



Marcellus Elementary Newsletter March 2017

Music News - The 3rd graders will be presenting the musical play *Acorn to Oak* on Wednesday, March 29th with two performances at 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm.

End of Marking Period - Will be on Thursday, March 30th. Parents please look for reports cards to come home after Spring Break.

Fundraising:

- We collect Box Tops for Education
- We have a sticker machine in the school lobby with a variety of stickers to choose from.
- School Store is open on Tuesday and Fridays at lunchtime.
- Spirit wear is also available to order anytime – order forms are in the office.

Up Coming Dates:

Spring Break March 31st – April 7th
Kindergarten Round-Up April 19th

Get a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T

It can be a challenge these days to raise respectful kids. But an effective classroom environment depends on it. Try these tips:

- **Be a good model of respect.**
- **Point out and praise** respectful behavior, your child's and others'.
- **Correct slip ups.** "Is that what we say?"

Art News by Ms. Semark . . .

Thanks to all the parents and others who ordered items from Art to Remember, the art department raised just over \$1,000! I was able to purchase two items that would normally not fit in my budget, plus order supplies for many classroom teachers. We now have a Silhouette machine, a desktop cutting system like the Cricut (but much better!) and an entire classroom set of jewelry tools so I can start making jewelry with older elementary students. I am so excited to put these items to use in the art room. Thank you again!

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The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP) recently released findings from a comprehensive study on the [impact social media has on kids](#) and families. Although there are real benefits to kids using sites like Facebook, including increased communication, access to information and help in developing a sense of self, there can be serious downsides to all this online sharing too. Just as we prepare our kids for life in the real world, we should prepare them for life in the online world. Read on for tips that every parent should keep in mind.

Create Ground Rules

If your kids are old enough to be using the computer on their own, they are old enough to understand that there are rules they need to abide by. Breaking them should not have a lesser consequence than if they broke a rule in the offline world. One of the ground rules should be that you have full access to his online friends and can take a look whenever you wish.

Get To Know What Your Child's Habits Are

You don't need to be a super sleuth and spy on your kid's every online move, but it is important to be aware of the kinds of sites he is frequenting and the people he is associating with.

Urge Your Kids to Avoid Questionnaires, Free Giveaways and Contests

Many of these ruses are attempts to glean personal information. Inform kids that even if they are forwarded a fun questionnaire, it's best to close the window and not participate.

Monitor the Pictures Your Child Posts Online

If she wants to share photos with her friends via email or a social networking site, be sure you know exactly which pictures are being posted. Make sure the content of the photo is completely innocuous and that no identifiable locales in the background are noticeable.

Be a Good Example of How to Use Social Media

Consider the content of what you post and the possible interpretations.

Teach Kids about an Online Reputation

Make sure to stress to your kids what a digital footprint is and the impact inappropriate messages or images could have if a future college administrator or employer were to stumble upon them.

Talk to Kids about Online Dangers

Having an open line of communication is crucial the minute your kids start using the Internet more independently. Who's a stranger online? Everyone is! You need to remind your children that these people are strangers and that the standard rules always apply.