



MCPOLIN OFFICE UPDATES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back from the Labor Day holiday. The Bike-to-School and Flag Ceremony activities last week were the best yet! We had over 150 or so students get to school on bikes, skate boards, scooters as well as another 150 adults helping with supervision. Thanks to everyone that helped and participated.

It is a perfect time to discuss with teachers what can be done at home to help students be successful at school and to share important only you would know information about your child that will help us best support learning.

With that said, here are my recommendations that will be of great benefit to everyone.

- Make reading a nightly activity with the family. Reading with your child, talking about the reading, and sharing your reading experience are strongly encouraged.
- TALK with your children about school. NEVER allow for one-word answers or “school was boring” response. Helping and encouraging students to explain their thinking in complete, cohesive sentences is a necessary skill in school and in communication in general.

If you don't believe me, here is a website supported by one of THE BEST literacy experts in the field – Tim Shanahan:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/blogs/shanahan-literacy/11-ways-parents-can-help-their-children-read>

A friendly reminder that the Fall Festival is fast approaching, there is a lot to be done and all help is appreciated. Please contact the McPolin PTO team to offer your support. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year. The Fall Festival has truly become a community wide event for all families. Please offer your time and help and become an important part of McPolin's success!

Sincerely,
Bob Edmiston

Important Dates:

- Wednesday, September 4th- 3:30pm School Community Council meeting
- Friday, September 27th- 4:00pm-7:00pm Fall Festival