

THE HOKE FAMILY HUB

Elementary Curriculum & Instruction

***Connected * Informed *Empowered**



★ APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD! ★

Hoke County Schools proudly honors and supports our military-connected students and families. This month, we recognize the resilience, strength, and sacrifices of military children who serve alongside their families with courage and grace.

♥ Wear Purple on April 15th for Purple Up! Day to show your appreciation and support for our military students!

As a district, we are committed to providing resources and support to ensure the success and well-being of our military-connected children. To access valuable family support services, visit the NCDPI Military Support Resources page:

🔗 <https://bit.ly/HCPurpleUp>

Thank you to all our military families for your service and dedication. We appreciate you!

♥♥ #MonthOfTheMilitaryChild #PurpleUp

PARENT TIP #6

As the days get longer and the excitement of spring grows, it's easy for routines to slip. But consistent rest is key to your child's growth and learning! 🌸🌟

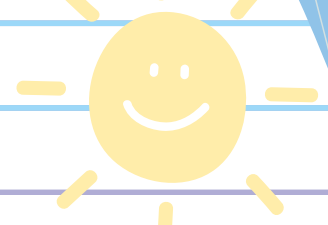
✅ **Stick to Bedtimes** – A consistent sleep schedule helps kids stay focused and energized.

📖 **Wind Down Together** – Encourage reading or quiet time before bed to help them relax.

🕒 **Keep Morning Routines Steady** – Starting the day with a consistent routine sets a positive tone. A little consistency can make a big difference! Let's help our kids bloom with good rest this spring. 🌻

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Apr | 4th - Special Olympics |
| Apr | 17th - Progress Reports Released |
| Apr | 17th - Career Exploration Fair |
| Apr | 18th - Good Friday/No School |
| Apr | 20th - EASTER |
| Apr | 21st - Spring Break Begins |
| Apr | 28th - Students/Staff Return |



MATH MATTERS



by Dustin Best

Spring is here, and with April comes blooming flowers, Easter celebrations, and plenty of opportunities to math! Here are some simple, engaging ideas to try this month:

1. Egg-cellent Counting and Sorting

After the egg hunt, have your child count how many eggs they found. For younger children, practice sorting the eggs by color or size. Older kids can take it further by creating a tally chart or graph to show how many eggs of each color were collected.

2. Bunny Hops and Skip Counting

Challenge your child to hop like a bunny while skip counting by 2s, 5s, or 10s. This is a great way to practice multiplication skills while staying active and having fun together.

3. Sweet Math with Jelly Beans

Jelly beans are not just for snacking—they're perfect for hands-on math practice! Use them to explore addition, subtraction, or even fractions. For example:

- Ask your child to divide jelly beans evenly among family members (division).
- Create simple word problems like, "If you eat 3 jelly beans out of 12, how many are left?"
- For older kids, talk about fractions: "What fraction of the jelly beans are red?"

4. April Showers Bring Math Powers

Place a cup outside to collect rainwater and estimate how much will fall in an hour or a day. Then, measure the water together using a ruler or measuring cup. This simple activity introduces concepts like measurement and data collection in a real-world context.

5. Garden Math Fun

Count seeds as you plant them, measure the distance between rows, or track plant growth over time using a calendar or chart. These activities connect math to nature and spark curiosity about the world around us.

By incorporating math into everyday moments like these, you're helping your child see that math is not just something they do at school—it's a valuable skill they use daily! Let's hop into learning together this April and make math fun for the whole family!

READING CORNER

BY WANDA USSERY



Reading at Home!



It doesn't matter how you practice reading with your child — whether you sing songs, read from books, play word games or spell out loud. The important thing is to practice reading with your child every day, as often as you can. They need you to read with them. Check out these online resources to access materials from home!


<https://readwithme.today/parent-resources/>

What is the Science of Reading?




Indian Education: Christina Bullard


 **Plant the Seeds of Tradition with 3 Sisters Gardening!** 


Did you know that April is the perfect time to start a family garden?  And what better way to celebrate Native American heritage than by planting a 3 Sisters Garden—a traditional and sustainable method used by Native communities for centuries!

 **What is a 3 Sisters Garden?**

It's a smart and natural way to plant corn, beans, and squash together. Each plant helps the others grow:

 Corn stands tall, providing a natural pole for the beans to climb.

