

Barton Elementary

February 2022

Newsletter

Ready, set, pretend!

No matter how old your youngster is, pretending can boost her creativity and teach her to think abstractly.

Try these activities:

- Ask your child to close her eyes and imagine she's a person she has studied (explorer, inventor) or that she's visiting a place she has learned about (White House, rain forest). Encourage her to describe what she sees, hears, and smells. In the rain forest, for example, she might see colorful birds, hear monkeys howling, and smell damp leaves.
- Pick a random object (sponge). Have each family member list creative uses for it (pincushion, hamster tumbling mat, ice pack). After three minutes, compare your lists. The person with the most ideas gets to pick the next item.

Recognize success.

Maybe you'd like your child's room to be neater. Tell her that if she keeps it clean for a month, you'll help her rearrange or redecorate it. By that time, picking up will probably be a habit. And she'll enjoy her room so much that she'll be motivated to keep it that way.

Tip: Try not to use rewards like toys or food. You'll train your youngster to expect something in exchange for behaving well. Plus, offering food as a reward can lead to unhealthy eating habits.

Good consequences

Behaving well and working hard pay off! Help your child see the results of her efforts – you’ll find yourself scolding her less often as she learns self-discipline.

Tie good behavior to nice outcomes.

If your youngster is quiet when you’re on the phone, you might say, “You were so patient while I made that call. Would you like to play a game now?” Or when she goes to bed without a struggle, point out how energetic she seems the next morning.

Physical Health

Keep your home smoke-free. If you or other adults in your household smoke, do your children a lifelong favor----never smoke in the house or in the car with them. Second-hand smoke can lead to a number of serious health problems, from breathing difficulties to cancer. Quit if you can. Cut back as much as you can. And do everything you can to keep your children from ever taking up the habit.

February Calendar:

February 1 – Celebration of NWEA Test Scores

February 1 – Barton vs Carlisle

February 4 – Lee vs Barton

February 7-10 – Junior High District Tournament

February 14-17 – Senior High District Tournament

February 14 – School Board Meeting

February 17 – STEAM Night 4:15-6:30 Kirkland Facility

February 18 – Winter Break Holiday

February 21 President’s Day (Holiday)

January Student of the Month:

Kindergarten:

Jaco

Easton Dailey

Russell

Riley Allen

Lederman

Reed Armstead

1st Grade:

House

Bella Peters

Helton

Kimberly Floyd

Smith

Coltlyn Bender

2nd Grade:

Files

Matthew Cook

Crowder

Laylah Floyd

Rutland

Tucker Nichols

3rd Grade:

Nichols

Braedyn McNeely

Harman

Ericka Clemons

Burchett

Alex Copeland

4th Grade:

Schieffler

Noah Dunlap

Staten

Miley Sexton

Williams

Westlee Driver

5th Grade:

Nichols

Mary Igou

Corder

Jillecia Otey

Davis

Gwyneth Wood

6th Grade:

Kern

Eli Wheeler

Mitchell

Kaitlyn Johnson

Pittman

Carter Reynolds

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Barton Elementary is a special place and it is “the place to be”.

Your Principal,

Bernie Winkel