncrustable w/
String Cheese & Goldfish

Includes:

Fruit and/or

Vegetable & Milk







Free & Reduced Students

You may also choose from
the Daily Offerings!



Student: \$2.75
Plus: \$4.25
(Additional Serving)
Reduced: \$0.40
Milk: \$0.60

BREAKFAST is served daily at
all elementary schools.
Check your school for times!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 	31 	1 	2 	3 
6 Pizza Day! Baby Carrots Ranch	7 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Celery Sticks w/ Ranch BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	8 Whole Corn Chips & Cheese Refried Beans Salsa	9 Bosco Sticks Marinara Dip Sauce Green Beans	10 Super Turkey Sub Spinach/Romaine WG Cheez-Its
13 Pizza Day! Baby Carrots Ranch	14 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	15 Hot Dog on a whole grain bun Baked Beans Carrots & Ranch Frozen Grahams	16 Cinnamon Pancakes Trix Yogurt Fruitables Juice	17 Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Carnival Cookie
20 	21 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Celery Sticks w/ Ranch BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	22 Walking Taco- Seasoned beef, chips, cheese, salsa Refried Beans	23 Mini Confetti Pancakes String Cheese Fruitables Juice	24 Pasta & Meatballs Spinach/Romaine Dinner Roll w/ Margarine Lucky Tray Day!
27 Pizza Day! Baby Carrots Ranch	28 Whole Grain Breaded Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn BBQ Sauce/ Ketchup	29 Tasty Taco Whole wheat tortilla w/ cheese, lettuce & salsa Refried Beans	30 Apple Cinnamon Whole Grain French Toast String Cheese Fruitables Juice	31 Whole Grain Super Soft Pretzel Cheese Sauce Spinach/Romaine

If you have a food allergy please be aware that CVS prepares food that may contain or have come into contact with peanuts, nuts or other possible allergens.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2020-21 School Year



If you have an incoming Kindergartener or know someone who does, please call the school office to get your child added to our kindergarten classes!

Kindergarten Registration packets are now available online! Registration begins Feb. 3rd!

- Visit: <https://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/for-parents/kindergarten/>
- *Children must be 5 years old by September 1st to register for kindergarten.*
- Please fill out the packet online and print it off to bring into school. If you are not able to get the packets online, copies are available in our School Office.
- When you have filled out the enrollment packet and have all the necessary documentation, packets can be returned during normal school days between 9 – 11am and 1 – 3 pm. Please call our office at 586-723-4800 to set up an appointment. We will also be accepting registrations on the evenings of March 18th and 19th during Collaborative Conferences.
- In order to expedite your actual time spent in the office, please be sure you have all the necessary information when you come in. *If packets are not complete or you do not have all the documentation required, we will not be able to accept your registration.*
- *Necessary Documentation:*

- Registration Packet
- Original birth certificate
- Proof of residency – 2 current utility bills (gas, electric, telephone) with the name and address or signed closing/settlement papers or signed lease agreement
- Current immunization records
- Vision and hearing screening



Leading the Way Together!

JANUARY IS BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH!



The Cherokee Family wishes the CV School Board "Happy School Board Appreciation Month!" Thank you for supporting our school & helping to make Cherokee (and CVS!) a GREAT place to be!

Elizabeth Pyden ~ *President* ~ Denise Aquino ~ *Vice President* ~ Laura Cardamone ~ *Secretary*
Jill DeMuyck Zech ~ *Treasurer* ~ George Sobah ~ Frank Bednard ~ Andrew Patzert ~ *Trustees*

Our New Donation Station

Cherokee Elementary is excited to partner with Kennedy Clippers & the American Veterans to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. Visit the donation station in Cherokee's parking lot. Clean out your closets, toy boxes, garage, attics and help raise funds for Cherokee at the same time. Used clothes, toys, books, small electronics are accepted.

For furniture or large donations, please call 833-384-8590 to schedule an at-home pickup. A tax receipt will be given for your at-home pick-up/donation.



Supporting Our Students

At-Home Resources

In order to support your child's learning & success, CVS and Cherokee have provided resources for families to use at home:

Bridges Math:

- Links to online information can be found by visiting:
<http://tinyurl.com/CherokeeMathInfo>

RAZ Kids

- Login information was distributed to students in October. Be sure to use these resources to support learning at home.



**CLICK ON
IMAGE TO
ACCESS SITE:**

Raz-Plus

Paws Policies & Procedures



Cherokee's Policies & Procedures are in place to keep our students safe. Click on the image above to access current policies & procedures.

Cherokee's School Improvement Plan – Spotlights Student Growth and Success!

