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Dolphin News Splash

Dolphin Pride Fridays

Beginning November 4, 2016, MMMS will be implementing Dolphin Pride Fridays. Students will be allowed to wear any of their Dolphin Pride t-shirts. Such include the recently distributed "Is Going To College" t-shirt and any MMMS club t-shirt. There are t-shirts available for purchase (\$10 each) in the main office. Quantities are limited so if you are interested please contact the school at the number listed above.

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Veterans Day Ceremony

To honor our Veterans, we will be holding a special Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 8:15am in the front courtyard. Families are welcome to join us on this morning. If there is a special Veteran who you would like to give a personalized invitation to, please fill out the attached form and return it to your child's teacher.



Upcoming Holiday Literacy Festival



On Thursday, November 21st, we will be kicking off our Holiday Literacy Festival. The intent of the Holiday Literacy Festival is to promote and celebrate literacy (ability to read and write). Beginning on November 21st and throughout the month of December, we will be having various in-school/school-wide literacy learning activities in an effort to encourage students to continue to "learn to read" and "read to learn." Listed below are the designated Spirit Days for November. The Holiday Literacy Festival culminating activity is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, December 23, 2016. Details of this event will be announced in the December Dolphin News Splash.

NOVEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

Incentives will be given to students who participate in the Spirit Days themes.

- Monday, 11/21— "What have you read lately?" - Wear something red.
- Tuesday, 11/22— "Read my shirt." - Wear a shirt others can read.
- Wednesday, 11/23— "Let's keep cultural literacy alive!" - Wear an outfit/item from your culture or island-wear.
- Monday, 11/28— "'Orange' you happy you can read?" - Wear something orange.
- Wednesday, 11/30— "Literacy is for the young AND old." - Dress as a baby, old lady, or old man.

Please note: While our spirit days are intended to be fun, we ask our families to ensure that our students dress respectfully. Please be sure that there are no inappropriate logos, pictures, or words on your child's attire.

Word of the Week Is Back

We are pleased to announce the return of our featured Word of the Week. A new word will be introduced to the students at the beginning of each week and review daily during the flag ceremony. We encourage our families to discuss, review, and use the weekly word of the week at home.

Dolphin Praise

Last month, as part of the Red Ribbon Campaign, MMMS participated in the island-wide video contest. Please congratulate our Dolphins for placing 1st in the contest! Special thanks to our GATE students for taking the lead as well as Ms. Unsio and the rest of the committee for their hard work. Video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/9Vnp5UGj9Ng>.



Birthday wishes to our Dolphins born in November!

November 2016

Treyven Quenga—2nd
Jay Aguigui—4th
Shayann Retilifi—5th
Krystal Jo Santos—5th
Ethan Topasna—7th
Karshamiri Awes—13th
Albert Santos—14th
Kayla Herrera—17th
Katie Kete—17th
Kriston Elliston—18th
Jayden Cruz—19th
Antone Santiago—19th
Jerome Quinata—20th
Caeleb Sablan—20th
Zion Sanchez—21st
Logan Tyquiengco—21st
Zayne Sanchez—22nd
Torrey Quinque—23rd
John-Michael Quinata—24th
Javin Meno—27th
Jasmine Torres—30th

Faculty/Staff:

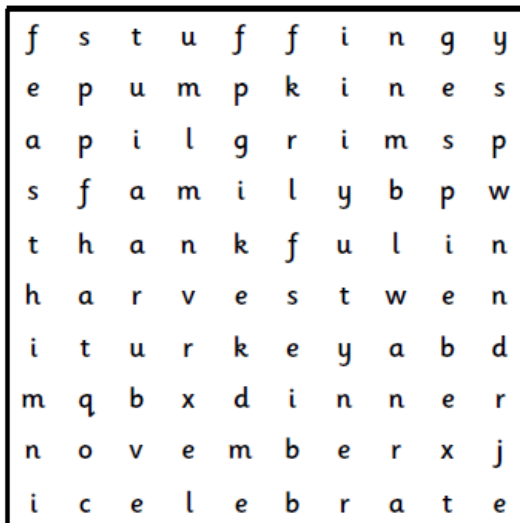
Ms. Arlene Cruz—3rd
Ms. Frances Balajadia—28th

