



O.W. Erlewine News

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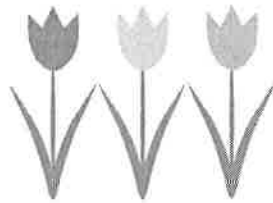
1-19: CAASPP testing
3: Book Fair and Jimboys
Taco Truck 4-7
4: Staff Appreciation
Day
5: Assembly Gr. 5 & 6
9: PTA meeting and
elections 6:00
12: Mad Science starts
19th: Jog a Thon
19th: End of testing
22: B Street Theatre
23: Puppet Show on wa-
ter safety
24th: Open House
26: Pajama Day
29th: Holiday Memorial
Day

Reminders:

- * Our office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- * Students are not to arrive at school prior to 15 minutes before they are going to attend class unless they are having breakfast on campus.

Reminders!

- If your child wants to bring a snack for the morning recess it must be a healthy snack. Dessert and chips may not be eaten during snack time.
- Students must wear a helmet when riding their bike to school. Scooters and roller-blades/skates are not allowed on campus.
- Please do not double park when dropping off your child for school. Students may be injured when others don't see them.
- Cell phones must remain off while on campus. Students must keep them in their backpacks. Students may not take pictures on campus.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered with our Earth Day celebration. It was an awesome event!



Do Your Best! Reach Your Goal!

Getting Kids Organized

Organization and planning ahead are learned skills, according to the Arkansas State Parent Information Resource Center. Kids can learn to become more organized, a skill that leads to better grades and school performance. The Arkansas PIRC recommends a four-part process to improve your child's organizational skills. Students need to:

Write down assignments and bring home books and materials-Make sure your child knows exactly how the teachers assign homework (written on the whiteboard, verbally assigned). Designate a notepad or notebook as your child's assignment journal. Keep track of papers-Subject folders help keep things organized. Teach your child to spend a few minutes each night organizing papers (study guides, graded assignments to study for tests, forms that need to be returned, etc.)

Plan ahead-Provide some way to map out a daily and weekly schedule. Help your child decide what needs to be done and when to do it.

Have a study place-Studying in one place is the most basic habit you can teach your child. Make sure the place has adequate space, is well lit, and has needed supplies at hand.

-Taken from PTA Third District

P.T.A. News

The PTA would like to remind Erlewine Families of the upcoming events:

PTA Meeting and Elections - May 9th 6:00

Jog-A-Thon - May 19th

Eagle / Jog Buck Store - June 2nd and 5th.

Thank you to everyone who visited our Scholastic Book Fair and Jimboys Truck. Thank you to Denise Nelson and all of her volunteers.

Another great fundraiser is "Box Top for Education". Box Tops are collected year round. Please continue to send these items in with your child. Your child receives Eagle Bucks for their donation.

If you would like to work at the upcoming Jog a Thon or Eagle Buck Stores please sign up in the office. Volunteers are needed to run both of these activities.

Election for our PTA board will take place at our May 9th meeting at 6:00. All voters must be members in good standing. The election will take place at the beginning of the meeting.



Please turn in your used computer ink cartridges to the school office. We are able to turn them in for school supplies. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration

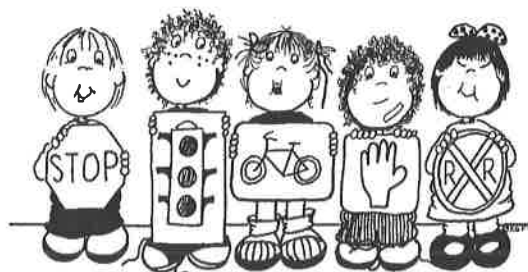
Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year is now taking place at the Serna Enrollment Center. Please bring your child's shot records, birth certificate and proof of your address (SMUD, PG&E, or Water Bill). Children who will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2017 are eligible to register. Please register your child as soon as possible.

Library Night Hours

O.W. Erlewine's School Library is open every Thursday night for family use. The hours are from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Families may check out books, videos, and cassettes. Computers are also available for doing student research or work.