Our School Improvement Goals for the 2019-20 School Year:

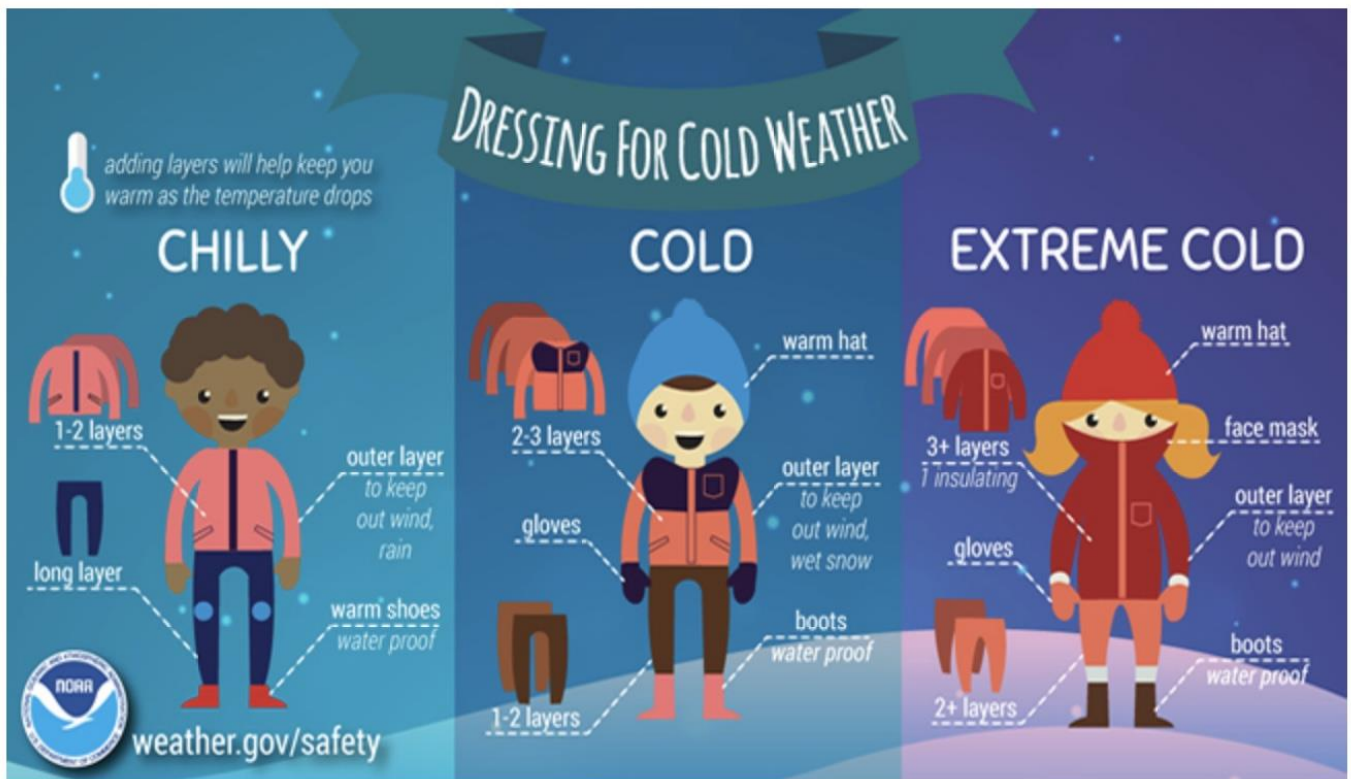
- All students at Cherokee will improve in applying mathematical practices across the curriculum.
- All students at Cherokee will improve in reading and writing across the curriculum
- All students at Cherokee will utilize Leader in Me habits to achieve school-wide, classroom and personal goals.

To help reach our goals again this year, our staff will incorporate the following research-based instructional strategies across the curriculum:

- Cooperative Learning Skills
- Thinking Map
- Close & Critical Reading Strategies
- 7 Habits of Highly Successful People (The Leader in Me)



Weather Reminders



Winter weather is upon us! Students need to remember to dress for the weather and be prepared to head outdoors even in the winter months. It is our policy that students will head outdoors for recess unless the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees. We try to provide outdoor recess whenever the weather permits, so please, help you child be prepared!

Grade levels may have a specific policy that they have shared with you as well with regards to recess/brain breaks scheduled outdoors.

If there is a medical reason that your child is unable to go outdoors, please present a **doctor's note to the office** so that we can accommodate your child's medical needs. Children without a medical note can expect to head outside.

Please remind your students to dress for the weather & stay out of the mud ☺

Memo from the Media Center

Happy New Year from the Cherokee Media Center!

As you begin to plan your celebrations for 2020, remember the birthday book program at Cherokee is still available. This program not only helps to maintain current books in our school library, but will act as a lasting reminder that your child attended Cherokee Elementary and will allow other students to enjoy their book for many years to come.

A birthday book is a book purchased by a student's family in celebration of their birthday. This book will remain in the school library with their name and picture honoring their special day.