Important Dates to Remember This Month

- Wednesday, 11/2—Holiday: All Souls Day
- Tuesday, 11/8—No Classes: Election Day
- Thursday, 11/10—MMMS Veterans Day Ceremony @ 8:15am
- Friday, 11/11—Holiday: Veterans Day
- Wednesday, 11/23—2nd Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home
- Thursday, 11/24—Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, 11/25—Flexible Make-Up Day #1



Thanksgiving Word Search



celebrate

dinner

family

feast

harvest

november

pie

pilgrims

pumpkin

stuffing

thankful

turkey

Quick Announcements

- MMMS jackets are still on sale for \$23 and can be purchased at the school. Please see Ms. Shirley if you are interested.
- Aluminum Can Collection Contest is still ongoing. Please don't forget to visit the main office when you drop-off cans to ensure appropriate students are being credited.
- Please continue to collect Box Tops and have your child turn them in to his/her teacher. Note that expired Box Tops will not be accepted.

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Dolphin Survey

November 3, 2016

Student Name: _____

Grade/Rm#: _____

Please include the following Veteran(s) on the MMMS 2016 Veterans Tribute Wall:

Name of Veteran (please print *legibly*)

Branch of Service

Please send home a personalized invitation for the November 10 Veterans Ceremony addressed to the following veteran(s):

Name of Veteran (please print *legibly*)

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SHORT NOTES

Fall back

Does your youngster know why people in most states will turn their clocks back an hour on November 6? Help her read up on the history of Daylight Saving Time—she'll practice research skills for a real-life reason. Then, she could share what she discovers with your family and change your clocks.

Assistant chef

Let your child help you with Thanksgiving dinner and look for ways to make it more nutritious. For instance, use whole-wheat bread for stuffing or mash cauliflower instead of potatoes. Involve him in every step of the process, and he'll learn about planning healthy meals, shopping for ingredients, and cooking.

Put away cell phones

Whether or not your youngster uses a cell phone, she'll notice the phone habits of adults around her. Make a point of putting away your phone during meals and while talking or playing with her. Your example will show her that it's polite to give others your undivided attention—and more fun to talk to the person you're with.

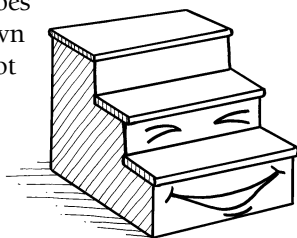
Worth quoting

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What goes up and down but does not move?

A: Stairs.



Secrets to better behavior

You know what they say: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That's true when it comes to effective discipline, too. Try these ideas for heading off problems, and then sit back and enjoy a more pleasant household.

Notice triggers

Being aware of what causes misbehavior goes a long way toward preventing it. Perhaps your youngster acts out when he's tired—make sure he's getting 9–11 hours of sleep. Or maybe he misbehaves when he's bored. Let him write a list of activities for when there's "nothing to do" (examples: play solitaire, finger paint, do crossword puzzles).

Offer choices

Give your child some control in situations where he struggles to behave. Does he typically grumble or whine while you're running errands? Consider letting him pick the order in which to do them. ("We need to go to the laundromat and the store. Which should we do first?") Is it hard to get him to dress



up for family events? He might like to choose the color of his shirt or pick out a pair of fun socks to wear.

Be a coach

Coaches demonstrate, encourage, and celebrate. Why not use this approach for behavior you want your youngster to change? If he should be putting dirty clothes in his hamper, for instance, "coach" him on tossing in his T-shirts. He'll see that it's more fun to "make a basket" than to drop clothes on the floor. When you find his floor free of dirty clothes the next time, give him a high five.♥

Questions for parent-teacher conferences

Parent-teacher conferences go by fast! Make the most of your time by writing a list of questions in advance. Consider these suggestions:

- "What are some of the most important things my child should learn this year?"
- "How does she get along with classmates when she works in a group?"
- "What subject do you think she enjoys the most?"
- "What are my youngster's strengths?"
- "What can we do at home to help her do her best in school?"♥

