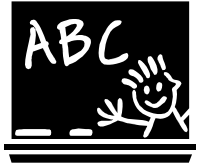


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Manilla Paper Drive

KC Club Paper Drive



Just a reminder, that our KC Club is doing a manilla construction paper drive benefiting Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. CCCAC is a non-profit agency serving children and families affected by abuse and neglect. Every year the agency sponsors a Back to School Fair for over 450 children to provide them with the basic tools for a successful start to the new school year. Each child is provided with a backpack filled with school supplies. Manilla construction paper is a much needed item to fill the backpacks! The drive is from April 2nd - 16th! Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

Reminder

Bledsoe's campus will be closed to visitors on **Tuesday - Thursday April 27-29** due to TAKS testing. Please make alternate arrangements for visiting, walking your child to class, volunteering, eating lunch with your child, or celebrating birthdays. Parents will not be allowed inside the school area.

Mark your calendar



More information will come as each date gets closer.

April 27: TAKS Test Grades 3&4 Math

April 28: TAKS Tests Grade 3 & 4 Reading

April 29: TAKS Tests Grade 5 Science

With spring upon us sometimes it is more difficult to get our kids to do their homework. Between baseball, soccer and the longer warm evenings it can be difficult to get your kids indoors to do anything! 😊 Following are a few tips to help you motivate your children to get the homework done.

- Try playing “Beat the Clock” with your child during homework time. Look over the assignment and figure out about how long it should take to complete it. Allow a little extra time and set a timer for that many minutes. No prizes are needed. There is great satisfaction in getting the work done on time.
- Here are five tips to make homework time easier for you and your child: 1. Have a regular place for your child to do homework. 2. Find a regular time for homework. You may want to make a rule, “No television until homework is finished.” 3. Help your child plan how he/she will use their time.



Mistakes are OK!

Children are great imitators. They may not hear what we say, but they sure watch what we do. When children see how parents react to and correct mistakes, they learn valuable lessons. They need to know that mistakes are how we learn.

Model ways to recognize, accept, and learn from mistakes.

Involve kids in discussions about what they have learned from their mistakes.

Show respect when they make mistakes.

Tell them how much you love them.

Acknowledge their feelings and let them know mistakes are okay.

Key in to positive behaviors rather than focusing on the negative.

Engage them in problem solving strategies to prevent repeated mistakes.

Share personal stories about lessons you have learned from making mistakes.

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