During the month of your child's birthday, he/she visits the Media Center where a selection of "Birthday Books" are available for them to choose from. For those students that will be celebrating their birthday during the summer, they will have an opportunity to come down during the school year so that they can participate as well. A label including their name, picture, birthdate and school year is placed inside the front cover of their birthday book. The birthday child will be the first person to have the opportunity to check out their very special book. Once your child returns the book, it is placed on the shelves for other students to check out.

~ Mrs. Jaster



~ Cherokee's Birthday Book Club ~

Yes, we want our child to be part of the PTO Birthday Book Club!

We have enclosed a \$12 check make payable to *Cherokee PTO* for each child:

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Teacher: _____

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Teacher: _____



Special Spot

A Musical Note



What a great way to kick-off the New Year! Some of our Cherokee students will be performing at the board meeting on January 27th at 6:30pm in honor of Board Appreciation Month. Fifth grader Aiken Roberts will start the board meeting off with *The National Anthem*. After that, a group of second graders will be performing.

All **4th grade** students are preparing for their music program, **GOAL!** Which will be presented on Thursday, March 12th. Please mark your calendars for the event, as it is part of the music grade for fourth grade students.

5th grade students should be bringing their recorders every week to music class.

All students are studying notes, rests and rhythms. Students will be engaged in fun activities such as drawing notes/rests, creating a Tree Map for notes/rests, *Rhythm Pie*, *Four Corners* and *Busted!* Students will also have the opportunity to create and perform their own rhythm patterns.

Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth/Fifth
Quarter Note Quarter Rest	Quarter Note/Rest Eighth Note	Quarter Note/Rest Eighth Note Half Note	Quarter Note/Rest Eighth Note Half Note Whole Note	Quarter Note/Rest Eighth Note/Rest Half Note/Rest Whole Note/Rest

~ Gina Hunter, Music Director

GOAL!

We're about to score with the
4th Grade Music Concert
Coming Soon!

Thursday, March 12th
@ 6:30 pm



Special Spot



Physical Education

Hello Cherokee Families & Happy New Year!

In January we will be playing some net games including badminton, volleyball and tennis! These are all great lifelong games that students can really pick up and start to enjoy. Even some opportunities to play in middle school and high school!

We are also kicking off our Kids Heart Challenge to help support the American Heart Association! Your student will be bringing home a packet with all of the information next week. Our goal as a school is to raise \$12,750 and I'm excited to be a partner to help these kids reach that goal! To sign up online simply go to

www2.heart.org/goto/Cherokee

As a school, if we can get 50% of our entire school to simply register online or through the app, we will receive a \$500 certificate to purchase new equipment for the gym! If you have any questions, please call or email!

Dan Walkenhorst

Click [here](#) to
donate online





Special Spot



News straight from the *Art Room*

Hola from the Art Room During this coming New Year,

Students will be working on analyzing artists and works-of-art and creating their own masterpieces:

- K- Piet Mondrian and his minimalism approach
- 1 st Grade – Hokusai's Great Wave and landscapes
- 2 nd Grade – The how to draw what you see and looking at the shapes behind St. Basil's Cathedral.
- 3 rd Grade - Wayne Thiebaud's 3-D cakes and working with form
- 4 th – Working with Symmetry and playing cards.
- 5 th - Graffiti and the focus of Light and Shadow. ~ Mr. Sundberg

Artfully,

Mr. Sundberg



Art

Special Spot



Welcome Back and Happy New Year! It is so nice to see all the smiling faces and hear the stories from the children about their break. In January, our focus is engineering towers. The students will be building towers with various materials and measuring them to compare heights.

Stay Warm,
Mrs. Krisciunas

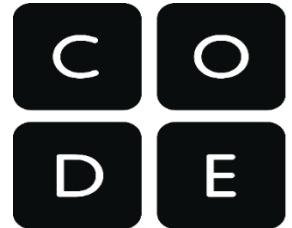


Super Coders Club

Erin Moorer (Course E & F)

Jayden O'Neil

Valentina Walsh



Congratulations **AWESOME** coders!! 😊



January STEM Challenge (Optional)

Create a tall free-standing tower using any materials.
Send in a picture with the height of the tower.

What to Know from Your PTO

Cherokee Elementary & Kroger Community Rewards Program

This is an exciting opportunity for our families to help earn additional funds for Cherokee just by shopping. Each purchase from Kroger can earn our school 1% with a minimum of \$25 each quarter and a maximum of \$50,000!!! **Think of the potential!**

How Can I Help!