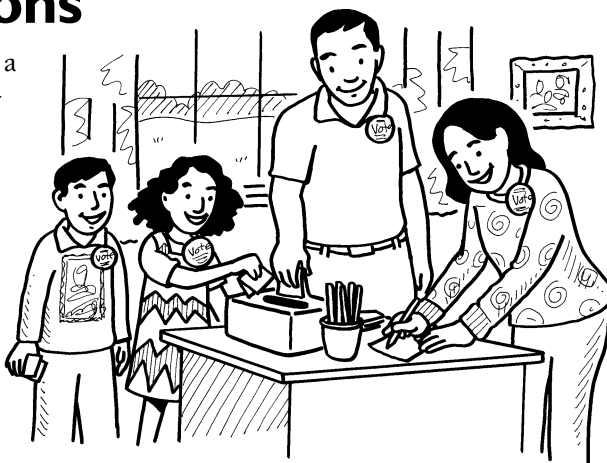


Household elections

An election lets a group of people make a decision, whether it involves citizens electing a mayor or children choosing student council officers. Show your youngster democracy in action by holding elections in your home.

1. Choose topic. Have your child pick an issue to vote on. It could be practical (“Should we paint the bathroom green or blue?”) or fun (“Should we get a fish or a hamster?”).

2. Campaign. Each person can campaign for her side, presenting reasons why others should



vote her way. You may decide to make posters or give speeches to persuade family members.

3. Create ballots. Let your youngster make a ballot for each family member and get an empty tissue box to put the ballots in.

4. Vote. Select an evening for your election. Cast your votes, and your child can tally them and announce a winner.

Tip: Use this activity as an opportunity to talk about the national elections this month. Take your youngster with you when you vote, explain the choices you make, and watch the results together on election night.♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

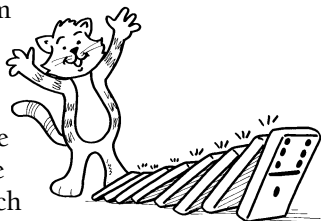
Create a chain reaction

Your youngster can watch a chain reaction before his very eyes—all he needs is a set of dominoes.

Have him stand the dominoes in a line, making sure the distance between each one is about the same. What happens when he knocks down the first domino? (It will topple the whole line of dominoes in turn.) Suggest that he try putting them closer together or farther apart, or even arranging them in a circle, U-shape, figure 8, or spiral. He could use a timer to find out which spacing or arrangement makes the dominoes fall fastest.

As he experiments, he'll learn about chain reactions, where energy is transferred from one object to another.

Idea: Encourage your child to look for examples of real-life chain reactions, such as how the pins fall when he bowls.♥



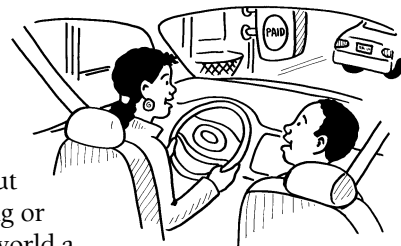
PARENT TO PARENT

It pays to be kind

We recently stopped to pay a toll, only to be told that the driver ahead of us had paid our way. My son John said, “But he doesn’t even *know* us!”

I explained that the driver had done a “random act of kindness”—something kind without being asked or expecting anything in return. Big or small, I told John, these good deeds make the world a better place. My son said he wanted to do a random act of kindness, too. So after raking the leaves in our yard, he secretly raked our next-door neighbor’s. He felt so good seeing her smile when she got home that he started looking for a way to be kind to someone else.

Now random acts of kindness have become a regular thing in our household. And John has discovered that when he does something for someone else, *he* is the one who feels good.♥



Know your library

The local library is a great place for your child to discover books she will treasure, find information for school projects, or simply settle in and read. Help her establish a library habit with these ideas.

Get a card. Have your youngster sign up for her own library card. This will make her feel like she belongs at “her” library.

Become acquainted. Explore different sections of the library together. Encourage her to get to

know the librarians—they will recommend titles or help her locate resources.

