



Robert J. Fite Elementary



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Help Your Child Do The Right Thing

It's great to know that the school is there to help your child learn state capitals and long division. But when it comes to teaching values, parents are the best instructors. To build your child's character at home:

- **Do your homework.** Know where you stand. Think about the values that are important to you. Then talk about them openly with your child. Say things like, "Throwing trash on the ground is not responsible."
- **Lead by example.** A parent's example is the most powerful teacher of all. Ask yourself, "If my child watched my behavior all day, what lessons would he learn?" Make sure they are positive.
- **Use the Golden Rule.** Tell your child, "Treat others as you want to be treated." This will help him make good decisions. He can ask himself, "Would I want someone to treat me that way?" Discuss the consequences of behavior.
- **Set high standards.** Expect your child to live by important values. Help him see the benefits of his actions. Compliment his success!

Source: Dr. Michele Borba, "Ten Tips for Raising Moral Kids," www.micheleborba.com



Important Dates

August 2009

- Aug. 6 B & D Track Fall Pictures
- Aug. 13 5:30 p.m. – A Track Kindergarten Orientation – G1
- Aug. 14 **TRACK CHANGE DAY**
MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE
All Kindergarten 8:00 – 11:31
Grades 1 – 6 8:00 – 12:30
- Aug. 14 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. - Track Change Movie Day
- Aug. 17 8:00 a.m. - First Day of School for A Track

Back to School Night - 1st - 6th Grades:
A Track: August 20th - 6:00 pm

- Aug. 26 A & C Track Fall Pictures

September 2009

- Sept. 7 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL



Schoolwide Theme –
Work Habits

NO Excuses
Go to School

Avoiding Classroom Interruptions

One of the most important goals at Robert J. Fite Elementary School is to enable teachers to teach and children to learn. In order to accomplish this goal, we are always looking for ways we can protect the valuable instructional time in the classroom from unnecessary interruptions. Parent requests to get messages to their child or teacher during the instructional day can significantly interrupt the teacher's ability to keep a concentrated focus on instruction. In an effort to cut down on classroom interruptions, we are asking our parents to help us by making every effort to set your day's plans with your children before sending them to school each day. Make sure they have their lunch or lunch money.

Every time a request is made for a message to be relayed to a student or teacher in a classroom, the office staff must relay the message by calling the classroom and interrupting the class. Since there is no way to determine if it is a time that would not disrupt learning in the classroom, sometimes these calls are made during important lessons or tests, or even when there are guest speakers.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to preserve valuable instructional time.



Arrival Reminder - Please remember that there is no supervision for your child(ren) prior to 7:45 a.m. They are not to arrive on campus early unless they attend the CDI childcare facility or arrive for breakfast in the MP Room at 7:40 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

Short Notes

Homework Help

Do your children expect your help with their homework? Let them know you're around if they need you – but their schoolwork is their job. The benefit? They'll learn how to find the answers themselves, as well as boost their skills.

Internet Safety

Here are two important tips to keep your youngsters safe on the Internet. Tell them to open e-mails only from people they know. Also, they should never give out information about themselves on the Web. Examples: their school, age, or address; friends' or family members' names.

Math Measures Up!

Encourage your youngster to practice measuring at home. Look for ways he can use a tape measure, a thermometer, or scales. Example: "Why don't you help me measure the window? Will the new curtains fit?"

Worth Quoting

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best."
Duke Ellington

JUST FOR FUN

Q: *What do you have to pay when you go to school?*
A: *Attention!*

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School Hours

Regular Day Schedule 1st – 6th

School Start Time 8:00 a.m.
School End Time 2:25 p.m.

Minimum Day Schedule 1st – 6th

School Start Time 8:00 a.m.
School End Time 12:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Hours:

AM Start Time 8:00 a.m.
AM End Time 11:31 a.m.

PM Start Time 10:54 a.m.
PM End Time 2:25 p.m.