

April 2017



# The Wave

*PVPV/Rawlings Elementary*

## Upcoming Events

### April 2017

- 3-7 – Book Fair PVPV
- 4 – Kid of Character breakfast
- 5 – Field Day 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 6 – Field Day 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 11-12 – FSA Testing 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 13 – Field Day 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 14 – No School
- 18-19 – FSA Testing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 20-21 – FSA Testing 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 24 – Interims issued
- 25-26 – FSA Testing 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 27-28 – FSA Testing 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 28 – Bach to Rock PVPV cafe

### May 2017

Talent Show, 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation,  
and more to come....

## Principal's Message

Hi Everybody!

The orange trees are blossoming and the children are learning! Kindergarteners study farm life; 1<sup>st</sup> graders go on a Field Study at UNF's Nature Trails; 2<sup>nd</sup> graders "plant seeds" of science knowledge; 3<sup>rd</sup> graders study economics to prepare for Entrepreneur Day; 4<sup>th</sup> graders take measurements all over campus; and 5<sup>th</sup> graders ready themselves to become middle schoolers.

We see outdoor successes, too, with our school dominating athletic events to bring home the District's Character Cup championship! Thanks to our dedicated PE Coaches Robyn Harden and Matt Sage, our on-campus Field Days have been huge hits as well.

To encourage well-rounded student development, we are always honored to roll out upcoming service learning projects. This month, we collect coins for the HEAL Walk (Healing Autistic Lives) and "Bag It Up" for the Goodwill car line donations April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you all for your support! Caty Van Housen



**Tropicana Speech contestants give their all. Best wishes to 4<sup>th</sup> grader Casey Carroll (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), who will represent us at the District Speech Contest April 24<sup>th</sup>, with his speech, "The Key to Happiness."**

# Character Cup Champions!

The PVPV/Rawlings Sea Turtles won this year's District-wide Character Cup! Our team of 10 students competed in a variety of track and field events, beating out 20 other elementary schools to bring home the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. Team members are:

**Carson Beliakoff, Pierce Burkhart, Regan Chappell, Ricky Circelli, Emily Glod, Cooper Gottfried, Matt Hoag, Vincent Jackson, Zoey Miller and Caiden Oliva.** The team coaches are **Robyn Harden** and **Matt Sage**. Congratulations to the team on all their hard work and for prevailing as this year's winning school!



## PVPV Field Days!



## Rawlings Field Days

### Coming Up...!

Rawlings 8:45-11:45am

April 5 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

April 13 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Congratulations to our March

## Kids of Character "Trustworthiness"

### The Six Pillars of Character™



#### Kindergarten

Joshua Warren  
Madeline Steckenrider  
Aria Gilberto  
Gabriella Davis  
Zoey Fishman  
Jalen Vaughan  
Markus Cheek  
Reese Hedberg

#### Second Grade

Aurora Boyer  
Lily Rey  
Catie Hoag  
Grady Harris  
Oliver Reich  
Johanna Lee  
Arianna Rahmathulla  
Ksenia Vorobjov  
Malia Guatan

#### Fourth Grade

Namath Intemann  
Cole Shapiro  
Rachel Morgan  
Emily Barnette  
Michelle Abboud  
Gray North  
Sasha Papock  
Luke Sunas

#### First Grade

Kayla Hughes  
Mackenzie O'Reilly  
Ansleigh Wesseling  
Caleb Van Coevorden  
Talan May  
Truett Henderson  
Rebecca Conwell  
Leni Munoz  
Elise Rosimini

#### Third Grade

Joseph Paly  
Eric Hanel  
Gavin Mesquit  
Storm Lickliter  
Kasey Kovacs  
Julia Preston  
Everlee Buckley  
Enzo Dacanay  
Evan Rubocki

#### Fifth Grade

Finlay Leburn  
Evan Redmond  
Carissa Kowitski  
Julia Pollack  
Ethan Glaze  
Carson Beliakoff  
Mario Neigre  
Joshua Kim  
Sage Olson

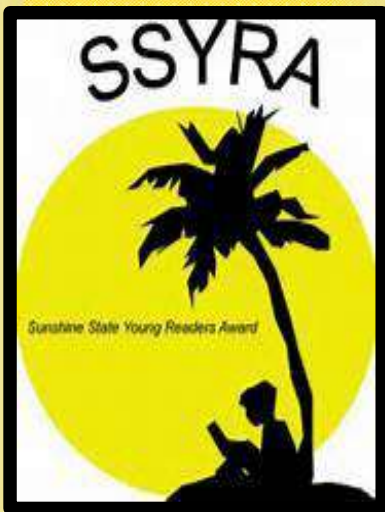


#### ACE

Iyla Vaughan (K-2)

Joey McMahon (3-5)





## Congratulations!!!!

The following students have read all 15 Sunshine State Young Readers Award books!