Return books on time. Fines can add up and keep your family from checking out more books. Suggest that your child decorate a reusable bag to hold books and add a sticky note with the due date. Each time she checks out books, she could replace the note with a new one—and a new due date.♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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Recipes for Success

Practical Activities to Help Your Child Succeed

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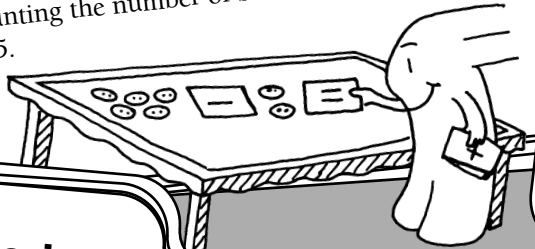
WORD PROBLEMS It's easy to see

Let your child put together her own "word problem kit" to make story problems easier to understand and solve.

Ingredients: small objects (buttons, coins), container, index cards, pencil

Have your youngster write symbols for math operations (+, -, x, ÷) on separate index cards and place them in the container along with the small objects.

Now she can use the kit to solve homework problems or fun word problems that you give each other. Example: "Seven monkeys each had 1 banana. Two monkeys ate theirs. How many bananas were left?" Your child might make one group of 7 buttons, move 2 buttons into a separate group, and put the "-" card in between. By counting the number of buttons left, she will solve the problem: $7 - 2 = 5$.



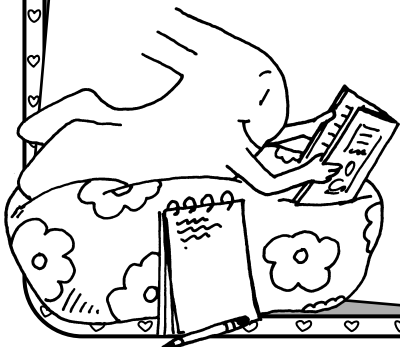
READING Connect with stories

Build your youngster's reading comprehension by encouraging her to connect books to her own life.

Ingredients: notebook, pen, books

Suggest your child start a Story Connections journal with one section for "Characters" and another for "Events." After she finishes reading a chapter or section, she can reflect on how the characters and events relate to her life.

For "Characters," she might imagine she's friends with someone in the story and write about what they have in common (they are both middle children, they like the same sports). Under "Events," she could mention happenings that mirror her experiences (starting a new school, adopting a dog). How many connections can she make for each book she reads?



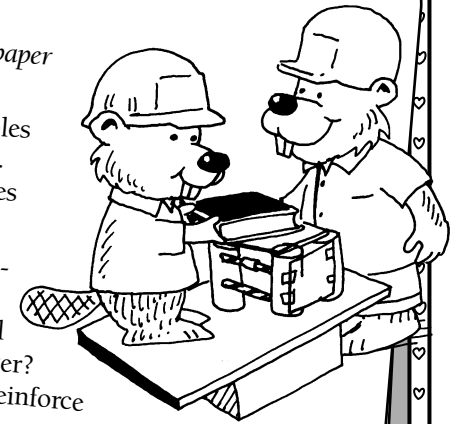
STEM Design a miniature fort

Your youngster can boost critical thinking and engineering skills by creating a mini-fort with household objects.

Ingredients: hole-punch, paper towel or toilet paper tubes, straws, cardboard, scissors, tape

Help your child use a hole-punch to make holes along empty paper towel or toilet paper tubes. Then, he could thread straws through the holes and tape on cardboard pieces to build his fort.

Suggest that he experiment with making a two- or three-floor fort. Have him test the "load," or weight, by placing objects on the floors until they collapse. How might he make them stronger? (Examples: Tape together cardboard pieces, or reinforce them with duct tape.)



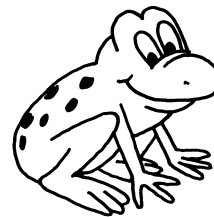
Refrigerator Poster

Just hang your Recipes poster on the refrigerator and sneak in an activity when you have a few minutes. These fun activities will help develop school success and positive behavior. Check off each box as you complete the "recipe."