There is NO additional cost to you, just a little bit of computer time. All you have to do is register your Kroger Plus Card:



- <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>
- **Sign In or Create an Account**
- **Link** your Kroger Plus Card to your online account using your Kroger Card #, or Alternate ID (such as the phone number associated with account)
- View your **Account Summary** to select **Community Rewards**
- Under "**Find your Organization,**" search for **Cherokee Elementary** or enter our NPO number #HI588
- Click to select **Cherokee Elementary** from the list and click **Confirm**
- **Verify** you are enrolled correctly, see your organization's name on the right side of your information page (Computer version, not necessarily Mobile version).

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can stop by any Kroger location and pick one up from the customer service desk. It take a couple of days to fully attach your card with the school. Watch the bottom of your receipt for it to indicate Cherokee Elementary!

PTO Meeting ~ January 15th at 9:00 am.
Mom & Son Event ~ February 9th.

**COMING
SOON**



Collect → Clip → Submit → Repeat!
Keep Collecting!

Clip this slip & attach to a baggie or envelope w/box tops

- Student Name: _____
- Teacher/Grade: _____

Word of the Year Ideas

Determined	Bliss
Focus	Bloom
Love	Listen
Grateful	Playful
Peace	Health
Progress	Growth
Hope	Mindset
Abundance	Change
Enough	Strength
Worthy	Purpose
Powerful	Attention
Pause	Generosity
Extraordinary	Mindfulness
Acceptance	Self-love
Dream	Create
Balance	Expansion
Inspired	Self-care
Contribution	Light
Fearless	Adventure
Grounded	Grace
Achieve	Enjoy
Learn	Believe
Valuable	Family
Now	Trust
Yes	Connect
Confidence	Persevere
Brave	Minimalism

New Family Tradition Ideas

- Tell a story every night
- Family game night
- Farmers market each Sunday
- Eat dinner, say thanks
- Movie night each Saturday
- Visit family on a special day
- Wear matching pajamas on a holiday
- Cook a family recipe together
- A secret handshake on a holiday
- Family hugs
- Nature walks
- Special Sunday breakfast
- Family monthly service day
- Family time capsule
- First day of school photos
- Learn a new activity each year
- Create a family happiness jar
- Monthly family meetings
- Camp in your backyard
- Family picnics
- Show-and-tell night

OUR 2020 FAMILY PLAN

Bucket List

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Word of the Year

Our FAMILY Motto

Ideas to Give Back

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

A New Tradition



Our FAMILY TIME Capsule

TO BE OPENED ON:

Create your family time capsule to hide and open in one year!

- 1 Find a jar, an empty shoe box, or a box. Cut the title above and write the date you want to open the jar (in one year, for example). Glue the label to your time capsule.
- 2 First, have each family member fill out the next two pages. Next, choose from more ideas below and check the boxes as you add the items to your capsule.
- 3 Once all your treasures are inside, seal the time capsule. Now it's time to hide it! When you open the capsule next year, see how much you've all changed!

TIME CAPSULE TREASURE IDEAS

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> All about me | <input type="radio"/> A family recipe |
| <input type="radio"/> Favorite moments | <input type="radio"/> List of current events |
| <input type="radio"/> Family photos | <input type="radio"/> Handprints |
| <input type="radio"/> A medal or certificate | <input type="radio"/> Special object |
| <input type="radio"/> Your art work | <input type="radio"/> A letter to my future self |
| <input type="radio"/> A card from a friend/family | <input type="radio"/> A list of fun memories |
| <input type="radio"/> Something from your birthday | <input type="radio"/> Pet photos |





FAMILY

GOALS

25 fun & simple ideas

HEALTH & SELF-CARE

- Do a weekly family walk/hike
- Start a garden
- Plan family fun days to play and relax together
- Drink eight glasses of water daily
- Set a schedule for computer, phones, and video games
- Have device-free dinners together

RELATIONSHIPS

- Plan and host a family reunion
- Create a family manifesto
- Take a family portrait to hang on the wall
- Write letters to family members who live far
- Try a new family recipe each month
- Start a new family tradition
- Have a monthly family meeting

GROWTH

- Set weekly Growth Mindset time
- Create a book nook
- Take a class together (e.g., cooking, wood carving)
- Learn a new skill (e.g., origami, juggling, drawing)
- Create a family vision board
- Schedule regular library visits

ADVENTURE

- Try one new thing each month
- Take a nature survival or wilderness course together
- Do horseback riding
- Create an obstacle course in the backyard
- Create a Treasure Hunt
- Visit a new playground monthly

Watch D.O.G.S @ Cherokee

Over 50 dads joined us for our Watch D.O.G.S kick-off in December!



We are looking forward to having our fathers & father-figures join us at school at the end of January.

For more information on Watch DOGS, visit: [WatchDogs Website](#) or read the info page in this month's packet!

We encourage "dads" to sign-up online by visiting: [WatchDogs Sign-Up](#)



Together, we make Cherokee a GREAT place to be!

ALL ABOUT



WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is a family and community engagement educational initiative. There are 2 primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S.® program.

