

SPRY MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS CLIPS

November, 2008

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for the first marking period will be mailed home the week of November 17th. Honor roll requirements are as follows:

High Honor Roll with Distinction (95-100)

High Honor Roll (90-94)

Honor Roll (85-89)

TESTING DATES

New York State has mandated that we give the following tests in January. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before.

January 14-18: NYS English Language Arts
6th, 7th, 8th grades



THANKSGIVING RECESS

time off!!

Thanksgiving Recess is November 26-28. There is no school. Enjoy your

PTSA CALENDARS

The Main Office has PTSA calendars for sale. They are \$5.00.

CHOCOLATE ORDER PICK UP

Reminder that the Genevieve Chocolate orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, December 4th between 4-6:00 p.m. Any questions, please call office 217 at 216-0044.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILL

On December 5, 2008, the Webster Central School District will participate in an Emergency Preparedness Drill. This drill will test the district's plan for early dismissal of students. Dismissal will be at 3:05, buses will depart from Spry at 3:15 on this day only. There will be no late buses running that day.



8th Grade Washington Trip November 5 – 7, 2008

Have a Great Time on the Trip!

The FIRST Fundraiser for the 2009 8th Grade Trip began on Wednesday, October 22, 2008. All orders are due by Wednesday, November 5, 2008. Please send payment (check or money order) with your student's order to the Red House Office (215). Fundraiser Delivery will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 from 3:45 – 6:30 p.m. in the East Cafeteria.

Any information you may want regarding the 2009 8th Grade trip may be found on the Red House webpage after November 7th:

www.websterschools.org/webpages/SpryRedHouse/ or call the Red House Office at 216-0096

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Take charge is an easy way to raise money for our school. When you sign up and designate Spry Middle School, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase you make with your REDcard (Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card) to the school. Take Charge of Education dollars are donated to schools twice a year.

This payout is a direct result of the parents, teachers and school supporters who participated in this program. To date, we have earned \$303.57. This money is used to help fund field trips, books, and supplies.

If you are interested in this program, go to Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142.

FROM THE READING DEPARTMENT



Many of you may be asking "What is this SQuIRT Friday I keep hearing about in my child's Literacy Across the

Curriculum (LAC) class?" Well, SQuIRT stands for Sustained Quiet Reading Time. Each Friday, the LAC teachers model a reading strategy or reading behavior, such as asking questions about the text; making predictions and confirming or revising them; or making connections with text, etc. Then the students practice that reading strategy/behavior with a book or text of their choice. This gives the students the opportunity to become more active and strategic in their reading, which hopefully will transfer into their reading in all content areas and future reading at the high school level.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME OF OUR STAFF!!

I know you'll join us in congratulating our music teacher Matt Warren. He is this year's recipient of the Monroe County School Music Association's Terry Taylor Award. This honor recognizes a new teacher (less than 5 years experience) for excellence in music instruction, professionalism, and collegiality.

As the honoree, Matt will attend the state music conference in December, courtesy of MCSMA.

We are all very proud of the work Matt has done, and glad that he came to work in Webster!

Noble Armstrong, our technology teacher was nominated by Dean Vent, a Red House 7th grader, for the WROC-TV Golden Apple Award. Kevin Doran and Dean surprised Noble during second block and it was captured on



video. The segment will be on the website - Rochesterhomepage.net

Congratulations to Noble and Dean. A well deserved honor and further evidence of the power of relationships with our students.

ORCHESTRA & BAND CONCERTS COMING UP!

The Winter Orchestra Concert is Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 pm in the Spry auditorium.

The 6th & 7th grade band concert will be on December 16th at Schroeder High School, 7 pm.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

We understand how busy life can be, so we'd like to make your student's yearbook purchase as easy as possible. That's why we have partnered with Jostens, our yearbook printer, to create a home-ordering program. Ordering your yearbook from home is quick and convenient, and eliminates the need for your student to bring any money to school.

In your ordering package, you will receive complete details on the yearbook offer, available add-ons and ordering instructions. We hope you find this service to be an easy and efficient way to purchase your yearbook this year!

Our staff is working very hard to create a great book and we know your student won't want to miss this opportunity to preserve the memories of this school year forever.

Watch for the yearbook envelope in the mail!

Sincerely,

The Yearbook Staff
Cynthia J. Dickinson Lisa Paap
216-0046 216-0049

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

We will begin collecting canned and non-perishable food for many local families during our annual "Lend-A-Can" food drive for our holiday distribution, which begins Wednesday, November 12th. There will be breakfast parties for the homerooms that bring in the most food items.