POETRY

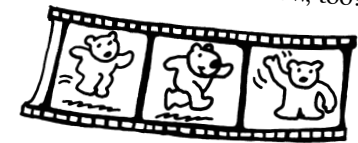
Enjoy poetry together with fun read-alouds. Take turns picking out favorite poems and reading them to each other.

Or read to your youngster while she acts out each line ("I'd rather kiss a frog...").



PATTERNS

Help your child work out his wiggles with patterns. Start with two movements—"jump, jog"—and have him do them over and over for 1 minute. Then, add another movement: "Jump, jog, wave." He will enjoy creating patterns for you to follow, too!



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VOCABULARY That sounds familiar!

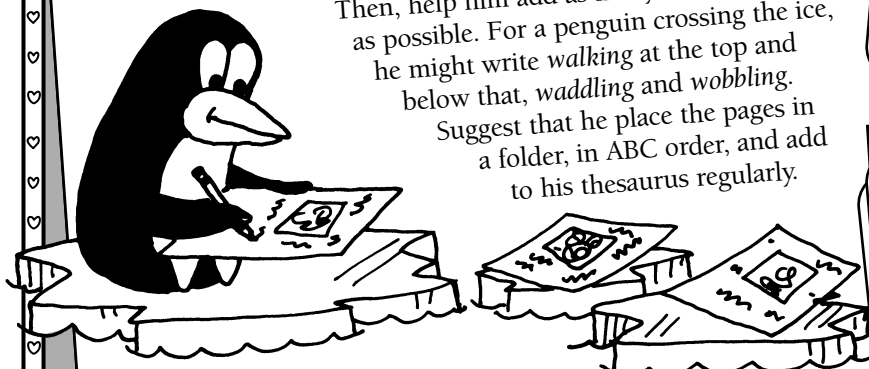
Here's a fun way for your child to learn about words with similar meanings by making his own thesaurus.

Ingredients: magazines, photographs, tape, paper, markers

Ask your youngster to gather family photos or cut out interesting pictures from magazines. He can choose one at a time, tape it to the top of a sheet of paper, and write one word describing it.

Then, help him add as many similar words as possible. For a penguin crossing the ice, he might write *walking* at the top and *waddling* and *wobbling*.

Suggest that he place the pages in a folder, in ABC order, and add to his thesaurus regularly.



Congratulations!

We finished _____ activities together on this poster.

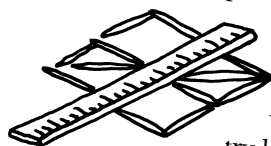
Signed (parent or adult family member)

Signed (child)

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SYMMETRY

Place a ruler on a table. Have your child use toothpicks or dry pasta to create a symmetrical design—each side should be a mirror image of the other. He could place one piece at a time on each side, making sure they're in the same position. Take a



picture so he can remember what symmetry looks like!

RESEARCH

Go on a bug hunt to look for stink bugs, spiders, or other insects. Suggest that your youngster take along paper and sketch the bugs. Then, have her use library books or look online to find out more about each insect.



GRAMMAR

Practice parts of speech with fill-in-the-blank stories. Together, create a tale, leaving blank spaces labeled with parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb). Say each category, and write in the word your child supplies. Then, let her read the silly story aloud.



Character Corner

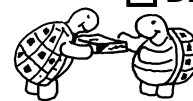
☐ HONESTY



Teach your child to give an honest response to a question—without hurting someone's feelings. If his friend asks, "Do you like my sweater?" instead of saying, "No," he could say, "It looks comfortable." That way, he's being honest *and* kind.



☐ DEPENDABILITY



Being dependable means people can count on you to do what you say you will do. Have your youngster keep a list of times she follows through on things, such as returning her brother's game when she promised. How long will her list grow?

☐ RESPECT FOR THE EARTH

Make it a family habit to point out food sources in everyday life, such as cows in a field or an apple tree in a yard. Knowing how the planet gives us what we need can help your child want to take care of it.



HISTORY

Help your youngster create a museum to celebrate his personal history. He might display the first tooth he lost, a specimen from his rock collection, or a ribbon from a gymnastics competition. He can add a card explaining each item—and then give you a tour!