Charlotte Alford  
 Ashtan Augusta  
 Remi Baker  
 Levente Banyai  
 Ben Black  
 Casey Carroll  
 Katherine Chattaway  
 Thomas Dempsey  
 Kat Diaz  
 Anya Dorairaj  
 Sofia Elaty  
 Adam Enlow  
 Jack Epstein  
 Zoe Epstein  
 Alex Eston  
 Nadia Festic  
 Kelland Franco  
 Calvin Gabet  
 Sarah Garcia  
 Isabella Gatewood  
 Maia Geronimo  
 Annabelle Giurato  
 Maddy Glunt  
 Katherine Graham  
 Brooks Gray  
 Rigel Gruberg  
 Eric Hanel  
 Kirtland Harrington  
 Canon Hauseman  
 Anna Hepfer  
 Ruby Hernandez  
 Brody Hynes  
 Nancy James

Jasraj Kaeley  
 Narissa Kennedy  
 Zara Khan  
 Jimu Li  
 Steele Lickliter  
 Skylar Liu  
 Avery Lore  
 Martin Mack  
 Carter Magnano  
 Sophia Mathenia  
 Rachel Morgan  
 Savannah Morgan  
 Ashley Oakman  
 Charlotte Osol  
 Roshan Patel  
 Julia Preston  
 Joy Qiu  
 Leslie Ray  
 Madeline Ray  
 Sam Ray  
 Audrey Riegert-Johnson  
 Emlynn Rossiya  
 Evangeline Schlotzer  
 Cole Shapiro  
 Yvette Somers  
 Zane Swierz  
 Grace Theiler  
 Tessa Untiedt  
 Banks Vadeboncoeur  
 Nikki Walton  
 Evan Weinroth  
 Chandler Wildrick  
 Alexandra Wright

*Absolutely Almost*  
*All Four Stars*  
*Circus Mirandus*  
*Dinosaur Boy*  
*Eddie Red Undercover:*  
*Mystery on Museum Mile*  
*Fish Finelli: Seagulls Don't*  
*Eat Pickles*  
*Fish in a Tree*  
*Gabby Duran and the*  
*Unsittables*  
*Half a Chance*  
*The Pet War*  
*Pip Bartlett's Guide to*  
*Magical Creatures*  
*Prairie Evers*  
*Serafina's Promise*  
*The Terrible Two*  
*The Worm Whisperer*



## Spotlight on Achievers!





*The Skunk*

*The Princess and the Pony*

*I Yam a Donkey*

*Last Stop on Market Street*

*Duncan the Story Dragon*

*Mother Bruce*

*Toys Meet Snow*

*Sparky!*

*The Most Magnificent Thing*

*Interstellar Cinderella*

*The Chicken Squad: The  
First Misadventure*

*Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny*

*Amy Namey in Ace Reporter*

*Monkey Me and the Golden  
Monkey*

*The Yeti Files: Meet the  
Bigfeet*

**Congratulations!!!!**

The following students have read all  
15 Sunshine State Young Readers  
Award, Jr. books!

Edith Alford  
Austin Barber  
Jordyn Berger  
Taylor Bestie  
Aurora Boyer  
Bryce Brodsky  
Josh Calvo  
Kaiya Dodson  
Quinn Faircloth  
Kennedy Hronek  
Katherine Hurford  
Harper Iannella  
Abby Kaltman  
Jayden Lim  
Riley Nibi  
Presley Norman  
Colton Nuualiitia  
Elouise Owen  
Sophie Paul  
Arianna Rahmathulla  
Nora Rubocki  
Abby Shin  
Abby Squires  
Avery Winters

**Spotlight  
on  
Achievers!**





# Safari fun in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade!



1<sup>st</sup> grade students  
embarked on an  
endangered animal  
scavenger hunt!



Please call no later than 1:00 (12:00 on Wednesday)  
if you have transportation changes for your child.

PVPV (904) 547-3820

Rawlings (904) 547-8570

**Reminder!**

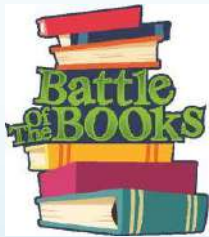
# We need your help!



