



# O.W. Erlewine News

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## Dates to Remember:

November:

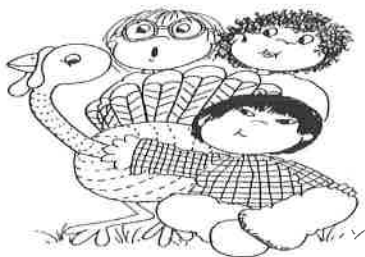
2: 6th graders to Einstein

6: Daylight Savings

11: Veterans Day—No School

21-25: Thanksgiving Vacation—No school

Please note: Parent Conferences will take place December 1-9. Kinder students will be on their regular schedule. 1st-6th graders will be on shortened days. 8:00-12:00 for primary 8:00 to 12:10 for intermediate



## Reminders:

- \* Our office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00p.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.

## Please Save Your Box Tops

Box Tops for Education earns money for our school. Each Box Top coupon is worth ten cents. Our school can earn hundreds of dollars from this program. Hundreds of everyday products you purchase have the Box Tops for Education coupon on them: Various Cereals, Pillsbury products, Yoplait yogurts, Betty Crocker products, Fruit Snacks, Zip Lock Baggies, Kleenex Boxes and more. Save the Box Top coupons in your baggie or envelope. Send them to school with your children to turn into the classroom teacher or the school office. Please be sure to add your child's name to the front of the baggie or envelope. Students will receive Eagle Bucks for their Box Tops.

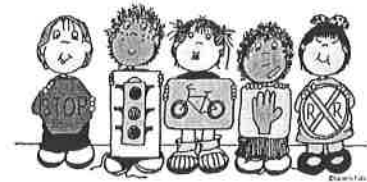
Thank You!



## Safety First!!!!

Parents, Please do not double park when letting your children out for school. It is very dangerous having children run between the cars. Please pull over next to the sidewalk so they can walk in safely.

Please also remember that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour around our school.



## Kids Can Drive

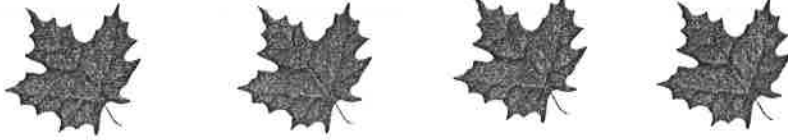
Kids Can will end on November 11th. Please bring your cans to your child's classroom.

The Following are Kids Can Most Needed Food Items:

Canned fruits/vegetables, canned and dry soups, canned tuna, chicken, ham, ready-to-eat spaghetti, ravioli, pork and beans, stew, refried beans, dry rice, pasta, beans, macaroni and cheese, pancake mix, fruit cups, Cream of wheat, Quaker Oats, peanut butter and jelly, and baby food.

Thank you for your donations!





## PTA News



Thank you to everyone who became a member of our P.T.A. during our September-October Membership Drive. There is still time to join our P.T.A. membership is \$7.00. So far we have 122 memberships.

The P.T.A. would like to thank all of those who participated in our Holiday Fundraiser. It was a great success!

Thank you also to everyone who helped with our Eagle Buck Store. We couldn't run the store without our volunteers. Our next Eagle Buck store will take place on December 16th and 19th. We would love to have you help out!

Save the Date! Our Holiday Fun Night will take place on December 14th. Please look in your child's purple folder for more information in December.

The P.T.A. would like to wish all of our Erlewine Families and Friends a Happy Thanksgiving!

### Medication on Campus

If your child needs to take over the counter medication or a prescription, a medication form filled out by the doctor and parent must be completed. This form is available in the school office. All medication must be in the container that it is purchased in. This includes cough drops, ibuprofen, and cold medication. It must be delivered straight to the office and given to Terry, Stephanie, or Melissa. You can have the doctor fax the form back to us at 228-5872.

### Math Support

When helping your child with math skills:

Make sure your child knows and understands the math vocabulary. Have him/her define the new terms or use examples to demonstrate understanding.

Encourage neat writing. Many errors are due to sloppy number writing.

Drill basic math facts. Use flash cards until your child can answer in fewer than 3 seconds.

Teach your child to read word problems several times. Cross out what is not needed.

Have your child explain the steps they did to figure out the final answer.

### Library News!

Our school library is open every Thursday night from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Families may check out books, tapes, CD ROMs and videos. Computers are also available for use during these hours. Mrs. Nelson is available to help you find and check out books. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality family time together and encourage reading. The library is located in Room 8 on our campus.



# Homework Help

*“Why do I have to do homework?”*

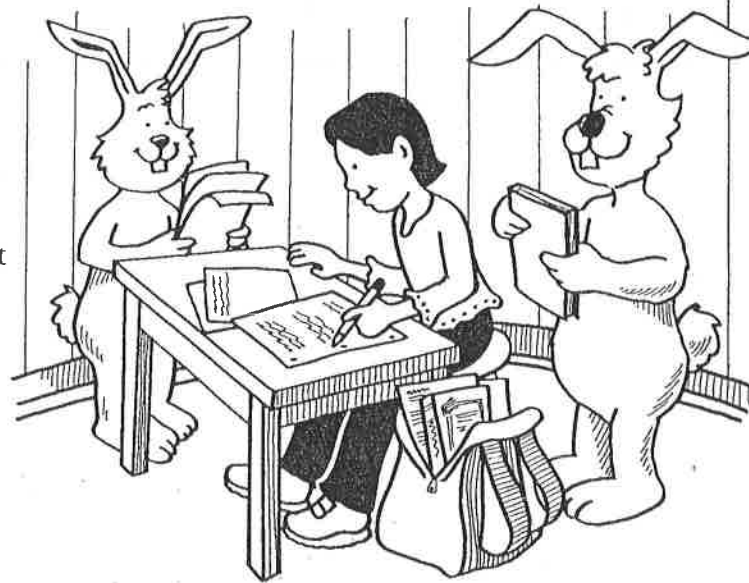
This is one time when answering a question with a question can work. Ask your child why she does soccer drills or practices her trumpet. Explain, “Homework helps you do better in school, the same way that practicing soccer helps you play better in games.”