- 1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
- 2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

WATCH D.O.G.S.® began in 1998 in a single school in Springdale, Arkansas and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into the school classrooms and hallways across the country, creating millions of hours of “in school” volunteer time and having a tremendously positive impact on the educational process.

Program Benefits

- Students gain positive male role models.
- Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of a father or father figure will provide an additional deterrent to bullying, enhance a sense of security in the building, and will help to create an environment conducive to learning.
- Fathers get a glimpse of their students’ everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today’s youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and hopefully connect with them.
- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student’s life in three critical areas including: academic performance, self-esteem, social behavior.
- Due to budget shortfalls and cutbacks, often teachers are presented with larger classrooms each year. The WatchDOGS volunteers provide real and important help for the teachers and the students.

Who are WatchDOGS (Dads Of Great Students)?

WatchDOGS are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father-figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S.® school. During the day, WatchDOGS may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well. Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a WatchDOG dramatically reduces reports of bullying. On the day of their participation, WatchDOGS are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official WATCH D.O.G.S.® t-shirt with a disposable ‘Dog Tag’ identifying them as WatchDOGS.

Program Recognition

The WATCH D.O.G.S.® program has been recognized by the United States Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and has been involved in the U.S. Department of Education’s P.F.I.E. (Partnership For Family Involvement In Education) and the Department’s Safe School Summit. The WATCH D.O.G.S.® program is a founding member of National PTA’s M.O.R.E. Alliance (Men Organized to Raise Engagement). The WATCH D.O.G.S.® program was featured on ABC World News Tonight with Charlie Gibson in their “Spirit of America” segment on November 17, 2008, on NBC’s Nightly News with Brian Williams on September 12, 2012 and on NBC’s Today Show which aired February 11, 2013. Also, the program has been recognized on the floor of Congress as a program that “can be a great tool in our efforts to prevent school violence and improve student performance because it can increase parental initiative and involvement in their children’s education.” (*Congressional Record, February 7, 2000 page S392*) WATCH D.O.G.S.® has been endorsed by the President’s Advisory Council and included in the March 2010 report to the President. In June 2011, US Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan visited a local WATCH D.O.G.S.® program in the DC area to encourage fathers and father figures to become more active in the educational system and to get a firsthand glimpse of the program.

For more information, visit our website at dadsofgreatstudents.com, email info@dadsofgreatstudents.com or call us at 1-888-540-DOGS(3647) to speak with a Program Developer.

Celebrating Leadership

CHEROKEE LEADERS WERE HONORED FOR LIVING THE 7 HABITS & DISPLAYING EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.



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DECEMBER WILDCAT PACK ~ THE GIFT OF KINDNESS



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LIGHT UP
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Students synergized during December's Wildcat Pack to think of ways of lighting our world with kindness.



Students decorated Cherokee's halls with ideas and suggestions of ways we can make our world a better place by taking care of each other.



Kids Heart Challenge™ is coming!

Our school is excited to partner with the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge Program! Our event will take place the week of Feb 10th During PE. All Donations will be due on Feb 28th!

During our school's challenge, your child will learn the importance of taking care of their hearts through fun activities for physical, social, and emotional health. Your child will also have the opportunity to learn from other students with special hearts and raise funds to help kids just like them. Plus, our school can earn money back to purchase much needed PE Equipment! In fact, if 50% of our students register to participate our school will earn an additional \$500 in US games to purchase PE equipment!

Register today to get started!

TO REGISTER:

Download our app or visit

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MY STORY

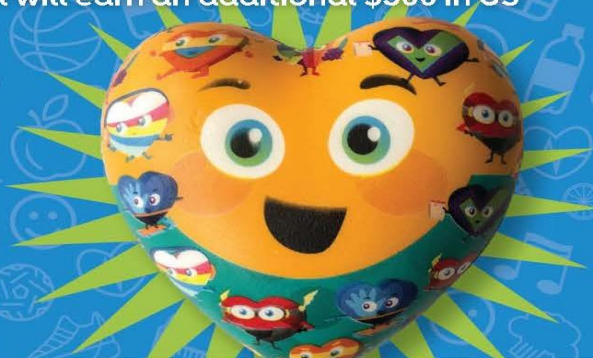
I'm joining millions of other kids to help save lives with the American Heart Association! I've taken a challenge to be healthier and take care of my heart. I'm also raising money in honor of my grandpa, great grandpa, great uncle and cousin who have heart disease to help kids with special hearts.

Please help me make a difference! Thank you!

Help me raise more!



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***See Urban Air Website for Details:
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Registration Deadline – February 3, 2020***

Please complete by 2/03/20 and return in at envelope marked "Cherokee PTO Mom Son Day."