**Please... check your calendar. We are in need of volunteers to proctor FSA testing... April 11<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Please log onto *SignUp Genius* and enter [Stacey.Thane@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Stacey.Thane@stjohns.k12.fl.us) (or email Ms. Thane directly and she'll help 😊!)**

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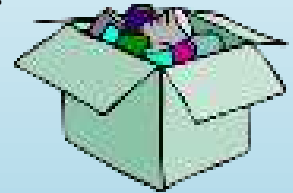
**Congratulations and Good Luck to our Battle of the Books Team!** They will represent our school at the District Battle of the Books competition on **May 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Ben Black, Grant Price, Emlynn Rossiya,  
Zoe Epstein, Zane Swierz**

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## Spring Cleaning Time

The Goodwill "Bag it Up" Drive will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>! Look for information from your Student Council on when and where to deliver your clothing, shoes, toys, books, and household item donations! Last year, Goodwill rewarded us with a check for \$2,000, plus two new classroom computers, for all of our donations. Let's meet our goals again!



**Don't miss out on your student's 2016-17 yearbook!**

Order online at [www.leonards.com/yearbooks](http://www.leonards.com/yearbooks)

School Access code: C360262

**Class group pictures**

Order online at

[www.leonards.com/photoprepay](http://www.leonards.com/photoprepay)

Spring group picture access code

G360284

**Yearbooks**



HEAL Walk for Autism  
@ Jacksonville Zoo  
and Gardens

April 30, 2017



# Coins for a Cause

PVPV/Rawlings is building a team to participate in the HEAL Zoo Walk For Autism on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The HEAL Foundation has supported our students over the last 7 years. Each class will be participating by donating coins to support the cause. Coins will be collected April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Credit will be given to each class on our fundraising page. The winning class will be announced on the morning news show. Families are welcome to join our zoo walk team by registering at <https://www.firstgiving.com/team/348491>.

Go team PVPV/Rawlings!

## The Art of Healing Exhibition



March 31 – May 26, 2017

Opening reception – March 31, 2017 from 6-8 PM

## ESE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

St. Johns County Schools (SJCS),  
Florida Diagnostic Learning  
Resources Services (FDLRS), and  
Florida Inclusion Network (FIN)

**Topic:** OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS &  
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM  
AND RELATED DISABILITIES

**Date/Time:** 4/11/17 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Pedro Menendez High School  
600 FL-206, St. Augustine, FL 32086

**GOAL:** To ensure parents of students with  
Autism have knowledge of available  
resources.

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will showcase a child-friendly exhibition from March 31-May 26, featuring photographs of students participating in Sound Connections (Music Therapy), art from Wolfson's Children's Hospital, Art with a Heart, and paintings from Heather Arguila.





PVPV/ Rawlings  
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## Spring Book Fair Presented by Pet Paradise

The Book Fair is April 3-7 on the PVPV stage.  
Please consider volunteering! If you are interested  
in helping out, click to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d48adab2ea75-spring>

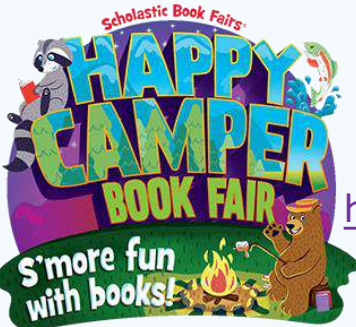
The Fair will be open at the following times:

Friday, March 31: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**\*Wednesday, April 5: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

We hope you can join us in supporting our school and Media Centers!



We had an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter for Box Tops! We collected a total of 20,008 Box Tops which gives us \$2,000 to put towards our school! Congratulations to our top three collecting classes at each school. The next collection period ends 4/28. Please keep on clipping!

### PVPV

1. Ebert – 983
2. Brogdon – 915
3. Huston - 598

### Rawlings

1. Boehner – 1458
2. Luce/Foley – 1283
3. Bogard - 605



## Staff Appreciation presented by



Let's celebrate our fabulous staff!  
Want to help?

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4eacaf23a13-staff2>



## Kindergarten Registration at Rawlings Front Office

Visit the website for forms and requirements [www-pvmkr.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www-pvmkr.stjohns.k12.fl.us)

Registration questions email [pam.nelson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:pam.nelson@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Kindergarten letters/numbers screening at PVPV  
(appts. set-up at registration with Ms. Nelson)

## Kindergarten (and new family) Tours at PVPV Spring 2017

To schedule a tour email [jennifer.scarbrough@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jennifer.scarbrough@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 pm

## Opening Schedule 2017-18 school year

**Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am - Noon Meet the Teacher for Pre-K and grades 1-5

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am – 2:50 pm First day of classes for Pre-K and grades 1-5

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** Kindergarteners come in for a one-hour meeting,  
by appointment, with their new teacher

**Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>** 8:30 am – 2:50 pm Kindergarten – first full day





# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show "Night of Stars"

Sign-up forms go home April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monday.

