

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Talent Show Auditions– Feb. 17 & 18
- Viking University– Canceled on February 25th for Faculty Meeting
- Pickles & Popcorn on Feb. 26
- Sweetheart Dance–Feb. 26
- Read Across America 8-9 am on March 2
- 4th Grade Writing TAKS–March 3
- No Battle of the Books on March 3
- Talent Show on March 11 at 7:00 pm
- Spring Break March 15-19
- Public School Week & Book Fair– March 23-29
- Open House– March 29
- No School April 2
- Family Science Night– April 13
- Dad's Club Golf Tourney– April 23

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Parent Involvement = Student Achievement

Study after study confirms that the most important factor in student achievement is parent involvement in academic endeavors. Henderson (1987) states, "The bulk of the research finds that a positive learning environment at home has a powerful impact on student achievement."

If you are like me you probably wonder how can I do it all. I have to work to provide the basics for my family. I want my child to be well rounded so I take them to various practices. I have to make dinner, we have to take a bath, and the list goes on and on.

All parents face these same dilemmas. It is not easy being a parent. Children don't come with a direction manual. However, there are some ways you can

manage everything and play an important role in the educational lives of your children.

Car trips are the best place to



1st Grade working hard on math facts.

talk with your children about school and review what they are learning. I often ask Landon basic math facts as we drive. I let him ask me facts back. He tries hard

to stump me by making up hard questions.

Another time you can work with your child is over dinner or while you make dinner. Have your child read a book to you aloud. You can also have an older sibling listen to your younger child read.

These are just some suggestions. It won't be easy. Don't beat yourself up if you can't get to everything, everyday. Make a goal to work with your child as many times a week as you can.

Once your child sees how important school is to you, they in turn will develop an appreciation for learning.

Together we can help our children achieve extra-ordinary things.

Valentine's Day Party Rescheduled

Due to the unusual blizzard Thursday, February 11, 2010 and school closing on the 12th, we have rescheduled all Valentine's Day Parties for Thursday, February 18th. The times for each party will be the same. Please make sure that siblings stay at home or that older siblings are in

school. This is a district policy. Also, please be sure to bring your driver's license so that we can scan you in. Sometimes the Raptor System loses names so everyone needs to bring a driver's license each time they come to visit. Here are the party times . . .

Class Party Times:

2nd Grade– 10:30-11:30
1st Grade– 11:45-12:45
4th Grade– 12:45-1:45
Kinder- 1:45-2:45
3rd Grade– 2:00-3:00