Please make checks payable to "Cherokee PTO" or pay online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CherokeePTOPayments>. **NO CASH**

Attending Adult: _____

Student Name(s): _____

Teacher(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

Mom/Son \$60 _____ Additional Son(s) \$30 _____ Total _____

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SHORT NOTES

Snow day plan

Make sure you have a plan in place for weather-related school closings and delays. You might ask a coworker to swap shifts or see if you could telework when school is canceled. If you can't get home in time for an early closing, find a relative or neighbor to pick up your child from school or meet him at the bus stop.

What's that sound?

Play this game to sharpen your youngster's listening skills. Have her close her eyes while you make a noise. Can she identify the jingle of the dog's leash or the "pop" of the toaster? Trade roles, and let her create a sound for you to figure out.

Support for grandfamilies

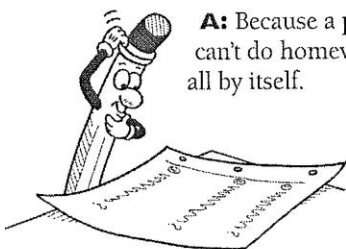
If you're raising a grandchild, ask the school counselor about "grandfamily" support groups. You'll meet other grandparents to swap advice and discuss the joys and challenges of parenting the second time around. Some may even offer grandparent-grandchild activities where your youngster can meet other kids with families like his.

Worth quoting

"If you see a friend without a smile, give him one of yours." Proverb

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do you do homework with a pencil?



A: Because a pencil can't do homework all by itself.



Goal setting: A recipe for success

Reaching a goal involves more than just hoping and dreaming. Here's how your child can practice setting, tracking, and achieving goals—skills that will serve her well now and in the future.

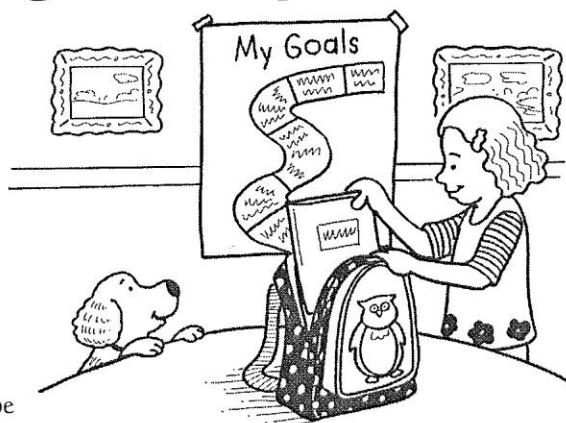
Be specific

What would your youngster like to accomplish? Maybe she wants to earn higher grades or become a better gymnast. Suggest that she narrow down the goal so it's more targeted. Her goal might be "I will turn in all of my assignments on time" or "I will move up one level in gymnastics this year."

Map it out

Breaking a goal into small steps makes it feel more manageable. Your child could draw a winding road on paper, add lines to divide it into segments, and write a step in each one.

Examples: "Put my planner in my



backpack when school ends" or "Do my beam routine five times in a row without falling off." She can color each step as she completes it.

Check in

Support your child in sticking to her plan. Say she falls behind on a long-term project. Together, look at her planner and find slots of time where she can catch up. Or if she has to miss gymnastics class one day, offer ways to practice at home like using a strip of duct tape as a balance beam.♥

Parent helpers

School volunteer opportunities come in all shapes and sizes to fit anyone's schedule. Consider these ways you might help your youngster's school.

- **Contribute supplies.** Offer to save recyclables to use in the classroom. Ask the teacher what he needs—perhaps plastic bottle caps for math games or baby-food jars for snow globes. *Note:* If you have clothes your child has outgrown, find out whether the school nurse could use them.

- **Share a talent.** See if you can help with an after-school or evening activity. Love music? Maybe you could tune students' instruments before a concert. If you're a runner, you might help coach a running club. Or if you enjoy arts and crafts, volunteer to make scenery or sew costumes for a play.♥



Screen-free play

Studies show that kids who spend less time in front of screens tend to be healthier and earn higher test scores. Encourage your youngster to enjoy “unplugged” play with these ideas.

Nature time. Electronics don't grow on trees—so going outside to play is one of the easiest ways to avoid screen time. You and your child can bundle up and go for a walk or throw a football around. You'll both enjoy being outdoors and spending special time together.



A screen-free corner.

Create a spot for your youngster to store his favorite non-electronic items like jigsaw puzzles, board games, and play dough. He could put them on shelves or in bins and hang up a sign that says “Screen-free zone.”

He'll have an inviting place to exercise his brain without technology.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

A dancing snake

Air currents make a paper “snake” wiggle and dance with this simple science experiment.

Materials: crayons, paper plate, scissors, yarn, lamp



Have your youngster use a crayon to draw a spiral on the paper plate. She can decorate the snake with patterns, then cut it out. Poke a small hole in the snake's head, and tie on a piece of yarn.

