



The Leopard Link

Quick Tips for Parents: Words can hurt...Sometimes forever!

"You can never do anything right". "Why can't you be more like your sister".
"You are so lazy. You'd be a better reader if you would try".

Words can be powerful and painful, especially when they come from a parent.
Help your child feel good about him/herself. Here are some ideas:

Take a time out when you are stressed. Remember a child spells love: T-I-M-E. Apologize if you say something critical or unkind. Let your child know when you aren't feeling well (Kids can be pretty supportive). Encourage, "I can see you are trying". Listen to how your child talks to other children. Are your own words and attitudes being mirrored? Set reasonable expectations that provide opportunities for success!



Calendar of Events

1/13

Parent Chat in Cafeteria - 8:30AM
Topic: Social Skills
Picture Day for
Classes, Groups & Clubs

1/15

Parent PBIS Meeting - 6-7:30PM
PTA Meeting - 7:30PM
note time change

1/16

End of 2nd Quarter

1/19

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

1/20

NO SCHOOL
Teacher Workday

1/27

Report Cards

1/29

Skate Party at United Skates

2/4

Pawsitive Assemblies

2/2-2/6

Writer in Residence

2/5

Media By Moonlight (new date)

2/10

FNO at Milton's Pizza & Pasta

2/12

5th Grade Dance 7-8:30PM

2/13

Patriotic Spirit Day
PTA Meeting - 8:30AM
Early Release - 12:30PM

2/17

3rd Quarter Interims

Copy Center Chair Needed

We are in need of someone to manage the copy center for the remainder of the year. The Copy Center chairperson schedules volunteers for each month and takes care of reporting copier issues to Mrs. Pelletier in the front office. It does not require much time, but it is essential that this role be filled so that our PTA can continue to provide this important service to our teachers. Training will be provided. Contact Allison Northrup at ajnorthrup@gmail.com or Katherine Todd at khtodd123@gmail.com for info.

Helping Children Cope with Anxiety Workshop

January 26th 7-9 PM
at Davis Drive Middle School

Speaker: Dr. Aureen Wagner

Space is limited and registration is REQUIRED. This workshop will fill up fast. Workshop is open to parents of all abilities. Childcare will not be available.

To register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-children-cope-with-anxiety-presented-by-dr-areen-wagner-2015-tickets-12991220089>

Media By Moonlight

Thursday, February 5th, 6-8 PM

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening complete with stories, crafts, cocoa and cookies. Mrs. Crosson and the Family Night Out committee are busy planning and lining up storytellers for this FREE family event at Lead Mine.

It's a crowd-pleaser every year, so don't miss it!

Stay tuned for more information in upcoming Leopard Links and Tuesday Folders!
Volunteers are welcome, please contact Ashley Murr at ashleymurr2000@yahoo.com



Lead Mine Skate Party

Save the Date for the upcoming Lead Mine Skate Party at United Skates of America! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, January 29th, from 6-8:30PM**. This is will be a PRIVATE skate party only for Lead Mine families., and it's an event the kids really look forward to. You won't want to miss it!

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...BJ Cady for serving as our PTA president for the first half of the school year. We are so thankful for her hard work.
 ...Allison Northrup for heading up our copy center. She has done a wonderful job and we will miss her!



Let's Go Canes! The Carolina Hurricanes and Harris Teeter have teamed up with our PTA to offer you great Carolina Hurricanes hockey tickets while raising money for our school! A portion of each ticket sale comes right back to benefit our school. To purchase online please visit: CarolinaHurricanes.com/leadmine (PASSWORD: Leopards).

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Literacy Corner

It's easy to find yourself lugging home a stack of library books that your kids will love to listen to. It's harder to make sure you're bringing home a wide variety of books. But that may be just as important. Sharing lots of different kinds, or genres, of books with your young reader exposes him to different words, different pictures, and whole new worlds. Below are some genres to try with your reader that complement 'traditional' fiction. Some are suggestions that can be used as read alouds, others may be ones your child can read.

Fantasy/Science Fiction

From talking dogs to imaginary underground worlds, fantasy books contain elements that are not possible in real life. Cornelia Funke, J. K. Rowling and Lemony Snicket are all authors to consider within the fantasy genre.

Historical Fiction

Well written historical fiction helps past events come alive for children. With topics as wide ranging as pioneer life and ancient civilizations, books within this genre awaken the historian in any child.

Biography

Biographies have a way of inspiring kids. The best ones introduce famous presidents, inventors, educators and scientists in a way that helps kids identify with the person. David Adler has a series of biographies that are well loved by early elementary students.

Informational Books

What makes a volcano erupt? How tall is the tallest man? Where does the word pumpkin come from? Kids ask many questions, and reference books help them find the answers. When choosing reference books for your child, make sure they were recently written and seem to contain accurate information.

Poetry

Poetry just isn't as widely read as it should be. Several children's poets have collections that will make your child howl with laughter. Poetry is often shorter too, which makes the task of reading less overwhelming for new or reluctant readers. Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein are great authors to start with in this genre.

Whatever you choose to read with your child, make it an enjoyable experience. Have fun visiting that magical place, getting to know that famous person, finding the answers to questions, and reading with the rhythm of poetry.

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Math At Home

5th Grade Adding and Subtracting Decimals

Video Support for Parents and Students

ES 5 Math Add & Subtract Decimals w Base Ten Blocks:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t66sDWGe4PMHYPERLINK>

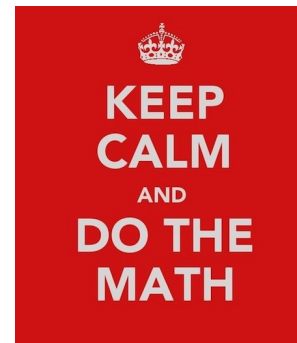
ES 5 Math Add & Subtract Decimals with Number Lines:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJBn8N87njgHYPERLINK>

ES 5 Math Subtract Decimals with Base Ten Blocks:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t66sDWGe4PMHYPERLINKNK&index=8>

When you have a moment,
 try some of these activities with your child to
 improve his or her math skills.



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