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Achieving, Believing, and Caring

Greetings,

It is so hard to believe that it is November, one of my favorite months of the year. The temperature is cool in the morning and beautiful throughout the day. I am looking forward to the changing colors of the leaves. Thank you for sharing your children with us. I am thankful for our exceptional staff. Brook Glenn's faculty and staff work hard and care about every student. My hope is that this season will be filled with cherished memories and moments of thankfulness for you and your family.

This first quarter of the academic year ended this past Friday. Report cards were sent home on Tuesday, October 30. Please take some time to talk with your child about their grades and set goals for the second nine weeks. We want every student to maximize their potential and work hard to achieve what we know they're fully capable of.

We thank parents for attending the parent conferences. We hope that you found these meetings to be productive. Please do not hesitate to book a follow-up meeting with your child's teacher(s) to discuss any concerns.

A reminder that we're focusing on the positive habit of attendance throughout the school year. Every class minute is important—the more students are in class experiencing instruction, the more they learn.

Upcoming Events

November 1

5K – Sock Hop @ 1:30

November 5

*Exchange/ Teacher Workday –
No school for Students*

November 6

Election Day – No School

November 8

SIC Meeting @ 12 Noon

November 10

*Holiday Craft Fair and
Bloodmobile 9-2:00*

November 12 -16

American Education Week

November 15

*BGs Veterans' Day Program:
1-1:30; 1:40 – 2:10*

November 16

Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 21-23

Thanksgiving /Fall Break

STAFF NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS...

Dr. Marie Havran, Literacy Coach, will be published in the *Early Childhood Education Assembly (ECEA) Journal: Perspectives and Provocations*. Her paper will appear in the Fall Volume.



Ms. Holly Kutz successfully renewed her National Board Certification. National Board Certification (NBC) is a voluntary, advanced teaching credential that goes beyond state licensure. The SC ranks third in the nation in total number of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) – 9,042. Brook Glenn has 7 National Board Certified Teachers – Mrs. Pessolano, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Houck,



Mrs. Kristine McGarry and her husband, Brian, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Molly, on Friday night, October 26, at 8:38 pm. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Announcing...

Starting November 5, we ask parents not to walk their child (ren) to class. We understand that dropping your child off at his classroom gives you a chance to see your child's classroom, interact with the teacher, meet other parents and say a proper good-bye. Many parents also find comfort in walking their child to class because they know he's safe. However, we want to encourage students to be more independent and self-sufficient. Dropping students off outside the building reduces the number of people going in and out of the building, which greatly increases the security and safety of the school. Dropping children off outside minimizes the distractions associated with multiple adults being in the classroom, as well.



State School Report Cards released, online, Thursday, November 15, 2018.

1st Nine Weeks Awards Programs: Nov. 8: 3rd; K@12:30; 2nd @1:30; Nov. 9: 4th; 5th @ 1:30

What Parents Can Do: Reading Tips from Kids

By: [Reading Is Fundamental](#)



Parents can make reading more motivating by letting children choose books and making reading a memorable family event. Find out what children themselves have to say about these guidelines for parents to increase motivation.

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[Simple Practices to Nurture the Motivation to Read](#)

Here are a few tried-and-true guidelines from Reading Is Fundamental on how to motivate kids to read, with comments and suggestions from kids themselves.

Let kids pick out their own books

Book choice is a strong motivation for readers young and old. Let kids pick out books at the library or bookstore. It's almost a sure thing they'll want to read them. If you pick them out, they won't.

"Let your children pick out whatever interests them. When I was little, I always picked dinosaur books. My dad would read them to me. I got to pick out any book, and he would read it, no matter how hard it was," says Brian.

Set goals and reward reading

Reward reading with more reading, we've always said. Stop by the library or bookstore for the next book in your child's favorite series, or let your child shop for it online. Most kids agree, but they don't also see a problem with more... well, extrinsic rewards.

"Go around your town and find out about contests – you know, like the ones at the library where if you read so many books, you get a reward. Or make up your own," says Vincent. "If your kid likes ice cream, then every time he finishes, say, two chapter books at least over a hundred pages, then take him out for a little treat."

Let your kids see you read

Read the newspaper over your morning coffee, take a magazine from the rack in a doctor's office while you wait, and stuff a paperback into your purse, pocket, or briefcase. Your kids will catch on to the fact that reading is something you like to do in your spare time.

"If parents don't read a lot in front of kids, and instead watch lots of electronics – like TV and the computer – then the kids will think that's what they're supposed to do and they might not read as much," says Cameron.

Make reading together fun and memorable

Parents can convey important positive impressions about reading by making reading an experience their children will remember and cherish.

Emily says, "My mom really likes to read to me and she makes the books sound funny by using different voices."

It's not what you read to your child that counts; it's how. Make a story come alive by changing your voice and pace, or using sound effects and motions.

"For me, it was not just books – it was how my mom read the book that got my attention," says Brittany.

Create loving associations with books and reading

Reading together is a time for closeness and cuddling – another way to show your love as a parent, grandparent, or caring adult.

"My mom would write magical notes from Santa, from the tooth fairy, and 'discover' and read them with me in the morning. It was the sweetest reward knowing she'd taken the time," says Brittany.

Luis says, "My grandma is coming, and I want her to read to me."

For children lucky enough to have parents who read to them, the memory is lasting and their love for books and reading lifelong.

"Most of all, do it the old-fashioned way. Hold your child while you read together. One of my fondest memories is having my mom read to me in bed at night and falling asleep in her arms. I slept perfectly those nights," says Taurean.

