

The Noble Newsletter



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How Confident is Your Child?

"Mom, I can't do it. I need help!" Every child makes that plea once in a while. But if your child says it every day, you may need to help her become more independent. Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below to find out if you are fostering self-reliance:

- ___ **1. Do you tell your child that** you believe she can do it?
- ___ **2. Do you help her break** big projects down into smaller pieces that are easier to finish?
- ___ **3. Do you remind her** of the importance of effort? "You couldn't ride a bike the first time you tried. But you kept at it. You'll learn this if you keep at it."
- ___ **4. Do you ask her questions** when she gets stuck? "What did you learn when you read the chapter?"
- ___ **5. Do you sometimes** offer small treats to keep her motivated?

How well are you doing?

Each *yes* answer means you are helping your child learn how to work on her own. For *no* answers, try those ideas.

Million Word Challenge – How is Your Child Doing?

Students in Grades 1-5 have all been invited to participate in the Million Word Challenge. All your child has to do is read independently (or, for 1st Graders, with a parent) and fill out a reading log. Turn the reading log in to the teacher every two weeks. All students who meet the Million Word Challenge by May will be invited to a special celebration at school and will be eligible to win \$50 of free books at the Feria del Libro.

Library Open Until 3:00 PM Daily

To help your child meet the Million Word Challenge, the school's library is now open until 3:00 PM Monday-Friday for all students in Grades 1-5 who need a quiet place to read, research, or do homework. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this special opportunity.

Buy School Uniforms on Thursdays

School uniforms, t-shirts, sweaters, etc. are for sale every Thursday inside the main entrance to the school on Noble Avenue. If your child has outgrown his/her uniform and you would like to donate it to the school, please call our PSA Counselor, Liat Broome, or drop by the Main Office.

Going Traditional!

The district's goal is for all schools is to follow a traditional (one track) calendar. We are excited to announce that next year, **Noble is planning on changing to a traditional school year calendar**. School will begin in September, 2010 for all students. Please refer to the letter that was sent out for more information.

Emergency Cards – Keep Them Up-to-Date!

I can't tell you how many times I call the phone numbers on a student's Emergency Card only to find that all the numbers have changed, leaving me with no one to contact. At the beginning of the school year, you filled out a card with phone numbers and the names of people who are allowed to pick up your child in case of an emergency. It is **very important** that you keep this information updated. If any of your emergency information has changed—**especially your phone numbers**—please call the school and request a new Emergency Card.

School Cents Program:

Save Your Receipts – Help Noble Earn Cash!

Anytime you shop or eat at the Panorama Mall, save your receipts and send them with your child to school. The schools with the most receipts from the mall earn cash. So help Noble win some extra money... **SAVE THOSE RECEIPTS** from Wal-Mart, La Curacao, Payless Shoes, McDonald's, etc. Receipts can be turned in to teachers or to the School Cents box located in the Main Office.

Parent Center Workshops

There is always something happening for Noble's Parents!

- Wednesday morning meetings happen every week. Drop by any Wednesday at 8:00 and learn about such topics as literacy, math, healthy eating, resources for the family, etc.
- This month we are continuing the excellent workshop series, Parents in Control, offered by our very own counselor Margie Mulder. Every Thursday morning in the Parent Center.
- Join us on Fridays from 8:00 to 9:30 for our Exercise & Walking Program. We meet at the Parent Center.
- The first Tuesday of every month (this month it will be February 9th) is a chance to have an informal meeting with the principal. Join us at 8:00 in the Parent Center for our *Cafecito*.

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