 Beans add nitrogen to the soil, feeding all three plants.

 Squash spreads out, shading the soil to keep it moist and blocking weeds.


This method teaches teamwork, balance, and respect for nature—a wonderful lesson for young gardeners!

 **Start Your Family Garden This April!**

Choose a sunny spot in your yard.

Plant the corn first, then add beans and squash a few weeks later.

Watch them grow together, just like a community!

Share your 3 Sisters garden photos with us!  Let's celebrate tradition and nurture growth together.



PEEK AT PRE-K

BY ANNETTE FERNANDEZ

Dear Parents,

Art is an important part of our curriculum. Every day, children find a variety of art materials available on our shelves. Drawing, painting, pasting, molding, and constructing are not only enjoyable, but also provide opportunities for learning. Children express their ideas and feelings, improve their coordination, learn to recognize colors and textures, and develop creativity and pride in their accomplishments by exploring and using art materials. Encourage your student to create art at home and share their creations with you by asking:

"Tell me about your picture?"

"How did you decide what colors to use?"

"What do you like best about it?"

"Should be hang it up in a special place so we can all enjoy work?"



SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT *DREAM IT, TEST IT, PROVE IT—MAKE SCIENCE*


by Amber Hutchins


YOUR SUPERPOWER!





 **Spring into Science! Fun Experiments for Little Learners**  



Spring is the perfect time to explore science with your child! Try these easy and fun activities to spark curiosity and learning:

 **Make It Rain!** Create a rain cloud in a jar using water, shaving cream, and blue food coloring. Watch how "rain" falls when the cloud gets too full—just like real clouds!

 **Egg-citing Sink or Float!** Fill a bowl with water and test different objects (plastic egg, real egg, small toys). Guess which will sink or float, then test to see if you're right!

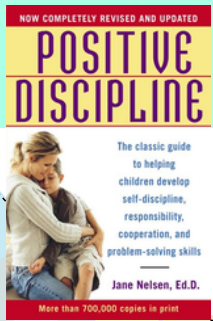
 **Growing Colors Experiment!** Place white flowers or celery stalks in cups of colored water. Wait a few hours and watch them change color as they "drink" the water! A great way to see how plants grow in spring.

 **Jumping Jelly Beans!** Mix vinegar and baking soda in clear jar, then add jelly beans. The bubbles will make them dance—just like magic!

Encourage your little scientist to observe, ask questions, and have fun! Which experiment will you try first?  



BY SHEQUETA HARRIS



Positive Discipline: Teaching Kindness and Firmness by Dr. Jane Nelsen

Raising kids isn't easy, and discipline can feel like a constant challenge. But what if discipline didn't mean punishment? Dr. Jane Nelsen's *Positive Discipline* approach teaches that children learn best when they feel both **connected** and **capable**. Positive Discipline focuses on **kindness and firmness** at the same time. Instead of punishment, it encourages problem-solving, mutual respect, and teaching life skills. Here are a few key takeaways:

- **Connection Before Correction** – Children are more likely to cooperate when they feel understood and valued.
- **Encourage, Don't Just Praise** – Focus on effort and improvement rather than just results.
- **Teach Problem-Solving** – Instead of punishments, involve kids in finding solutions when mistakes happen.
- **Be Firm, Yet Kind** – Set clear boundaries with respect and empathy.

By using Positive Discipline, parents can raise confident, responsible, and respectful children—without power struggles. Try it and see the difference!

