

ECHO NEWS - DECEMBER 2015

NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY – HOME OF THE DOLPHINS

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Parent Center Location: Title I Lab, hours 7:15-2:00 Monday - Friday.
Pave the way to academic success--check out our reading/math activities!

MEET OUR NFE 2015-2016 "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

Congratulations to Mrs. Tonia Tenney, 2nd grade teacher, for being nominated to represent NFE as our 2015 Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Tenney is a Georgia native, and has been a part of the Fayette County School System for 13 years. She is married to her "best friend for 23 years" and has two sons in college. She says "I am honored each day with the opportunity I have been afforded to positively impact the lives of children.



Her philosophy on teaching; "My philosophy for learning is that every child can learn, not at the same pace, and not in the same manner which further supports their uniqueness. One of my responsibilities as a teacher is to help students discover their individuality, and work with them to maximize their potential through differentiation. Also, I believe in educational collaboration between home and school that includes, but is not limited to, fun-filled learning through hands-on experiences, critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving. This collaboration is an investment in their future that can yield immeasurable returns. I am proud to be a dedicated dolphin!!!!

Her favorite quote; "Teachers don't teach for the income. Teachers teach for the outcome."

Thank You, Mrs. Tenney, for all that you do for your students as well as North Fayette Elementary!

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THE NFE WATCH D.O.G.S AND CHORUS PROGRAM



HOLIDAY SPIRIT NIGHT

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

TIME: 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

PLACE: CHICK FIL-A DWARF HOUSE



JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE AND FUN EVENING

MEET OUR FEATURED GUEST

"SANTA CLAUS"

COME GET YOUR PICTURES TAKEN WITH SANTA!

LISTEN TO OUR VERY OWN NFE CHORUS SING THE NIGHT AWAY!

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL, SO JOIN US!

THE PARENT INSTITUTE WEB CONTENT SERVICE: TODAY'S TIPS FOR PARENTS



Check out our NFE website to see "THE PARENT INSTITUTE WEB CONTENT SERVICE". Find daily-updated school success information, ideas and tips on this very useful website.

Teach Your Child Math Facts

These days, even the youngest children know how to use a calculator. But it's still important that they be able to do math problems without one.

If your child is just learning math facts, or if she needs to brush up on facts taught earlier, try using flash cards. Ask the teacher what math facts your child should master at her grade level.

You and your child can make your own flash cards with problems like "9 x 3" on one side and the answer ("27") on the other. Then vary the way you use the cards. Here are some ideas:

- **Have your child write** or say the answer as you show her the problem.
- **Try showing her the answer** and asking for the question that goes with it, like on the TV game show *Jeopardy*.
- **Sort out the problems** which are easy and then do extra work on the harder ones. Sometimes, mix them up and go through them all.
- **Use odd moments** to practice. Work on the number facts with your child while folding laundry, while you're cooking dinner together or before bedtime.
- **Keep the practice sessions short.** End them with words of praise for successes and good effort, and your child's math skills will be reinforced!

Let Children Make Gifts Themselves

December is a busy month. Have a family meeting to plan how everyone can help share the workload. It is also a good time to reinforce the idea that effort and attention leads to success in school and in relationships with others. If your family will have a gift-giving occasion this month, teach your child that giving a thoughtful gift he made himself can mean more than one from a store. All you need are some simple supplies, like paper, crayons and paint, packaging from around the house and some imagination!

First, talk to your child about giving gifts. What does it mean to give something to someone?

Then, brainstorm what your child might give to a family member or friend. Does he have a special talent? Could he sing or write a song? Is there a chore he could do—like washing the dishes for a week? Perhaps he could lend a special toy to a sister or friend for a week.

If the gift is a chore or other activity, have your child make a card with a note on it describing the gift.

Help your child use imagination to come up with an interesting package. For example, he could make an envelope out of newspaper comics.

Thankfulness Builds a Positive Attitude

When children have a positive outlook, they do better in school. Thinking about the good things in one's life builds that attitude.

Take time to sit down together. Make and share lists of what you're thankful for. Be sure to mention school and any progress your child is making. Has a teacher done something special to help your child? Does a teacher make school so interesting that your child is happy to start each day?

Don't stop with just a list. Tell your child to take a few minutes to say, "Thanks."

Open a Savings Account For Your Child

Teaching your child money management can boost his responsibility, math and life skills. One way to do it is to open up a savings account in your child's name at a local bank or credit union.

Have your child help you keep track of deposits, withdrawals and interest. Over time a savings account will teach him that planning and saving toward a goal will get him something substantial he wants—whereas impulsiveness and "splurging" will not.