



Jacobson Jets News

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Dear Jacobson Families,

I hope this newsletter finds all our families healthy and happy! Our Learn by Doing night on January 26th was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents who participated in this event with our students and staff. I'd also like to thank everyone for their generous tax donations. These contributions make it possible for our students to participate in many extracurricular activities that they would otherwise not have the opportunity to experience.

We have had a great 2012 year so far at Jacobson Elementary! It is the time of year to reflect on the school year so far, and renew our efforts to ensure all our students are reaching their full potential. It is our responsibility to make sure each and every student at Jacobson believe in themselves as readers, writers, scientists and mathematicians. Parents often wonder how they can maximize their child's learning potential at home. Here are a few suggestions:

Prioritize school Have your child at school every single day and on time. Send a clear message that you value their education, and as a result, you plan around it. Many studies have shown that students who have good attendance and are on time have significant increases in student achievement. Students who are absent or tardy from school miss out on important instructional time and the opportunity for continued learning.

Reading James Patterson, renown education researcher, suggests, "Here's a simple but powerful truth that many parents and schools don't act on: The more kids read, the better readers they become...Kids say the number #1 reason they don't read more is that they can't find books they like. Freedom of choice is a key to getting them motivated and excited." Structure home time so reading is an expectation, and set aside time for uninterrupted reading. Have conversations with your child about what they are reading. Ask how, why, and "I wonder . . ." questions. Have them explain their thinking and what they understand about what they are reading.

Writing Provide opportunities to see authentic writing outside of school (how we, as parents or others write). Provide additional opportunities outside of school for students to write to serve a real purpose (letters to Grandma, thank you notes, family shopping lists and diary/journal entries). Give your child the opportunity to write their own stories and then illustrate their books. Reading and writing go hand-in-hand...talk to your child about their favorite author and how/why they connect to the author's work.

Math Take advantage of any opportunity to talk about how math is used in everyday living. Be sure to point out examples when you are using math. When you're cooking, measuring for a home repair, or planning a trip, get your child involved in figuring out the math. Many of the ways we teach math now are different than how you and I might have learned in the past. This is a great time to work with your child on their homework and have them explain to you the different ways they are solving problems and using "number sense" to explore mathematical concepts at its deepest level.

Science A focus at school is always on the "Scientific Process"...and the 5 E's (Excite, Explore, Explain, Expand and Evaluate). Have your child explain to you about these strategies. Help them make connections between objects and phenomena that happen in our world. Hands-on experiments are a fun and exciting way to learn scientific concepts and share learning.

Wellness Thank you for all your support in helping out students stay physically active and healthy. Find ways as a family to play and enjoy our wonderful weather...go on a hike or bike ride as a family, plan an active vacation, and try a new recipe that adds more vegetables to your plate. Just ensuring that the family eats dinner together has shown significant effect on helping children do better in school and in life.

Hopefully, you will find some of these suggestions helpful. Perhaps you already do most of them. Thank you for all the support you give to your children and our school. Together, we can and will continue to provide a great place for our wonderful children to learn and grow!

Sincerely,

Lynn Weed,
Principal

Miss Arizona Returns To Jacobson

What a treat for the Jacobson Jets! On February 8, 2012, Jennifer Sedler, a former Jacobson Jet, returned to her elementary school. Miss Arizona was third runner up in the Miss America Pageant. She shared a special message with our students.

1. Choose your friends wisely.
2. Always be true to yourself....don't be someone you're not.
3. Never give up....you can achieve anything you want.
4. It's never too early to start....become active in your community, volunteer, and make a positive contribution.

The students were able to ask questions and then we all sang our Jacobson song together. Students can check out the Miss Arizona website, miss-arizona.org if they want to keep up with what Miss Arizona is doing.

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Hello Jacobson Families!

Spring Break is right around the corner! We hope that you have a nice few weeks off. You might have noticed some great additions to our campus recently. Thanks to your generosity and support of our fundraisers we have been able to purchase several new tetherballs and tables for our playgrounds. We have also been able to provide iPads to our classrooms as well. Thank you!

Our Spring Carnival is right around the corner on Friday, April 13th from 5-9pm. We have lots of fun planned so we hope to see you there!

School Cents is on-going, so please keep your receipts from the Chandler Mall and surrounding stores and either turn them in to your child's teacher or have them stamped at Guest Services.

Calendar:

3/8 Yollipop eat out day - all day
3/9 Pastries for Parents 7:30am
3/12-3/26 Spring Break
4/13 Spring Carnival 5 - 9pm

Your PTO Board,

Anna, Peggy, Melony and Susan