Turn on the lamp, and let your child hold her snake by the yarn at least 1 foot above (not touching) the warm light-bulb. Her snake will dance and spin.

What's going on? As warm air created by the lamp rises, cooler air moves in to replace it. This constant motion creates air currents that move the snake around.♥

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Write organized reports

This three-step strategy will set your youngster up to write a clear, well-organized report.

1. Choose your topic

Say your child is supposed to write about an animal. The process will be more fun if she picks an animal she finds interesting—and her enthusiasm is likely to come through in her writing.

2. Brainstorm questions

What does your youngster want to know about her topic? If she chose penguins, she might decide to research what they eat or how many eggs they lay at a time. She could write each question on a separate index card.

3. Collect facts

Your child can read about penguins in library books and online. As she researches, she should fill each card with facts. She might write information about a penguin's diet on one card and offspring on another. *Tip:* She can use each card to write one paragraph in her report.♥



Keep an eye out for bullying

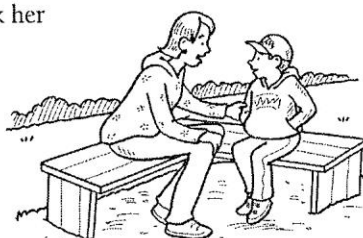
Q: My son has been coming home from school with bruises. He keeps saying he fell at recess, but I worry he's being bullied. What should I do?

A: Start by talking to his teacher. Tell her what you've noticed, and ask if she's aware of any recess accidents. If she isn't, let her know you're concerned about bullying, and ask her to keep an eye out.

Then, ask your son if he has ever felt unsafe in school or if he has seen anyone being hurt or being teased repeatedly.

Also, explain that he should always get adult help right away if anyone is hurting him or someone else. After all, bullying isn't a problem he's expected to handle alone, and it can get worse if adults don't step in.

Once you get the ball rolling, he might open up. If he admits to being bullied, meet with the teacher to make a plan for putting an end to it. And if he doesn't, the teacher will be aware of the situation and can alert you if she observes bullying.♥



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Measure up

Who can make the longest “inchworm”? Your child will practice measuring with this game. Take turns rolling a die. Using a ruler, measure a “worm” out of clay to match the number rolled (roll a 2, make a worm 2 inches long). Add to the worm on every turn. The player with the longest worm after five rolls wins.

Make time for family meals

Research shows that family meals can improve your youngster's well-being and help him do better in school. Look over your schedules each Sunday to find times when everyone can eat together. If one parent is working late on Wednesday and can't make dinner, for instance, plan to meet for a nice breakfast instead.

DID YOU KNOW?

Asthma is a leading cause of school absences. If your child has asthma (or another chronic medical condition), talk to her doctor and the school nurse about ways to ensure good attendance—and good health. Examples might include avoiding triggers like dust and mold and taking medication as directed.

Worth quoting

“The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.” *e. e. cummings*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: How many letters are in the alphabet?

A: Eleven (t-h-e a-l-p-h-a-b-e-t).



We respect each other

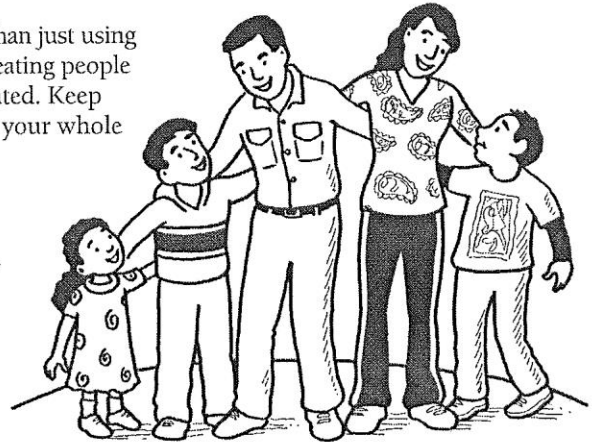
Being respectful is more than just using good manners—it means treating people the way you want to be treated. Keep these ideas in mind to help your whole family focus on respect.

Use peaceful tones

It's a fact that shouting often leads to more shouting. Ask your child to speak in a normal tone to show respect for the person he's talking to—and for everyone around him. If he starts yelling, speak to him in a whisper. He'll likely lower his voice to match your volume. Or if he shouts from another room, wait until he comes to you so he learns that you don't respond to yelling.

Avoid making assumptions

Your youngster can respect others' feelings by giving them the benefit of the doubt. For example, encourage him to rephrase an accusation like “Who took my water bottle?” Instead he could ask, “Has anyone seen my water bottle?”



That's more respectful because it won't make anyone feel accused or defensive.