Get your act together, fill out the form and have parents sign away!

Turn your form in by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – it's the deadline ~

Practice, attend rehearsals and get ready for ShowTime!

5<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to participate and share their talents! All welcome to attend! Acts may be solo or group, and may be musical, dance, comedy or any other type of performance! The schedule for the Talent Show includes two **MANDATORY\*** practices.

Everything will be held at Rawlings Stage/Cafeteria.



\*Rehearsal 1: Wednesday, April 26th 2-4pm

\*Rehearsal 2: Wednesday, May 3rd 2-4pm

(Dress, Costume, Music, Instrument Required)



**SHOWTIME: Friday, May 5th 6:00 PM Acts must arrive at 5:00 PM SHARP!**

Performances **MUST** be kept to 2 minutes or less. Please bring any music or instruments to both rehearsals. Music can be on a CD, iPod or phone. Please wear appropriate

costume/attire. Questions? Please contact Noelle Franco at

noelleconnor@yahoo.com or 904-386-6531.



## Food and Nutrition News

We now offer a **new lunch option** called **"One Cool Box,"** that includes a strawberry yogurt, sliced apples and cinnamon toppings, plus carrot sticks with ranch dressing. Your child may also choose a second vegetable of the day and milk.

### LUNCH ACCOUNTS UPDATE:

Parents, starting in April, students will no longer be able to charge extra items to lunch account if there is a negative balance. Please keep your child's lunch account up-to-date so that we are able to close it out at the end of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Peto,

Food and Nutrition Manager, at 904-547-8576 or

*Jessica.Peto@stjohns.k12.fl.us.*

# April Lunch Menu

## APRIL MENU 2017

## ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> Mac & Cheese BBQ Chicken Max Snax Chicken nuggets & WG roll Carrot Dippers Steamed Broccoli Green Beans Assorted Fruit Variety Milk	<b>4</b> Mini Corn Dogs Cheese Ravioli & garlic toast Cheese Sticks & Marinara Spinach & Romaine Salad Carrot dippers & Corn Celery and sweet peppers Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>5</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Nuggets w/ WG Roll Carrot dippers Spinach and Romaine cucumbers and Celery Dippers Sweet peas Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>6</b> Cheese Burger Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Nuggets w/garlic toast Spinach & Romaine Salad Celery & sweet red peppers carrot dippers Crispy Potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>7</b> Hot Dog Chicken Nuggets w/ garlic toast Cheese Sticks & Marinara Spinach and Romaine Salad Carrot Dippers & Celery and Cucumber Bake Beans Assorted Fruit Variety of Milk
<b>10</b> Chicken Quesadilla Cheese Sticks Chicken nuggets & WG Carrot dippers Steamed Broccoli Green Beans Assorted Fruit & Variety of milk	<b>11</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Calzone Chicken Patty Sandwich Mini corn dogs Spinach and Romaine Salad Cherry Tomato & Celery Dippers Bake Beans Assorted Fruit & Variety of milk	<b>12</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Nuggets & WG roll Cherry tomato & celery Broccoli florets/ranch corn Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>13</b> Cheese Burger Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Nuggets w/garlic toast Spinach & Romaine Salad Celery & sweet red peppers carrot dippers Crispy Potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>14</b> No school Student / Teacher Holiday
<b>17</b> Mac & Cheese BBQ Chicken Max Snax Chicken nuggets & WG roll Carrot Dippers Steamed Broccoli Green Beans Assorted Fruit Variety Milk	<b>18</b> Mini Corn Dogs Cheese Ravioli & garlic toast Cheese Sticks & Marinara Spinach & Romaine Salad Carrot dippers & Corn Celery and sweet peppers Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>19</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Nuggets w/ WG Roll Carrot dippers Spinach and Romaine cucumbers and Celery Dippers Sweet peas Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>20</b> Cheese Burger Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Nuggets w/garlic toast Spinach & Romaine Salad Celery & sweet red peppers carrot dippers Crispy Potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>21</b> Hot Dog Chicken Nuggets w/ garlic toast Cheese Sticks & Marinara Spinach and Romaine Salad Carrot Dippers & Celery and Cucumber Bake Beans Assorted Fruit Variety of Milk
<b>24</b> Chicken Quesadilla Cheese Sticks Chicken nuggets & WG Carrot dippers Steamed Broccoli Green Beans Assorted Fruit & Variety of milk	<b>25</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Calzone Chicken Patty Sandwich Mini corn dogs Spinach and Romaine Salad Cherry Tomato & Celery Dippers Bake Beans Assorted Fruit & Variety of milk	<b>26</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Nuggets & WG roll Cherry tomato & celery Broccoli florets/ranch corn Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>27</b> Cheese Burger Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Nuggets w/garlic toast Spinach & Romaine Salad Celery & sweet red peppers carrot dippers Crispy Potato cuts Assorted Fruit Variety of milk	<b>28</b> BBQ Chicken and garlic toast Cheese burger Mini Corn dogs Bake Potato cuts Cherry tomato with celery Spinach and romaine Assorted Fruit Variety of Milk