Safety First!!!!

The speed limit on residential streets around our school is 25 m.p.h. During congested traffic times speed should be reduced and extreme caution observed. Both parents and staff have reported unsafe driving behavior during drop off and pick up of students. Please remember that the safety of our students is first and foremost. Please avoid U-turns, double parking, dropping off in the street, and opening car doors facing the street. Please also have your child use the crosswalk rather than running across the middle of the street.



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SHORT NOTES

Thank you, teacher

Encourage your youngster to decide how she wants to thank her teacher for a great year. Maybe she'll make a card that tells what she liked best. ("The engineering projects were cool. I really had fun building a bridge.") She can hand-deliver the card along with a homemade gift, perhaps a bird feeder or a pencil jar.

Middle school ahead

Do you have a child moving on to middle school? He will feel more confident if he knows what to expect. Make sure he attends orientation, where he'll meet staff and begin to learn his way around. He might also ask older kids for advice about getting from one class to another on time or finding a seat in the cafeteria.

Happy parent, happy child

A happy parent equals a happier household. To increase your family's overall happiness, try to find time every day to do something that pleases you. *Examples:* enjoy a hobby, spend time with a friend, read a book.

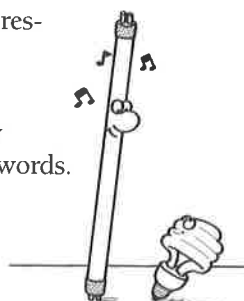
Worth quoting

"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others." *Plato*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do fluorescent light bulbs always hum?

A: Because they don't know the words.



Explore the outdoors

From sunny mornings when dew sparkles on the grass to dark nights when stars appear in the sky, the great outdoors is the perfect summer "classroom" for your child. Enjoy these activities together to help him appreciate nature and learn more about it.

Observe nature

Have your youngster put together an outdoor exploration kit. He could fill a shoebox or a reusable grocery bag with a magnifying glass for examining bugs, binoculars for gazing at constellations, and a sketch pad and colored pencils for drawing and labeling what he sees. Let him use his kit all summer long in your backyard, at the park, or on hikes.

Count collections

Encourage your child to gather leaves, nuts, seeds, and other objects from the ground. He'll practice math skills as he counts, sorts, and graphs his "finds." He might make a pictograph to compare the number of seeds, nuts, and leaves he collected. *Idea:* Suggest that he research his



discoveries in nature guides and display his collection with facts on index cards. ("A sweetgum ball is the fruit of a sweetgum tree.")

Take poetry walks

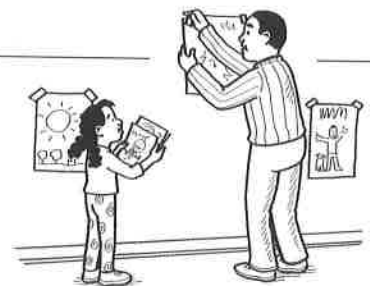
Go on poetry walks. Your youngster can jot down notes on what he sees, hears, feels, and smells. Perhaps he'll walk barefoot across damp grass, sniff a patch of honeysuckle, or run his hand over the bark of a tree. Then, he could use his notes to write a poem, such as:

*Dew is cool under my bare feet
The honeysuckle smells so sweet. ♥*

Celebrate learning

Let your child know how proud you are of her efforts this school year by holding a learning celebration. Here are suggestions:

