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PARENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

ORANGE CITY ELEMENTARY

Parent-Teacher Conferences- We would like to thank our parents who attended our Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 25th and look forward to seeing everyone else on Tuesday, November 2nd. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you.

Meals at School- A reminder that for the rest of the school year meals at school are free due to a grant from the Federal Government. This includes breakfast and lunch but if you have older students in the Middle or High Schools the ala carte menu still contains items that must be purchased. OCE does offer milk breaks for students and the cost is 35 cents per day. Taking milk for the breaks is completely optional.

Items for students- If your child has forgotten an item and you wish to bring it to school please ring the doorbell at the North entrance and we will be glad to buzz you in. Simply write the child's name and teacher on the Post-It notes provided on the table and we will get it to them ASAP. Also if you are picking up a student again use the North entrance and wait in the lobby and we will send your child out to meet you there. All students leaving early need to sign out in the office and leave via the main entrance on the north side of the building.

Important Dates

3rd-5th to High School Play	November 3rd
1st & 2nd to NWC Play	November 4th
No School	November 5th
Early Dismissal Fridays	November 12th & 19th
Thanksgiving break	November 24th, 25th, and 26th





Reading Strategy of the Month November



Creating Pictures in Your Mind

Our **third** reading strategy of the year is *Creating Pictures in Your Mind (Visualizing and Sensory Imaging)*. Good readers create pictures in their minds as they read. These images connect the reader personally, and often permanently with the text. Albert Einstein once said, "If I can't picture it, I can't understand it."

The images are made based on information from the pictures or text. As the images are created, other senses (i.e. smell, hearing, touch, taste) may become involved. When you read about a hot apple pie, you probably can (in your mind) smell it and taste it too!

Parents can help their child to practice visualizing by doing the following as they read together:

1. Read three or four pages from a book together. Stop and share the images you have in your mind. Ask your child to do the same. Continue reading and sharing.
2. Read a picture book (no matter what age) without showing your child the pictures. Ask him/her what he/she is "seeing" as you read. Stop every couple of pages to share the images.
3. Have your child sketch or diagram what he/she "sees" in the story. Ask him/her to explain the picture or diagram to you.

As you and your child share images, you may find yourself also recalling past experience.

What a wonderful way to share a book!

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Make Mornings Easier with a Regular Bedtime Routine

Children do better in school when they have routines at home. This bedtime routine is sure to jump-start your child's school day:

1. **Set** a regular bedtime.
2. **Start bath time** at least an hour before bedtime. This will give your child time to wind down from their hectic day.
3. **Tell your child** how much time she has to bathe or shower. Assist as needed.
4. **Have your child** complete after-bath chores. These might include hanging up her towel, straightening any clutter in her bedroom, choosing and laying out clothes to wear to school in the morning, organizing her backpack, and setting it near the front door.
5. **Allow for 15 minutes** of quiet time. Cuddle up and read with your child.
6. **Give your child** a hug and tuck her in.



“Trying On” Success Can Build A Child’s Confidence

Your daughter has a subject she just doesn't like. She avoids doing the work. She falls behind.

The next time your child complains about the subject she hates, try a new approach. Ask her to “try on” success.

What does that mean? Well, it's a lot like trying on new clothes in the store. You have to put them on to see if they look good on you.

Have your child try that with good study habits. Ask her to think of a student who is good in a subject she dislikes. What does that person do?

For example, successful readers spend at least three hours a week reading outside of school. Successful math students do their homework every day. They ask the teacher questions when they don't understand.

Once you have listed those behaviors, ask your child to give them a three-week trial. For the next three weeks, she'll do the same things that good students do.

You will probably begin to see a change. As children try on success, they start to see themselves as successful learners. Your child may even say that the subject she once hated is now among her favorites.

Teachers Share Discipline Ideas That Get Results

Teachers have lots of experience getting children to behave. What they do in the classroom can work for you at home. Here's what veteran elementary teachers recommend:

- **If you want it, teach it.** If you want your child to learn to pick up his room then teach him the procedure to do it correctly. Walk him through step by step and then have him practice it while you watch. If he does something incorrectly have him practice the correct way to do it during a time when he wants to do something else. By practicing on “his time” you'll be sure to have his best effort so he can go do his chosen activity instead.
- **Share your agenda.** Review daily plans you've posted on the calendar. All children want to know what is planned for the day or evening.
- **Make smooth transitions.** Don't expect your child to drop what she's absorbed in the minute you ask. Give a five minute warning. Try setting a kitchen timer.
- **Use signals.** Touch your child on the shoulder to remind him to pay attention or settle down, for example.

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 3rd-5th to High School Play	4 Day 5 1st & 2nd Grade To NWC Play	5 No School Ms. Olson's Birthday	6
7 Mrs. Pennings' Birthday	8 Day 6	9 Day 1 Mrs. Kuiken's Birthday	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 5th Grade Human Growth & Development 2:15 PM	12 Day 4 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM	13 Ms. Peters' Birthday
14 Mrs. Sikkema's Birthday	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM 5th Grade Dishcloth Sale Begins	20
21	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 No School Thanksgiving Break	25 No School Thanksgiving Day	26 No School Thanksgiving Break Mrs. Kleinhesselink's Birthday	27
28	29 Day 6 Mrs. Meerdink's Birthday	30 Day 1	1 December Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 Early Dismissal 1:15 PM Dishcloth Sale Last Day	