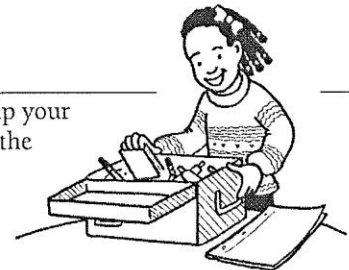
Accept different opinions

With your child, role-play ways to respect opinions that are different from his own. He might start a sentence with “That's one way to look at it, but I think...” or “A lot of people would agree with you. In my opinion...” If a conversation is getting heated, he could simply say, “Let's agree to disagree and talk about something else.”♥

My studying tool kit

Developing strong study skills now will help your youngster throughout elementary school and the rest of her school career. Suggest that she add these tools to her studying tool kit.

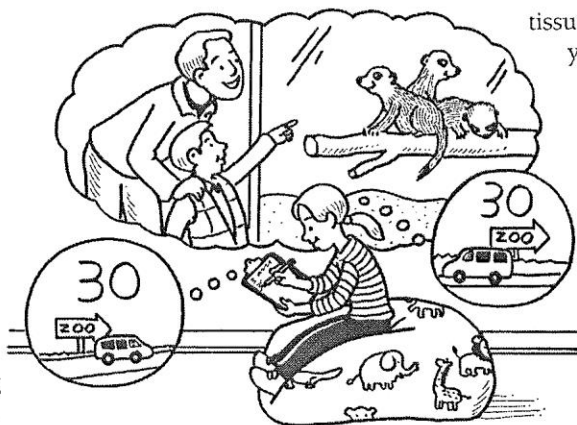
- **Color:** Let your child use highlighters to color-code her notes for easy reference. Perhaps she'll highlight dates in yellow, people's names in pink, and vocabulary terms in blue.
- **Recordings:** Encourage your youngster to record herself asking questions about the material. She can hit “play” to hear the questions and “pause” to give each answer.
- **Sticky notes:** Your child could write a one-sentence summary of each textbook section on a sticky note, then use the notes to bookmark the section.♥



Here's how I use math!

Give your child real-world reasons to use math—she'll see connections between what she's learning in school and what she enjoys in everyday life.

Do a craft. Maybe your youngster would enjoy knitting or making friendship bracelets. In each case, she'll count and work with patterns. Or she could explore shapes and symmetry with



tissue-paper mosaics or origami. Let her tell you about the math in her project.

Examples: "The pattern for this hat is knit 2, purl 2, knit 2, purl 2." "My mosaic has hexagons, right triangles, and trapezoids."

Plan an outing. Whether you're running errands or going to the zoo, your child can use math to plan your schedule. Say you have three hours for a zoo trip. Your youngster wants to see the parrots, and her brother wants to visit the meerkats. Ask her to calculate how

long it will take to drive to and from the zoo, then figure out how long you can spend at each exhibit. Remind her to allow time for walking from one area to the next.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER



A vivid vocabulary

"Draw a magenta bird with a *plethora* of polka dots and a *quirky* tail playing a *harmonica*." Would your youngster know what to draw if you gave him those instructions? Try this fun art project to help him learn new words.

1. Together, flip through a book or magazine and pick out words that you each think look interesting.
2. Write the words on separate slips of paper, and mix up the slips in a bowl.
3. Take turns pulling three words from the bowl and using them to describe something for the other person to draw. *Note:* Check a dictionary if you don't know what a word means.



4. Let your child describe his finished picture to you—he'll practice using the new words.♥

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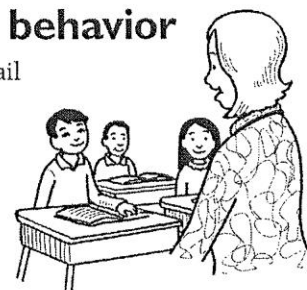
Good classroom behavior

Yesterday I received an email from my son Simon's teacher saying she had to move his seat because he talks too much in class. I replied to ask whether there should be a consequence at home, too.

Mrs. Roberts said she emailed me because she wanted Simon to know that she and I work together to help him succeed. She wasn't asking me to punish him, but she suggested that I might speak to him.

Simon complained that his friends start the conversations. I pointed out that he didn't have to respond, and I asked him what he could do next time. He said he will keep his eyes on the teacher or his work and talk to his friends at recess.

I'm glad his teacher told me what was happening. Now she and I will stay in touch to help Simon behave better in the future.♥



Your child's IEP review

Q: I have a meeting next month to review my daughter's Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

Any tips on how to get ready for it?

A: The first step is knowing what's in your child's IEP. Ask for a copy if you don't have one. There's a lot of information in there, so before the meeting, try to read over her goals and her accommodations (tools and strategies to help her). Jot down

questions about anything you don't understand, and ask for explanations during the meeting.

Also, write down what you want to tell the IEP team about your daughter. Perhaps she struggles with certain subjects at homework time or sometimes has meltdowns.

Finally, plan to take notes during the meeting. That way, you can refer back to what you wrote and follow up with your child's teachers.♥