# April Breakfast Menu

## SY 2016– 2017 Elementary & Middle School Breakfast Menu St. Johns County School District

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Pancake Sausage Wrap Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Taco Bananas Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly Taco Sauce	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Mini Pancakes Cranberries Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Egg Stravaganza with Toast Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Pizza Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly
Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Colby Cheese Omelet and Toast Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Burrito Bananas Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly Taco Sauce	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Scramble Egg Sandwich or Biscuit Cranberries Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Breakfast Skillet Frittata with Toast Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly	Assorted Fruit Cereal & Toast Sausage Sandwich or Biscuit Choice of Milk Choice of 100% Fruit Juice Butter & Jelly

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

### Choice of Cereal(s):

RS WG Cinnamon Toast Crunch, WG Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios, Golden Grahams, Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms, Reduced Sugar Whole Grain Frosted Corn Flakes, Rice Chex, Reduced Sugar WG Cocoa Puffs, Fruity Cheerios, Apple Cinnamon Cheerios

### Choice of 100% Juice: (4 oz)

Apple, Grape, Orange, Sour Apple, Orange Pineapple, Blue Raspberry, Fruit Punch

### Choice of Milk:

Fat Free Regular or Flavored  
Low Fat Regular

\* Menu cycles every 2 weeks





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# Home & School

## CONNECTION®

Working Together for School Success

April 2017

PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School

### SHORT NOTES

#### Keep up attendance

Good attendance matters all year. Show your youngster that going to school every day is job number one. If you plan to visit relatives or take a vacation this summer, check the school calendar to make sure your trip won't overlap with the end of this school year or the beginning of the next one.

#### Siblings as roommates

Have more than one child? Consider letting them share a room—even if they don't need to. Sharing space can help siblings bond and teach them about cooperation and respect. Plus, youngsters may be comforted and find it easier to fall asleep with someone else in the room.

#### Build observation skills

Boost your child's powers of observation during your next walk. Together, gaze at a scene (say, a playground) closely for 1 minute to observe as many details as possible. Then, turn around and take turns asking each other specific questions, like "How many swings are there?" or "What color is the slide?"

#### Worth quoting

"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." Confucius

### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** What do clouds wear in their hair?

**A:** Rainbows.



## Bring learning home

Help your child feel proud of the skills she's learning by giving her opportunities to use them outside of school. You'll boost her confidence—and she'll see that reading, math, and science are useful in everyday life. Pose questions like these for her to answer.

#### How can we organize our cabinets?

Your youngster may enjoy giving your kitchen cabinets a makeover. Suggest that she draw a "blueprint" for organizing dishes, pots and pans, canned goods, and other items. Review it together, and try some of her ideas—perhaps arranging spices in alphabetical order or stacking plates by size.

#### What will we do this weekend?

Let your child plan a fun outing for your family. She could start by checking the weather forecast. Then, encourage her to read newspaper listings and community websites to find activities, such as an arts and crafts fair, a free concert, or a minor-league baseball game. She'll need



to read for details like times, locations, and prices before she presents her idea.

#### Where should we keep the bread?

Ask your youngster to conduct a science experiment to discover how to keep your bread fresh and mold-free the longest. She could use what she's learning in science class to set identical slices of wrapped bread on the counter, in the pantry, and in the refrigerator. What does she find? She'll be excited when you use her results to decide where to store bread. ♥

## Develop good money sense

Now is the time to help your youngster manage money wisely—before he gets his first job or has bills to pay. Try these kid-friendly ideas:

- Have regular conversations about money. You might say, "Chicken is on sale this week—we'll save money if we buy extra to freeze," or "I want new curtains, but our car will need tires soon, and I need to save for them."
- Suggest that your child give a stuffed animal a pretend allowance and write a budget for how to manage it. Explain that it should include savings and put needs before wants (so his stuffed monkey might buy bananas to eat or a tree to live in before purchasing one more ball to play with). *Tip:* If possible, give your youngster a small weekly allowance to work on real-life budgeting. ♥





# Congratulations to our February Kids of Character "Caring"



The Six Pillars of Character

