

LAVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2024

Online Learning Information

We would like to thank all of our staff, students, and families for the flexibility and adjustments as we have worked through all of the weather related delays and cancellations this January! Since we aren't fully through winter, we wanted to provide some reminders about our online learning days. Please see the chart below that helps clarify the difference between eLearning and Virtual days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7TH:
WACKY WEDNESDAY: FAMOUS
PERSON DAY

FEBRUARY 16TH:
ELEARNING DAY

FEBRUARY 19TH:
PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 21ST:
WACKY WEDNESDAY: DISNEY
DAY

DECEMBER 20TH:
HOLIDAY HATS AND SOCKS
DAY

MARCH 18TH - 22ND:
SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

eLearning

- ASYNCHRONOUS learning will occur (no live sessions)
- Work will be posted by 10 AM
- Teachers will be available by email

**ALL WORK MUST
BE SUBMITTED 3
DAYS AFTER THE
ELEARNING/VIRTUAL
DAY IN ORDER FOR
THE STUDENT TO BE
COUNTED AS
PRESENT FOR THE
DAY**

Virtual

- SYNCHRONOUS, live instruction will occur
- Daily schedules will be provided by grade level teachers
- All students are expected to log in to the virtual classrooms from 10 AM to 1 PM

Mobile Dentist Make-up Dates

Wednesday, February 7th: Finish
Preventative Visits
Wednesday, February 21st: Restoration
(Cavities)



LAVILLE FAMILIES,

THIS MONTH, OUR STAFF BEGAN A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY WITH THE READING LEAGUE WITH THE GOAL OF IMPROVING OUR LITERACY INSTRUCTION HERE AT LAVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THIS PROCESS WILL ALLOW US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF READING, LEARN ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES, AND LEAD US TO THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF TRANSFORMING LITERACY INSTRUCTION FOR OUR STUDENTS.

THIS TRANSFORMATION WILL NOT OCCUR OVERNIGHT, AND IT IS VERY LIKELY OUR WORK WITH THE READING LEAGUE WILL CONTINUE ON INTO THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT IT WON'T ALWAYS BE EASY, CHANGE NEVER IS. BUT, IT IS A CHANGE THAT ALL OF OUR LAVILLE STAFF MEMBERS RECOGNIZE AS SOMETHING WE NEED TO DO AND WE ARE DEDICATED AND WILLING TO DO WHAT IS NEEDED FOR OUR STUDENTS.

THIS SEMESTER, OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH THE READING LEAGUE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- **TEACHER INTRODUCTION: THE 'WHY' BEHIND THE SCIENCE OF READING**
- **PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS**
- **PHONIC KNOWLEDGE**
- **6 STEP LESSON PLANNING**
- **REVIEW DAY**

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO LEARNING AND GROWING THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. IT IS ALSO OUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION AS WE ALL GO ALONG IN THIS JOURNEY.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US. IN THE MEANTIME, HERE ARE A COUPLE OF RESOURCES THAT CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WHAT THE SCIENCE OF READING IS.

MR. MARTINEZ AND MR. KACZYNSKI

[THE SCIENCE OF READING \(INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PDF\)](#)

[WHAT IS THE SCIENCE OF READING \(VIDEO BY THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION\)](#)



Building Routines

Building routines (and sticking to them) are important not only for ourselves and our own organization as parents, but also for our children. There are numerous benefits to following daily routines. Routines help our children become independent, adjust to change more easily, and establish meaningful relationships with those around them.



- Other ways routines help our child:
 - Feel in control of their environment
 - Feel safe, secure, and comfortable
 - Know what is happening now and what comes next
 - Know how to do an activity or task
 - Engage in learning
- How can I start routines in my home today?
 - Start small
 - Choose one particular section of the day to work towards a routine (Example: mornings)
 - Add other areas after one is mastered
 - Work collaboratively with your child or as a family to determine any non-negotiable areas in the routine
 - Provide support to successfully execute the routine until the child can complete it independently
 - Positively reinforce successful steps completed
- What if my child resists or fights the routine we are implementing?
 - Come back to the table to discuss the challenging parts of the routine for your child
 - Working collaboratively with your child teaches them problem solving skills, compromise, effective communication skills, independence, and builds trust between you
 - Be open to their suggestions and allow them to try them if they are reasonable (Example: Getting dressed before eating breakfast versus after)

Routines are an effective tool to make all of our lives easier while also teaching our children lifelong skills. The sooner we implement these, the more effective they are and the sooner our children become independent.



COUNSELORS' CORNER

In an ever-changing world, where emotional well-being plays a crucial role in personal and academic success, it is essential for us as parents and educators to foster emotional intelligence in our children. Emotional intelligence refers to a person's ability to recognize, understand, and manage their emotions effectively, as well as their capacity to empathize with and navigate the emotions of others. This crucial skillset equips individuals with the tools to cope with life's challenges, build healthy relationships, make sound decisions, and achieve overall well-being. Research has consistently shown that emotional intelligence has a profound impact on various aspects of a child's life. Here are some of the key reasons why nurturing emotional intelligence is crucial:

1. **Academic Success:** Emotional intelligence helps students excel academically by fostering self-motivation, resilience, and effective stress management. It enables them to stay focused, adapt to new situations, and maintain positive relationships with teachers and peers.
2. **Social Skills:** Developing strong emotional intelligence equips children with the ability to understand and regulate their own emotions, leading to improved social interactions. It enables them to communicate effectively, resolve conflicts amicably, and develop empathy and compassion for others.
3. **Mental Health:** Children with well-developed emotional intelligence are more likely to have higher self-esteem, experience less anxiety and depression, and exhibit healthier coping mechanisms when faced with emotional difficulties.

By nurturing and promoting your child's emotional growth, you are setting the stage for your child's future.

Practice Mindfulness

Introduce mindfulness exercises to your family, such as deep breathing or mindful walks. It cultivates self-awareness, stress reduction, and promotes emotional well-being.

PLEASE REACH OUT!

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Congratulations to our Q2 Citizenship Award Winners!



Parents, please go to mymealtime.com and track your students' account. You may deposit money with your credit card, or send in cash or check. Please avoid going negative! Also, remind your student to turn in lunch money to their teacher.

When your student does go negative, an automatic email notification is sent between 1 and 1:30 to your email. Please double check that it is not going to your spam folder. Please send in money the next day for deposit or go online and make a deposit.