The last day that we will accept food is Monday, December 15th. Staff members will deliver the boxes of food at the close of school on Friday, December 19th.

SPRY PTSA NEWS

Thank you to all the parents and students who supported our fundraiser, the Apparel Sale, and a special thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time. PTSA's goal this year is to use the profits to support a project for the school. Look for information in upcoming newsletters.

If you would like to become more involved, there are several opportunities to support Spry through the PTSA. Committees include Speakers' Bureau, Teacher Appreciation Committee and others. For more information, please contact Denise Bellavia at dbellavi@rochester.rr.com.

Webster School District is sponsoring Senior Citizen Day on November 21st from 10 am to 3 pm and the PTSA is looking for volunteers to sign up for slots throughout the day. This program provides an opportunity for students and senior citizens to spend time together which strengthens the relationship between the Webster Schools and community.

Show your support by joining the PTSA. There are membership options at different levels: Single Membership (1 card) \$5, Single and Calendar \$10, Family Membership (2 cards) \$9, just Calendar Small or Large \$5, Student Membership \$4, Family Membership, Calendar, and Pen \$14. For more information contact Debbie Licciardello at deblicci@rochester.rr.com.

Thank you,
PTSA Steering Committee

SPRY GENEROSITY

We would like to thank our Spry family of staff, parents and students for their generosity in assisting the family that was impacted by the fire this past week. To date, you have helped raise over \$3000 and donated a significant amount of clothing, food and household items.

Once again, you continue to demonstrate your willingness to help families in need.

Spry and Barnes & Noble Event November 20th

Spry Middle School is teaming up with Barnes and Noble in Webster for a Voucher Book Fair. The school is giving out vouchers for people to bring to the book store on November 20th. Purchase items and turn in the vouchers; for each purchase made, Spry will receive a percentage of the sales. Proceeds will benefit the school's student literary and other recognition programs, such as Spry Star Students and Readers are Leaders.

Only items purchased that day will be counted toward the total; however, one can order items ahead of time and pay for them on November 20th. Purchases eligible for the book fair include: books, audio, video; and new this year, any food or drink purchase made at their café. Be sure to bring vouchers with you or ask a cashier for one.

"The holidays are fast approaching, and this is a great place to start your shopping," suggested Jackie Saunders, an Assistant Principal at Spry.

The day will also feature a showcase of Spry students' work, projects and performance ensembles. Students will be reading to toddlers from 9:30-10:30 a.m. During the next hour, preschoolers will have the opportunity to hear Mrs. Lilley and Mrs. Lux, Webster Foreign Language teachers read a French story and complete a craft together. From 11:30-2:00 various music groups from the school will perform under the direction of Mr. Britt, Mrs. Stringer and Mrs. Morale. Starting at 4:00-6:00 p.m. will be Open Mic, during which students can read their essays, poetry, stories and perform skits. The night will conclude from 6:15-7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Bila-Enright and Mrs. Gillen reading The Night Before Christmas, Hawaiian Style, and finishing with a craft.

Throughout the evening Scavenger Hunt forms will be available at Barnes & Noble for student completion for extra credit; and the Builder's Club will have a gift wrapping table open for the public. Furthermore, there will be displays from the Art and other classes, and students will have their essays, poetry, and stories available for reading. Gift wrapping will be available from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

New and used books are being collected at Spry MS and on Nov. 20th at Barnes and Noble. They will then be donated to some local charities.



**Spry Middle School at
Webster's Barnes & Noble
November 20, 2008
Agenda**

Time	Event
9:30-10:30am	Reading to Toddlers ~ (Nancy Stocker and students)
10:30-11:30am	Activity for pre-school students- craft and reading <u>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</u> in English and French -Lisa Lilley (Spry MS) & Stephanie Lux (Willink MS)
11:30am – 12:30	Music Group (Band- Tony Britt & Kara Stringer)
1:00-2:00pm	Music Group (Orchestra- Jane Morale)
3:00-9:00pm	Ongoing Scavenger Hunt for Spry Students - (Extra credit opportunity) *
4:00-6:00pm	“Open Mic” – students reading essays, poetry, stories, performing music, skits and Science Olympiad Team display. **
6:15-7:30pm	Night Before Christmas, Hawaiian Style – reading & craft (Janet Bila-Enright)

***Scavenger Hunt forms will be available at Barnes and Noble. They are to be completed and turned in at Barnes and Noble on November 20th only.**

****Please sign up in Office 217 for “Open Mic.” This is for students who are interested in playing an instrument, singing, reading a poem or writing piece, or any other appropriate open microphone talent.**

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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On November 5 and 6, two students represented the Spry Middle School Music Department at the 2008 Junior High Area All-State Music Festival. The event was sponsored by the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) and was held at Pittsford Sutherland High School. This event included students from NYSSMA “Zone 2”: Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, and Wayne Counties.

