



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2018

Dear caregivers and parents,

Welcome Back! We trust everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, relaxing with friends and family. As we return to our home away from home for many of us there is much to do and plenty planned this last week of November leading into December. With all of the wonderful Holiday distractions, we continue to be focused on student learning.

In the past I have shared a number of easy activities you can take advantage of at home to support your students learning and success at school including; maintaining a safe and on-gong relationship with your teachers and staff, talking with your students about what was learned at school each and every day, reading with your child at home for 15-20 minutes. It can be so fun learning about Math with your children at home. Here are some ideas on how:

1. Have your child count down the time (weeks, days and/or hours) to a special day or holiday.
2. Have your child measure ingredients for a recipe you are making.
3. Encourage your child to track or graph scores or stats for a favorite sports team.
4. Ask your child to count the change at the grocery store, or to estimate the total cost while you are shopping.
5. Mental Math games – “If 4 times 6 is the same as 24, what must 8 times 6 be and why?”

If you have questions about these suggestions, talk with your teachers who will be more than happy to offer other more specific ideas for your particular students. What we know is that Math is not about a correct answer as much as a way to explain the world around us.

Please review the list of events and activities planned in the next few weeks. The “Holidays” are always an exciting and busy time.

Sincerely
Bob Edmiston

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Wednesday, November 28th– “Museum on the Move” is visiting the 4th grade in the AM**
- **Wednesday, November 28th- Word Master Challenge #1 grades 3-5 in library starting at 3:20pm.**
- **Friday, November 30th (8:30-9:00) – All school “Motivated Moose” assembly with a visit by the Ramirez family and their Luna Lobos dog sledding team.**
- **Tuesday, December 4th- Park Record Spelling Bee qualifier for grades 3-5 in the library and music room at 3:15pm**