Use this guide to help your youngster get the most out of homework—and put an end to homework battles.

## Developing a homework routine

The way you approach your child’s homework sends an important message. Show her that homework is important by giving it a regular time slot, helping her choose the best way to work, and teaching her to organize assignments and supplies. Here are some tips:

- Does your youngster need playtime before settling into homework, or does she prefer getting her work done right after school? Try each way for a week, and keep track of the results (how long her homework takes, her mood, how well she does her work). Together, decide which time slot works best.
- Let your child experiment with work conditions, too. Some children concentrate better in silence, while others need background noise such as soft music. If your youngster has trouble paying attention at the kitchen table, let her try stretching out on the family room floor.
- Keep school supplies in a basket or shoe box, stored in a handy spot. When it’s homework time, your child can grab the container and get started. Include pencils, paper, crayons, markers, ruler, scissors, glue, and other items she might need like a calculator and dictionary.
- Be sure your youngster has a plan for bringing home papers and books. You might get her a special folder (*example*: her favorite color) where she can put assignments as they’re given. Before leaving school, she can look through the folder and take the books she needs.
- Encourage your child to use a calendar to keep track of assignments. Have her list her subjects (reading, math, social studies, science) on each weekday and write in homework and projects. Crossing off completed items will give her a sense of accomplishment.



## Playing a supporting role

To get the most out of homework, your youngster needs to do it himself. If you provide too many answers, teachers won’t know where your child needs help. But you can offer the support he needs. Try these ideas:

- Go over the instructions. Have your youngster explain the directions to you before he begins so you can make sure he understands them.
- If he gets stuck, ask questions that will lead him to an answer. For instance, if he asks, “Where was George Washington born?” you might say, “Let’s read the chapter headings together and see if you can find out.” For an essay assignment, have him talk his ideas over with you before he starts writing.
- Review homework after your child finishes, and check to make sure his work is neat and complete. If he does his homework in after-school child care or with a sitter, set aside a time to go over it later.
- Help your youngster set priorities. You might encourage him to do his hardest assignments first, when he is most focused. If he has a spelling quiz Friday, have him review his words each day and allow extra study time Thursday.



■ When your child has a large project, help him break it into smaller pieces. Suggest that he write down each step and hang the list in his room. For a science project, he might spend two days choosing an idea, a week doing the experiment, and another week writing up his lab report.

*Tip:* If your youngster is struggling with assignments, contact his teacher. Together, you can come up with suggestions to help him.



project about the main character.

■ Involve the whole family. Hold a geography bee when your youngster has to memorize names of continents and oceans. Make your child the host of a family game show where “contestants” answer questions he poses. *Note:* Have him write out questions and answers first so he gets extra practice.

## Breaking up boredom

Your child may never love homework, but there are ways to make it more fun. Consider these ideas:

■ Encourage your youngster to start a homework group. Working with friends is not only more entertaining, it can increase understanding. Suggest that they take turns explaining math problems or quizzing each other on vocabulary words. When your child teaches others, he boosts his own skills.

■ Help your child bring out his creative side. For example, he might write a poem about rainbows using a different color ink for each line. Or he could turn a book report into a scrapbook

■ Plan study breaks, especially when your youngster is working on long or tough assignments. Suggest working for 30 minutes, then taking a 10-minute break to walk around the block or read a comic book.

■ Go somewhere else. You might head to the library, a coffee shop, or even a quiet corner in the park to do homework. A new environment can provide a welcome change of pace.

■ Celebrate success. When your youngster finishes writing a report on tigers, take a family trip to the zoo! He can see the subject of his hard work up close!



## Online homework help

How can your child find answers when she's stumped? Help may be as close as a computer screen. Here are a few places to try.

**Yahoo! Kids School Bell** • <http://kids.yahoo.com/directory/School-Bell>

Yahoo's School Bell contains links for language arts, science and nature, math, and social studies. Students can submit questions to

be answered, learn songs to help them memorize multiplication tables and parts of speech, and read about cultures, governments, and flags.



**Fact Monster Homework Center** • [www.factmonster.com/homework](http://www.factmonster.com/homework)

Find help for most school subjects here. Your child can read biographies of famous people, study with math flashcards, and use reference materials (dictionary, encyclopedia, almanac, atlas).

**Kids Konnect** • [www.kidskonnect.com](http://www.kidskonnect.com)

Featuring an alphabetized list of hundreds of topics, this site is a great place to start for reports and projects. Students will find information about people, animals, and more.

**B. J. Pinchbeck's Homework Helper** • [www.bjpinchbeck.com](http://www.bjpinchbeck.com)

This site contains dozens of links to resources ranging from All Living

Things to Webster's Dictionary. Or your youngster can click on a school subject, like social studies or art, and find information from the U.S. Census Bureau Map Finder or the Artcyclopedia art gallery.

**Kid Info** • [www.kidinfo.com/School\\_Subjects.html](http://www.kidinfo.com/School_Subjects.html)

Children can choose from a list of school subjects to find helpful links. At Language Arts, they'll learn how to write a good letter or find favorite authors on the Web. In the math section, kids can play games to reinforce basic skills, try mind-bending brain-teasers, and create five different types of graphs. This site also features history, geography, health, science, and more.

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