Students were chosen to participate in band and orchestral ensembles based on a variety of criteria, including the student’s NYSSMA Solo Fest Score and teacher recommendation of student’s tone, range, rhythm, technique, and attitude. Students chosen from Spry are Caleb Andrews: cello and Yifan Kong: flute. Congratulations to both on this outstanding accomplishment!

To learn more about NYSSMA and the Area All-State Festival please visit www.nyssma.org. Click on “Zone 2” for information about the specific events taking place in and around Rochester.

SPRY’S GERMAN CLUB WELCOMES TEACHER FROM DESSAU 30. OCTOBER 2008

On Thursday, October 30th, German Club President, Rostislav Melnik, introduced Frau Bodner, our guest from the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, to the German Club. Frau Bodner shared photos and stories about her school, students, and everyday life.

The German Club members liked that students in Frau Bodner’s school have 10 minutes’ passing time between each class plus a 20 minute morning & afternoon break. Students can meet with their friends outside, eat a snack, skate board, and play table tennis or basketball. There are no lockers at the school. Therefore, students must carry their school supplies (and coats and food!) around with them every day. It was interesting to learn that when someone turned 18 years old in former East Germany (1949-1989), she added her name to a waiting list to buy a car - then would have to wait for up to 15 years to actually be able to purchase one! After East Germany and West Germany reunified, Frau Bodner and her husband were able to purchase their first car in 1990. Having a car made it much easier for her to bring her 2 ½ year old twin sons to nursery school than on her bike (one on a front seat, one in a back seat)!



German Club members asked some great questions and earned *Gutscheine* (coupons) that they turned in for special prizes such as German chocolate bars, pennants, pens, posters, and leis – many Frau Bodner had brought us from Dessau! She especially enjoyed the typical American treats we served - PB cookies, cider, brownies, Halloween cupcakes & bars. Special thanks go out to Mrs. Whitcomb for the delicious treats she brought in to share!

NEWS FROM THE NURSE



STUDENTS ON CRUTCHES

DO NOT send your child to school on crutches without **FIRST** talking to the nurse, so that appropriate safety procedures may be discussed and implemented. An MD restriction note for PE/sports needs to also be provided to the Health Office upon your child's return to school after the injury.

WINTER SPORTS

Any 7th and 8th grade students interested in playing a Winter sport will need a current **physical dated 11/1/07 or later** and a **new Seasonal Sport SignUp Form** on file in the Health Office. Sport SignUp forms are available in the Health Office now for all sports. No extensions are given on old physicals. Refer to our web site for further information.

MEDICATIONS

Cold and flu season is upon us. District policy forbids students to carry medications, including over-the-counter medications, such as cough drops, Sucrets, Tylenol, Motrin, cough suppressants, etc. A school Medication Administration form needs to be completed by your child's doctor, signed by the doctor and a parent and submitted to the Health Office. A parent must bring the medication to the Health Office. **DO NOT** send your child to school with medications to be given to the nurse. Please call the nurse if you are having difficulty coming to school between 8am and 4pm.

PHYSICAL EXAMS

All 7th graders and new entrants to WCSD need to provide a copy of a physical exam dated 9/1/07 or later to the Health Office.

6th GRADERS

NYS requires all 6th graders to be immunized with Tdap **within 2 weeks** of turning 11 years old. Please provide the Health Office with proof of vaccination ASAP after your child turns 11.

SCREENINGS

Student health screenings are underway. **ALL** students will be checked for scoliosis (spinal curvature) unless we have a copy of a physical exam dated after 1/1/08. All 8th graders and new entrants to WCSD will also be screened for vision and hearing.

WEB SITE: www.websterschools.org/spry.cfm. Click on *Health Office* for lots of information about policies, illnesses, sports, printable documents, etc.

