



Friday Letter

October 5 , 2007

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

Our school's Parent and Teacher's Together (PATT) organization met last month to begin planning events for this year. PATT is all about bringing ACCS families and staff together to form a strong community. We need each and every one of you to be a part of this organization and can join with us during this school year. **Come to the next planning meeting on Thursday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m.** This is not an event for children. But if you would like to attend, and need child care, please call the office to let us know. I know many of you are very tired after a long day of work and just cannot join us for an evening meeting. There are many other ways that you, the parents, can help us during this school year from your home. I have reprinted below "10 Ways for Parents to Help Teachers" by Mimi Doe. These wonderful suggestions can be found on the PTA website at http://www.pta.org/parent_resources.html. I hope you find them useful. Have a restful weekend, and I hope to see many of you at the next PATT meeting.

there are many ways you

THE SWEATERS ARE HERE!

Mary Theresa Mary Theresa Streck, Principal

LUNCH MENU for week of Oct 8-12				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL	Grilled Cheese Fresh Fruit Fresh Veggies	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Fresh Fruit Fresh Veggies	Hot Turkey Sandwiches Fresh Fruit Fresh Veggies	Fried Chicken Rice Fresh Fruit Fresh Veggies
Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are always available as an alternative.				

10 Ways for Parents to Help Teachers

By Mimi Doe

1. Create a smooth takeoff each day. Give your child a hug before she ventures out the door and you head to work. Look her in the eye, and tell her how proud you are of her. Your child's self-confidence and security will help her do well both in school and in life.
2. Prepare for a happy landing at the end of the day when you reconvene. Create a predictable ritual such as 10-20 minutes listening to your child talk about his day—before you check phone messages, read the mail, or begin dinner. That way you are fully present to listen, and your child has a touchstone he can count on between school and home.
3. Have dinner at a reasonable hour and a healthy breakfast. A well-balanced diet maximizes your child's learning potential.
4. Include calm, peaceful times in your children's afternoons and evenings. Maintain a schedule that allows them to go to school rested, and if they are sick, have a system in place so they are able to stay home.
5. Remember it's your children's homework, not yours. Create a specific homework space that's clutter-free and quiet. Encourage editing and double-checking work, but allow your kids to make mistakes, as it's the only way teachers can gauge if they understand the material. It's also how children learn responsibility for the quality of their work.
6. Fill your child's life with a love for learning by showing him your own curiosity, respecting his questions, and encouraging his efforts.

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10 Ways for Parents to Help Teachers, *continued from page 1*

7. Fill your home with books to read, books simply to look at, and books that provide answers to life's many questions. The public or school library is an excellent resource.
8. Be a partner with your child's teacher. When you need to speak to him or her in reference to a specific issue with your child, do it privately, not in front of your child. Make a point never to criticize your child's teacher in front of your child.
9. Set up a system where routine items are easily located—such as backpacks, shoes, signed notices. Create a central calendar for upcoming events to avoid the unexpected.
10. Tuck a "love note" in your child's lunch bag (or backpack) to let her know how special she is. Knowing they are loved makes it easier for children to be kind to others.

PATT Meeting 10/11/07 Agenda

Fundraising Committee: report out on popcorn and soda sales at parent night. Lessons learned.

Unfinished Business

- Thanksgiving Potluck 11/19/07-logistics, advertising, etc.
- Holiday Store (1st 2wks in December) – Logistics, etc.
- Farmers Market set for December 1st- Do we want a vendors table?
- 2007-08 Fundraising ideas need to be finalized and dates set.
(Family night-Pizzeria Uno, bowling, ice cream social)
- PATT reaching out to St. Patrick's congregation.
- Charter renewal – getting the word out.
- Talent show/Fashion show
- Parent workshop for students with anger management



PATT PASSAGE

This is an invitation to all Parents! This is a new year to improve our school, become involved in our community, and show everyone what wonderful secrets we hold within the

ACCS. Whether it is the smiles on the children's faces or the amazing education the teachers provide we hold a treasure we can not deny. We have begun a few small projects and have had one meeting to brainstorm future events, however; we can not do this alone. Please do not be bystanders, join us in making this year a progressive and informative year at our school, for our children. **The next PATT business meeting will be held on October 11, 2007 at 6PM.** All are invited to attend and offer suggestions; we look forward to seeing you there. We will be finalizing plans for the October 18 PATT Family Event at this meeting.

