

Burchfield Primary School News

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Love & Logic: What's Most Important?...

Do you want your children to be the ones who easily give up when assignments get difficult... or do you hope they'll have the confidence and grit required to keep going when the going gets tough? What's most important: stellar grades or solid perseverance and skills?

***Focus on the strain rather than the brains.**

Instead of praising, "You are so bright," notice their successes and ask, "How did you do that?"

***Help them blame their success on effort and perseverance.**

Most kids will respond to "How did you do that?" with "I don't know." When this happens, ask a question: "Did you work hard or did you keep trying?" Both options embedded in this question point directly to strains not brains.

***Avoid placing them on a pedestal.**

Capable kids often get so much positive feedback about their successes they begin to fear taking risks. It's as if they think, "If I try something challenging, I might not live up to what everybody thinks about me. I'd better take the easier route."

***Show them that failure is not final...it's informative.**

Many children develop a perfectionistic orientation by watching their rather perfectionistic parents. Sadly, doing so leaves many kids fearful of taking healthy academic risks. Give your kids...and yourself...a gift. Do your best to laugh about your blunders, while allowing your children to hear you say, "I sure learned a lot from that!"

***Love them unconditionally.**

When our kids know that we love them...not what they do...they feel safe to make the mistakes required to become truly exceptional people.

Notes from the Office...

Kindergarten Change: Kindergarten will be extending their day to a full school day beginning on the first day of the new trimester, Monday, November 14th. Our goal is to keep our students for the entire school day in order to increase instructional time. Kindergarteners will be dismissed at 2:15 and at 1:45 on Wednesdays.

Parent Education Night: Join us Wednesday, November 16th from 6:00-7:30 to learn about how your children are being taught in Language Arts and Math. Representatives from our Language Arts and Math programs will provide 45 minute sessions that are specific to each grade level. Spanish translation and childcare will be available.

Did You Know?... BPS now has a Chromebook available for each student in grades 2 and 3. We have made great advances in technology thanks to great support from our Principal, Mrs. Toth and our teachers.

Footsteps2Brilliance: The Colusa County Early Learning and Literacy Initiative, led by the Colusa County Office of Education, has announced a program that is available to all pre-K-3rd grade students in Colusa. Footsteps2Brilliance provides 1,000 interactive books, songs and games in English and Spanish that can be accessed on any smartphone, tablet or computer. To learn more or sign up to use this program, go to Footsteps2Brilliance.com or visit www.ccoe.net or call 530-458-0350.

Dates To Remember:

- **November 1st**
Photo retakes
Parent Club Mtg, 6:00
- **November 4th**
Jog-a-thon
Big Smiles Dental Prgm
- **November 10th**
End of 1st Trimester
- **November 11th**
Veterans' Day-No
School
- **November 14th**
Kindergarten begins
full day 8:13-2:15 and
Wed 8:13-1:45
- **November 16th**
Parent Education
Night, 6:00-7:30
- **November 21st**
African Drum Assem-
blies
Fire Drill
Report cards go home
- **November 22nd**
Lockdown Drill
- **November 23-25th**
Thanksgiving Break