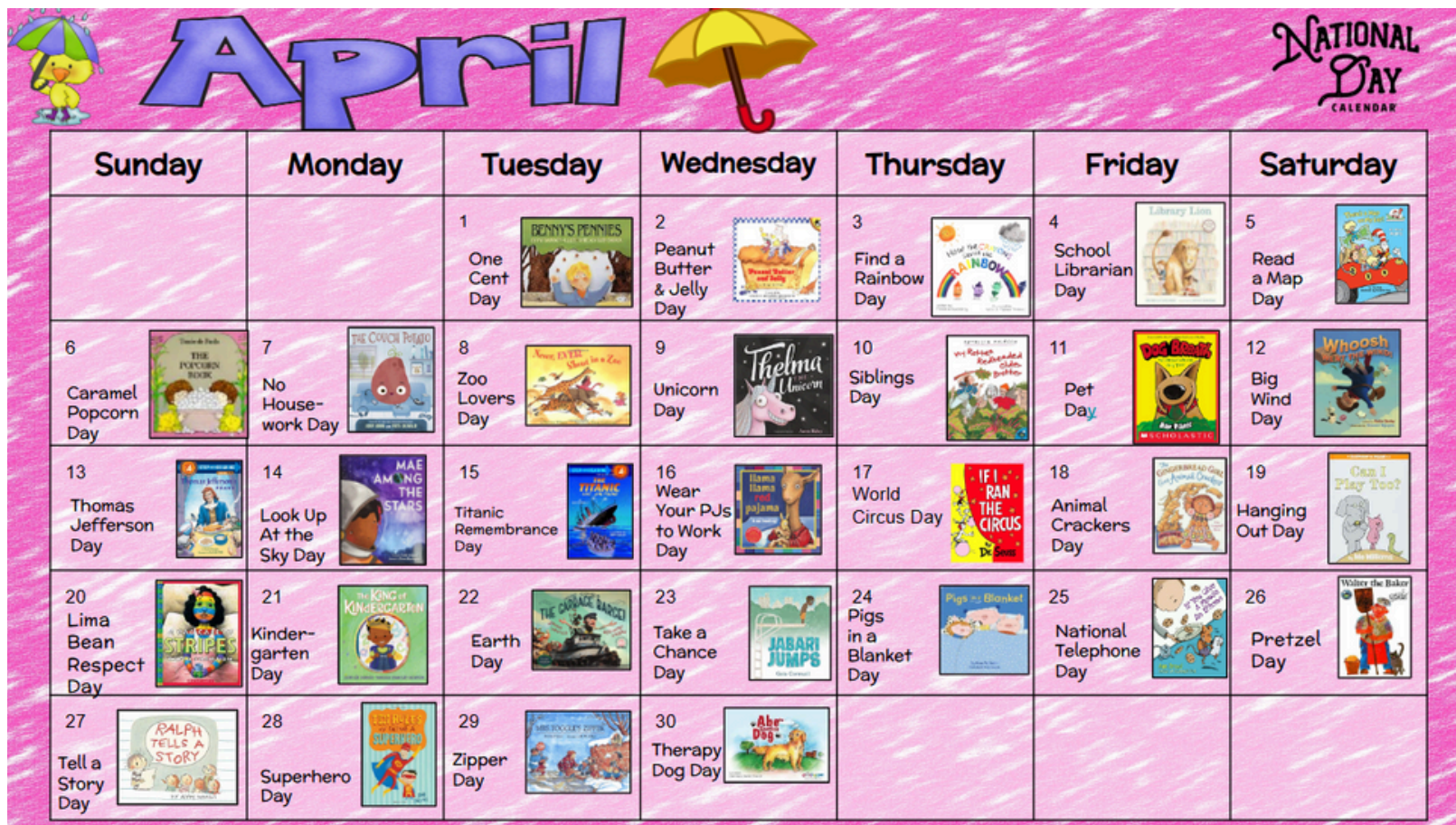
MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT FOR WHOLE CHILD SUPPORT

BY: LORETTA KIMBLE

A school-family partnership does more than enhance academic achievement. When parents and teachers work together, students report higher levels of motivation and self-esteem. Students also develop key social and emotional learning skills, such as self-awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision-making. Young people develop these skills when programs are coordinated across settings, including home and school. When families and educators work together, they reinforce the kind of behaviors and skills young people need to become successful adults.

- Attend back-to-school nights or other orientation events.
- Ask your teacher how they would like to communicate.
- Demonstrate a positive view of education at home.
- Encourage reading.
- Help manage the homework process.
- Attend school events.
- Attend parent organization meetings.
- Volunteer in the school.
- Let the school know what groups, classes or guidance you would like them to provide.
- Encourage active learning.
- Learn about your rights.

Click on the calendar and then the book you would like to hear read aloud.



PARENT RESOURCES



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

- HOKE COUNTY LITERACY RESOURCES GOOGLE SITE ([CLICK HERE](#)).
- [NCDPI PARENT CONTENT SUPPORT GUIDES \(GRADES K-12\)](#).
- [I-READY PARENT CENTER](#)
- [HOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS; CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION](#)