

The Lockard Report

December 2017
Linda Rule, Parent Liaison

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*As deep and as wide as the ocean, so is the
learning at Lockard Elementary School!*



The Principal's Message

Hello, Parents of Lockard Elementary School Students!

Students and staff have worked diligently this first semester to prepare students for the rest of their lives! We are preparing them by providing a high quality education each day. As we prepare for a two week vacation from school, we want students to retain the skills and information learned throughout the first semester. Tips for helping your child retain skills and information over the break are as follows:

- Review sight words and math facts by creating and using flashcards.
- Have your child read to you.
- Have your child read the same text to you multiple times.
- Have your child engage online with iReady.
- Play educational games with your child.
- Read to your child.
- Visit the site below for more games and activities that you can use to support your child over the break.

<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ESE/links/response-to-intervention-teacher-support-team/family-guides-for-student-success>

Just prior to the break, nine weeks tests will be administered (December 18-20). Following are tips to help your child prepare for the tests:

- Help your child correctly complete his/her homework.
- Review skills and words you've been given on each weekly newsletter from teachers.
- Provide support for your child on skills listed on the Parent-Student reports that are sent home every third week.
- Make sure your child is well rested prior to the assessments.
- Ensure your child has a healthy meal before testing.
- Have your child at school on time.

Student achievement is best when there is engagement and collaboration between parents and the school; so, thank you for engaging by following the tips above. The staff and I want the very best for each child. We want a positive, safe environment in which every child learns and grows. Have a restful holiday season!

Educationally,
Daphne Heflin, Principal

In Focus

Student – Madison Modley

Madison is a quiet, sweet, loving little girl who is courteous to others.

Parent – Tabettha Rice

Ms. Rice is concerned about her children's grades and behavior. She often checks on them to make sure they are on the right track.

Teacher – Latrice Davis

Ms. Davis is a dedicated educator who knows how to bring out the best in others. She is very patient and caring. I have watched how she lovingly takes care of her son's needs – the same care she shows her son is the care she displays with students. She knows that in teaching - you lead by example.

Monthly Calendar

8th – Sample Testing for Parents – 12 Noon

13th – Christmas Lunch

15th – Under the see Adventures – AR Celebration

15th – Christmas Program – 9:00 A. M.

15th – IPC Family Christmas Dinner

21 – Jan 3 – Christmas Holiday

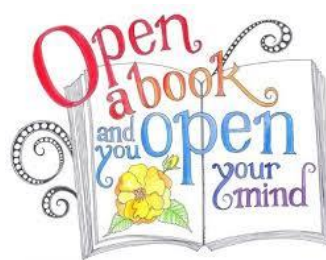




Literary Corner

KNOWLEDGE
IS FREE AT THE
LIBRARY.
JUST BRING YOUR
OWN CONTAINER.
- UNKNOWN

There is no friend
as loyal
as a **BOOK**
- Ernest Hemingway



Counselor's Corner

Mason's Memo

Classroom Rule # 2: Use Kind Words and Actions

Just when you think things can't get any more busy or stressful December rolls around. As parents we are pulled in every direction. We are wrapping up the first semester, having Christmas programs and parties, the stores are crowded and the lines are as long as our kids Christmas wish list!

This is a perfect time to remember our second Classroom Rule:
Use Kind Words and Actions

During these times remember that our children are watching to see how we handle these stressful situations. Are we patient with the store cashier who is scanning items as fast as possible? Do we allow the person with one box of cold and flu medicine to go around our full buggy to pay and get the medicine to his sick son? What about the person that gets the close parking space that we had our eye on?

This is a wonderful time to help our children learn the value of showing kindness to others. Remember that we don't know what is going on in the other person's world. A kind word or a smile could be the best part of a person's day.

Let us all be a good example for our children during this hectic holiday season and practice this classroom rule everywhere we go.



From the Parent Center

The position as parent liaison at Lockard Elementary School affords me the privilege of meeting and greeting parents. Some parents I know and others I am getting to know. Whether known or unknown to me, it has been reaffirmed that some parents are willing to do what it takes to help their children succeed. During this season of giving, school staff and administrators are stepping outside of what is expected and going the extra mile to help students, parents and teachers feel the love and know that they are valued. To this end, Lockard and Carver were recently adopted by "Secret Santas". Items from the "Secret Santas" are in the Ram Store located in the Parent Center. As you may know, ram bucks are given to students, parents and teachers and are used to purchase items from the Ram Store. Students earn ram bucks for good grades, good behavior and perfect attendance. Parents and teachers earn ram bucks for attending meetings and workshops. Hopefully, you will earn ram bucks and I will see you in the Ram Store!

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Mckinney Vento Act

Provide activities for, and services to, homeless children, including preschool-aged homeless children, and youths that enable such children and youths to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school, or, if appropriate, in preschool programs