Nutrition Nuggets

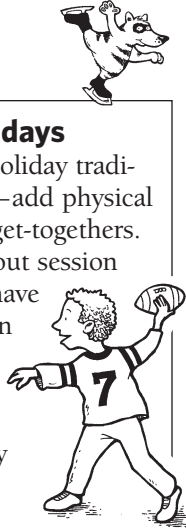
Food and Fitness for a Healthy Child

November 2008

BEST BITES

Active holidays

Start a new holiday tradition this year—add physical activity to your family get-togethers. You might plan a workout session for holiday mornings, have a touch football game in the afternoon, or take a walk after the meal. You'll help everyone stay fit and enjoy family time, too.



Don't fill up

When eating out, keep your kids from getting full while you're waiting for the food. Don't have drinks on the table before the meal comes. Ask the waiter not to bring a bread basket to the table. Your children will have more room for the healthy food if their stomachs aren't filled up first.

DID YOU KNOW?

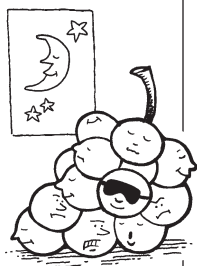
An orange has more vitamin C, fiber, calcium, and beta-carotene than a glass of orange juice. And the orange has 60 calories, compared with 110 for the juice. Encourage your child to choose whole fruit over juice, and, when buying orange juice, make it healthier by choosing refrigerated (not from concentrate) varieties with pulp.



Just for fun

Q: Why don't grapes snore?

A: They don't want to wake up the rest of the bunch.



Webster School District Wellness Advisory Committee
[www.websterschools.org/departments/wellness committee](http://www.websterschools.org/departments/wellness%20committee)

Be a calcium kid

What do milk, cheese, yogurt, spinach, shrimp, papaya, and sunflower seeds have in common?

They're all terrific sources of calcium! Teach your child to eat these and other calcium-rich foods, and she'll build the strong bones she needs for her whole life. Here's how.

Know the foods. Your youngster may already know that milk is good for her bones. But she may be surprised to learn that blackberries, broccoli, canned salmon, and sweet potatoes have lots of calcium, too. She can find lists of foods at www.bcm.edu/cnrc/consumer/archives/plenty-calcium.htm or check with the school cafeteria manager for ideas.

Make a guide. Help your child fold four sheets of construction paper in half and staple along the side to make a book. She can decorate and title the cover (example: "Food for Strong Bones"). Let her use old magazines to cut out pictures of calcium-rich foods. Finally,



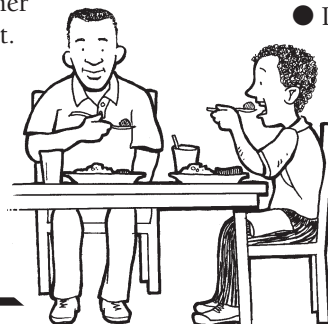
have her glue the pictures onto the pages and label each one.

Keep track. Your youngster can make a chart to record her daily servings of calcium. *Tip:* Her goal should be three servings a day. Have her make seven columns for the days of the week, and put three rows below for the servings. Each time she eats or drinks something with calcium, she can draw a picture or write the name of the item in a box for that day. Can she fill up the chart every week? ●

Table manners

Having good table manners helps make a meal more pleasant. Share these tips with your children:

- Wait for everyone to sit down before starting to eat.
- Don't "double dip" your food in ketchup or sauces on the table.
- Ask to have food across the table passed to you, rather than reaching for it.
- Use utensils, not your fingers.
- Sit up straight.
- Don't slurp, chew with your mouth open, or talk with your mouth full.
- Place your napkin in your lap, and use it to wipe your mouth.
- Stay seated until everyone is finished. Ask to be excused if you need to leave the table.
- When the meal is over, thank the cook! ●



After-school activity

Joey walks in the house, drops his backpack, and reaches for the remote control. An hour later, he's still watching TV.

You can help avoid that scene in your house by making it fun for your youngster to get off the couch and play after school. Try these ideas:



- Kids like to play with other kids. If possible, let your child invite classmates over. Suggest active games like catch, hopscotch, tag, or hide-and-seek.

- Keep a bucket of equipment in the garage or hall closet so it's easy to grab a jump rope, ball, baseball glove, or Frisbee.

- Help your youngster find an after-school activity he might like. Check into sports leagues, gymnastics programs, or martial arts classes. *Tip:* Signing up with a neighbor will give him a friend to go with, plus you and the other parents can carpool.

