

BIG SKY ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 2018

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular school attendance is the key to success.

Tardies and absences will greatly affect your child's ability to achieve at grade level and a good rule of thumb to remember is

"The key is only 3."

As a family, we encourage you to commit to no more than 3 absences or tardies per trimester.

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ATTENDANCE

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORNING DROP OFF

MANNER OF THE WEEK

11/13 ~ PTA MEETING @ 6:00

11/16 ~ PICTURE RETAKES

11/21-11/23 ~ NO SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

NOVEMBER 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH

KIDS DISMISSED AT 12:00 NOON



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

NOVEMBER, the month of Thanksgiving, brings many things to feel thankful for, including information you learn at Parent-Teacher Conferences. After meeting with your child's teacher this month, use the report card you will receive in December and discussion from the conference as a roadmap for the school year. It's easy just to set aside the report card until the next report card shows up, yet it's helpful to think of it as a daily reminder of what can be targeted for improvement. Hanging it on the refrigerator is a great visual for what needs to be focused on each day.

Families are busy, but please make it a priority to read with your child daily, practice math facts and spelling of words, and support his/her class activities, so your child sees your interest and investment in education.

Along with academics, encourage your child to practice making stronger social connections. The sense of belonging is a basic need, so ask questions about how he/she is trying to make friendships feel stronger.

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MANNER OF THE WEEK

Each week at Big Sky, we focus on a Manner of the Week. I include this manner in our Monday morning announcement, and the teachers talk about and reinforce these manners in the classroom. This can be a great conversation starter as you gather at the dinner table at night. Our manners for November and December are:



- November**
- 5: Do not bully, threaten, or intimidate
 - 12: Speak when spoken to and don't interrupt others
 - 19/26: Think before speaking: Is it true? Is it kind? Does it need to be said?
- December**
- 3: Arrive to school and appointments on time.
 - 10: Return borrowed books, permission slips, and phone calls
 - 17: Write thank you notes for gifts received

**REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY THE 21ST,
THURSDAY THE 22ND, OR FRIDAY THE 23RD
AS WE CELEBRATE THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

