



# Marcellus Elementary October 2016 Newsletter

## Halloween Parties & Parade October 31, 2016

Weather permitting our annual parade will be through town starting at 1:00, with classroom parties to follow.

## Art News by Ms. Semark

Students in grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> are working hard on an original picture that will go to the Art to Remember Company. Order forms will be sent home which will show many different products that can be ordered with your child's artwork on them! These make wonderful, unique presents that will be back in time for Christmas. Proceeds will go to benefit our school with art supplies and/or equipment.

## Field Trip 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

The First graders will be visiting the Kalamazoo Nature Center on October 13<sup>th</sup>

## School Picture Retakes

Will take place on October 6<sup>th</sup>

## School Store Opening in October

The school store will be opening on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The store will be open every Tuesday and Friday during lunch times and special events. Profits from the school store will help with 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

## Fundraiser "Wildcat Walk"

Our annual "Wildcat Walk" will be taking place on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> during the school day. All students are encouraged to participate with this fundraiser. Unlike catalog sales which brings only an estimated 40% profit, the "Wildcat Walk" is 100% profit! Students will be bringing home pledge sheets and additional information.

## Reminder Start Time

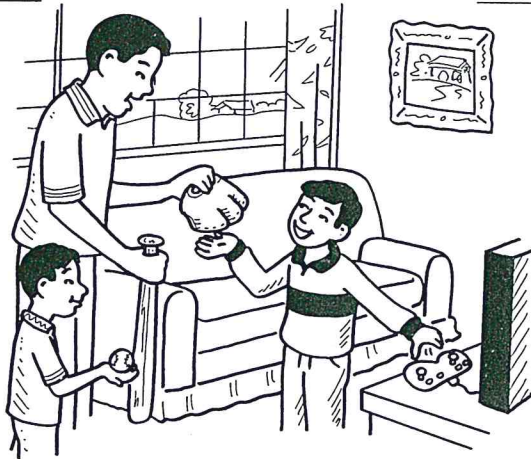
The first bell rings at 7:40 and school starts at 7:42, everyone should be in their classroom ready to go. If students are not in their classroom on time this will result in an unexcused tardy.

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## What does respect look like?

Your child's daily dealings with adults and kids alike will be more pleasant if he speaks and acts respectfully. Try these tips for helping him learn respect.

**Respectful replies.** Think about something that you and your youngster disagree on (say, whether his video game time should be limited). Model having a respectful discussion about it. You might say that his brain and body are growing and that he needs to run and play to stay healthy. Then, suggest a respectful response, such



as, "I want to be healthy, but I love video games." Have him brainstorm other situations where people have different opinions but still speak to each other with respect.

**Everyday acts.** When you mow the lawn or clean up after your dog, you can teach your youngster about respect for neighbors. Explain that keeping your neighborhood clean and neat makes it nice for everyone. Ask him to think of other respectful things neighbors should do. If you share an apartment laundry room, he might say that you respect neighbors' time by removing your clothes when they're done so others get to use the washers and dryers.♥

## A reading challenge

By reading more complex books, your child can learn new words, facts, and ideas. He'll also be exposed to more complicated plots and will grow as a reader. Share these suggestions:

- Knowing something about the topic or setting will make a tougher book easier to comprehend. If



your youngster is reading a novel set in China, he could talk to someone who has been there or look up the country online (try a children's site like [kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)).

- Encourage your child to look at a simpler book on the same subject. A picture-book biography about Harriet Tubman may help your youngster better understand a textbook chapter on the civil rights movement, for instance.

- Suggest that your child read complicated material with pencil and paper in hand. He can jot down questions, words to look up, or facts he wants to learn more about.♥



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Take Responsibility  
Show Respect



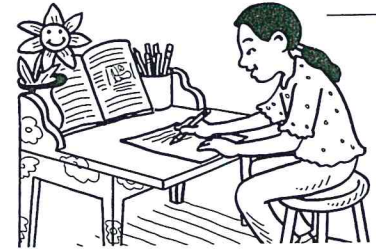
## Strong study habits

**Q:** My third grader has to spend more time studying this year. How can I make sure she studies effectively?

**A:** Set your daughter up for success by helping her find a distraction-free study spot. Also, have her come up with a study routine. For instance, she could reserve time each evening to review her textbook and notes in the days leading up to a test or quiz.

Also, many students find it helpful to jot down a purpose each time they study. Your child might write: "I will learn the definitions of all the boldfaced words in chapter 7, section 1."

Finally, encourage her to experiment with study strategies to find what works best. She could close his eyes and imagine how a word is spelled or draw a grid with 9 squares to solve  $3 \times 3$ . Or she might find it easier to spell or recite math facts aloud in rhythm or to a familiar tune.♥



## Talking to kids about money

My children were always asking to buy things like dress-up shoes or new games. They didn't seem to understand that these items weren't in our budget.

I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is limited. So I got a spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my

subway fare, the electric bill, and food at the grocery store. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees.

After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our income, several types of insurance, and membership in our homeowners' association. Sometimes they still ask to buy too many things at the store, but when I say no, at least they understand why.♥