- If your child is in after-school care, be sure the program includes daily physical activity. Ask the teacher how long the children play and what they usually do. ♥



ACTIVITY CORNER Stay balanced

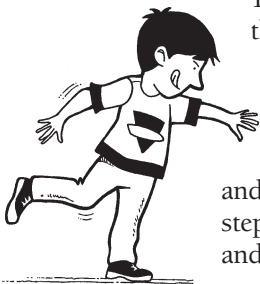
Can your child balance on one foot? Can he walk on a balance beam?

Having a good sense of balance is an important part of being physically fit. Here are two ways your youngster can practice:

1 Teach your child the yoga pose called "tree." Standing with his feet together, he should lift his right foot and press it into his inner left thigh. Then, he can put his arms up straight like a tree. Encourage him to hold the pose for 10–30 seconds and then switch to the other leg.

2 Draw a chalk line on the sidewalk, or put masking tape on the basement floor.

Take turns "walking the line" without stepping off the chalk or tape. Try different ways: walking forward and backward, stepping sideways, and hopping. ♥



PARENT TO PARENT My little chef

You should see my daughter Maria! She loves to wear her apron, choose recipes from her cookbook, use small wooden spoons, and help make meals for our family.

It all started a few months ago when I read that kids who learn to cook healthy food are more apt to be healthy eaters. Maria's birthday was coming up, so I suggested that her relatives give her cooking gear. I added a children's cookbook with healthy recipes.

Once she unwrapped her gifts, Maria couldn't wait to get into the kitchen. Her favorite creation so far is a "banana dog"—she spreads a whole-wheat hot dog bun with peanut butter, tucks in a banana, and drizzles honey on top.

Of course, I always stay close to Maria when she's cooking. She knows she can measure, pour, and stir. But when it's time to use the stove, oven, or sharp knives, that's my job. ♥



IN THE KITCHEN Beans and more

Beans come in all shapes, sizes, and colors—and they're all healthy. Try these easy bean dishes, and you'll add fiber, antioxidants, protein, and other nutrients to your child's meals.

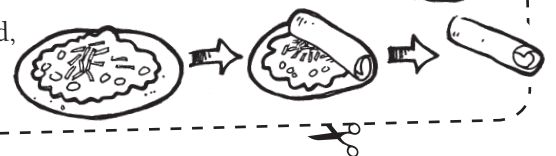
Burritos. Spread canned refried beans on a whole-wheat tortilla. Top with shredded low-fat cheese (Monterey Jack, cheddar) and salsa, and roll up.

Beans & corn. Toss together 3 cans drained beans (black, pinto, and red kidney), 1 can corn, and 1 chopped red pepper. Toss with low-fat Italian dressing.

Bean burgers. Mash 2 cups drained, canned beans (any variety), and combine with 2 cups cooked

brown rice. Stir in 2 beaten eggs, chopped vegetables, and ground pepper. Form into patties, and broil until cooked through and browned.

Quick tip: Mash white kidney beans, and add them to mashed potatoes, lasagna, and other favorite foods. ♥



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Middle Years

Working together for school success

Short Stops



Election time

Your child may not be old enough to vote, but she's old enough to learn about the process. Explain how people decide on a candidate, and encourage her to read articles and check Web sites to form her own opinions. Take her with you when you vote on Election Day, and then watch the results on TV together.

Write it right

It's fast and fun to use shorthand words for text and instant messages. But remind your youngster to use proper English for schoolwork. Have him proofread assignments to make sure he didn't lapse into IM-style writing, such as shortened words (*thru*), slang (*gonna*), or missing punctuation (*dont*).

To-do list

Ever feel like your to-do list limits family time? Use it as a springboard for spending time together. For example, ask your child to help you find a recipe, shop for groceries, or prepare a room for overnight guests. She'll feel important, you'll get more done—and you'll both feel more connected.

Worth quoting

"Happiness is where we find it, but rarely where we seek it."

J. Petit-Senn

Just for fun

Q: Why did the computer keep sneezing?

A: It had a virus!



Excited to learn

Middle graders learn more when they're having fun. Motivate your youngster to practice math skills, explore the world, or nurture his creative side with activities like these.

Crunch numbers

Your child can play with sports statistics and practice problem-solving and math skills at the same time. A basketball lover might calculate his favorite players' shooting percentages. A football fan could use game stats to develop a rating system and predict who will make the playoffs.