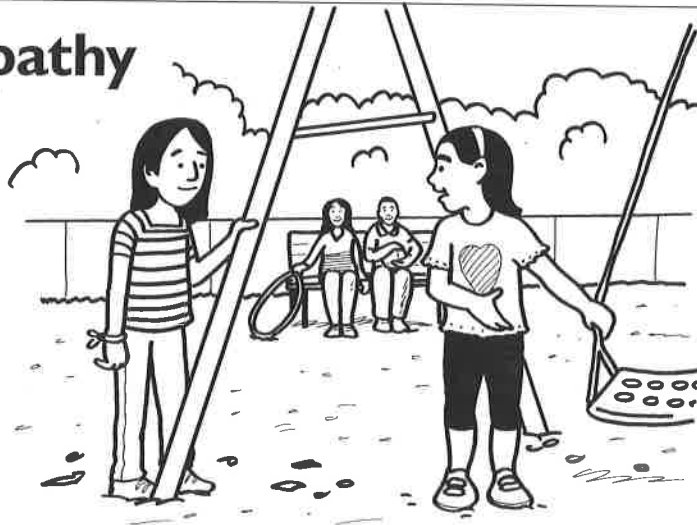
- Be your youngster's audience as she reads aloud stories or reports she wrote. Asking questions will show you're interested.
- Help your child make a hallway gallery of her artwork. Hang up favorite pieces, and invite family members to take a tour.
- Show her all the progress she has made! Pull out samples of her homework or projects from early in the year. She will enjoy seeing how much she has learned and improved. ♥



Expressing empathy

How can you help your youngster develop empathy? Encourage her to be aware of how others feel and to take action with these ideas.

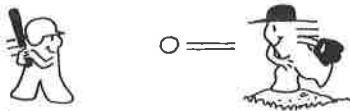
1. Recognize. This activity lets your child see the world from various points of view. First, have her cut out magazine photos of a dozen faces. Take turns choosing one and making up a story about how the person feels. Say your youngster picks a frowning child gazing out



the window on a rainy day. She could say, “He feels disappointed that he can’t go out and play.” Continue until you’ve used up all the pictures.

2. Act. Now explain that it’s time to put this knowledge into action. Ask your youngster to imagine how people feel in real life and then express empathy for them. As she goes about her day, she should keep an eye out

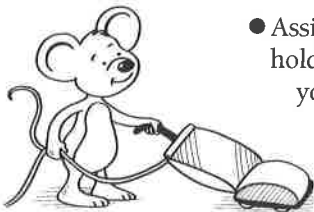
for people’s feelings. Perhaps she will spot a girl on the playground who looks anxious for a turn on the swings and offer to let her go first.♥



Routines that work

Sticking to routines in the summer makes it easier for your child to adjust to school routines in the fall. Try these tips:

- Have your youngster get up and go to bed at around the same time each day. That way, early school mornings won’t be such a big change.



- Assign household chores so your child stays in the habit of having regular

responsibilities, just like he does in the classroom. He could vacuum, sweep, or dust, for example.

- Eat regular meals together when possible. You might enjoy an early breakfast before work and reconnect with a family dinner in the evening.

- Play outdoors every day. Your youngster will stay active and burn off energy—and work toward the 60 minutes of daily recommended physical activity.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

My book trailer

“You’re going to love this book! Here’s why.”

Let your child introduce friends or family to books he reads by creating his own “book trailers”—videos that give sneak peeks into books the way movie trailers do for movies.

He’ll need to think about a book’s details, how the plot unfolds, who the main characters are, and what facts are presented. Remind him to give clues about the book’s contents—but not give away the ending or any plot twists. He could practice speaking while holding up the book to show pictures.

When he’s ready, record him with a camera or cell phone. He can watch the video and re-record until he’s pleased. Then, have him share his trailer with others. Anytime he reads a book he thinks friends would like, suggest that he make a new trailer.♥



Q & A

Prevent summer math slide

Q: I’m concerned that my daughter’s math skills will get rusty while school is out. What should I do?

A: Keeping math “muscles” strong is fun!

Look for ways to add math to outdoor games. For instance, write math facts like $7 + 8$ or 9×6 in hopscotch squares. As your daughter jumps to each box, she calls out the answer. If she’s “It” during hide-and-seek, she could count to 100 by 2s, 5s, or 10s while players hide.

Also, give her opportunities to estimate. Cut open a watermelon, and ask how many seeds she thinks it contains. Or have her estimate how many people are in the deep end of the swimming pool or in your row at a baseball game. Then, she should count to check her answers.

As she estimates and counts, her skills will improve.♥



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