Go globe-trotting

Help your middle schooler learn more about geography with this game. Take turns closing your eyes and touching a random spot on a globe or world map. Ask him to find the longitude and latitude, and encourage him to research the place at the library or online (try www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook). For a country, he might find its capital, the language spoken, and its population. If his finger lands on an ocean or a lake, he can look up information about its size and weather patterns.

Spark creativity

Get your child's imagination flowing while he learns organization and planning skills. Give him a camera or video recorder, and ask him to make a photo collage or movie based on a theme. For autumn, he might snap pictures of colorful trees, fields of corn, and baskets of apples. A film could show your family raking leaves or planting bulbs in a garden. 👍



Conference success

Meeting with teachers is an important way to support your child's education. Make the most of parent-teacher conferences with these tips:

▲ Get your middle grader's input before you go. Perhaps there's something she'd like you to ask her teacher or news she wants you to share.

▲ Start off on the right foot. As the conference begins, say something positive about the teacher or the school.

▲ Create a plan to solve any problems. Include steps that your youngster, the teacher, and you will take. Review the plan with your child. Contact the teacher in a few weeks to see how it's working. 👍



Savvy consumers

Glossy magazine ads, flashy television commercials ... today's youth are surrounded by pressure to buy. Teach your child to understand and analyze the information coming her way. These lessons can help her become a smart shopper.

Lesson: Pinpoint subtle messages that advertisers send to attract consumers.

Activity: Cover up brand names in ads. See if your middle grader can guess what they're selling. She may be surprised by how much they focus on attractive models or funny situations rather than on the products. Ask her what



image the company is portraying (example: "Good-looking and popular people drink our soda").

Lesson: Gather information that has been left out of ads.

Activity: Advertisers may omit details that could affect your decision to buy. When your child points out an ad for something she'd like, suggest that she find out what else she needs to use the product. For example, a new computer game may require additional memory or a software upgrade. Show her how to learn more (call a store, do an Internet search). 👍

Q & A

Handling cheating

Q My daughter Carrie came home with a zero on an English paper. When I questioned her, she admitted that she had copied a paper from an older student. What should I do?

A Start by asking your daughter why she cheated. If she didn't have time to do the paper, she may need to cut back on socializing. If the work seemed too hard, discuss ways she can get help. Then, make sure she understands that it's wrong under any circumstances to pretend someone else's work is her own.



Talk to Carrie about the consequences of cheating. First, she will have to work very hard to bring her grade up because of the zero. Second, if it happens again, she could fail the class or be suspended.

Finally, explain that even if she doesn't get caught, cheating doesn't give her teacher—or herself—a true picture of what she can do. 👍

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Parent to Parent Listening skills

During a recent dinner with my sister's family, I noticed that my son Nicholas didn't seem to be listening to the conversation. He often interrupted and didn't always answer when someone asked him a question.

I decided to talk with him about how to be a good listener. I reminded him that he should face someone who's speaking to him. He should wait for the other person to stop speaking before he responds. If he doesn't understand what is being said, he can ask the person to explain.

We've been practicing with small talk at home. I still remind Nicholas to look at me when I'm speaking—but he has been interrupting less, and I don't have to repeat myself as often. 👍

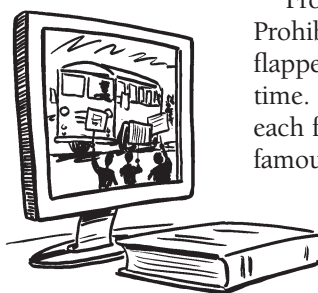


Quest for history

Imagine meeting famous figures or witnessing moments that changed history. Here are two examples of interesting times your child can learn about.

Civil rights movement

Many heroes emerged during the struggle for equal rights. Your youngster may enjoy *Freedom Riders* by Ann Bausum. It's the true story of people who risked their lives to help end segregation,



inspiring others to join the 1960s movement. Suggest that your child visit www.cnn.com/EVENTS/black_history/travel/index.html for a virtual tour through civil rights history.

The Roaring Twenties

From the stock market crash and Prohibition to Louis Armstrong and the flappers, the 1920s were a fascinating time. Consider throwing a party where each family member dresses up as a famous person from that period and tells what they did. Check out *The Roaring Twenties* by R. Conrad Stein, or visit www.1920-30.com for ideas. 👍

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Upcoming Events

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- November 26-28 Thanksgiving Recess—No School
- December 4 Spry Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
- December 9 Spry Band Concert @ Schroeder 7:00 pm