Thank You,

The PATT (Parents & Teachers Together) Committee

For more information contact Loyce Duke at kuhu-ma31@hotmail.com or call the school office at 274-6312

New Business

- a) Parent Night 10/18/07 – food sales, recruitment, etc.
- b) Need treasurer, secretary, communicator for Friday newsletter, etc.
- c) Garage Sale
- d) Show of works
- e) Set event and meeting schedule for the rest of the year
- f) School Pictures

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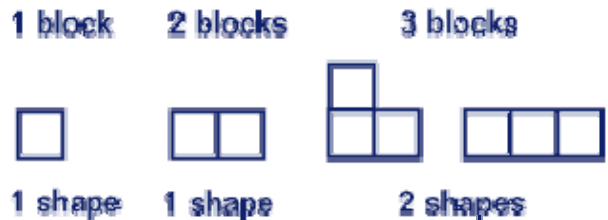
Look here every week, solve the puzzle or answer the question to win a prize! This week's puzzle:

When Max started putting square blocks together to make shapes, he noticed something interesting. There was only one shape he could make with one block. And there was only one shape he could make with two blocks. But with three blocks, he could make two different shapes.

How many shapes could Max make with four blocks?

Keep this in mind: If you can turn one shape into another by turning it or flipping it over, then it isn't different from the other shape. The two shapes count as one.

Give the answer to Petra on a sheet of paper with your name and show the shapes. (Hint: ask your teacher for a piece of graph paper to help you draw the shapes)

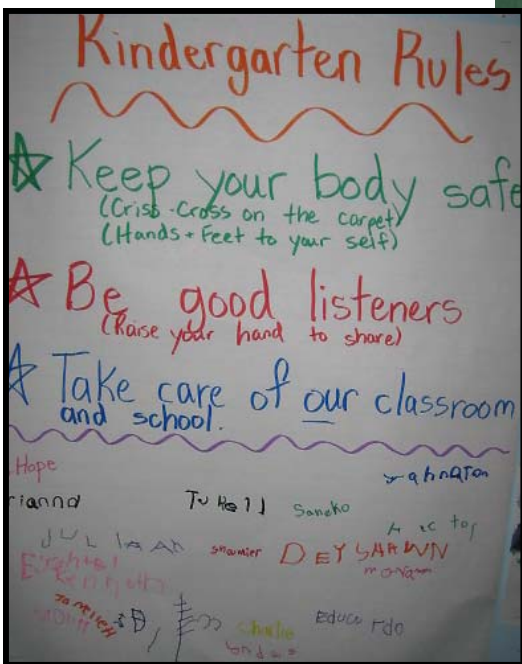


Yeah to last week's puzzle solvers:

Frank(2), TJ Brown(2), Gavin (5), Shalil(4), Noah(4), Cornell(4), Ema-Rose(6)

**Featuring...
Ms. Hope's Kindergarten
Class**

The Kindergarteners have had a busy start to the year. At the start of Kindergarten there is a big focus on the routines of school. Students are usually unfamiliar with walking in the hall, transitioning to specials, and other events such as fire drills. The students also have participated in many getting-to-know-you activities with their classmates, teachers, and



the school.

At the same time, we have also started the curriculum. In reading and writing the students are learning to identify letters and the 4 sight words, **I, am, the, and little**. We have learned "**The ABC Rap**" to help us with letter recognition.

The Kindergarten students learn to read a new book each week! In Math they are focusing on direction words, patterns, and



graphs. We also enjoy calendar time and working with our Weather Bear.

The students enjoyed their first assembly where they performed "*Teaching Peace*" with the sixth graders. The 6th Grade students were wonderful role models and helped introduce the kindergarteners to ways in which we can all be peacemakers at school.

Parents,

Complete & tear off this raffle ticket and have your child turn it in at school and you will be entered into a raffle for a **\$50 Price Chopper gift certificate** to be drawn at the next parent event.

Name of your ACCS Student: _____

Parent signature: _____ 10/5/07

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Grade 4 Field Trip: Hudson River Sloop	5	6
7	8 Indigenous Peoples Day NO SCHOOL	9 3:30 Board of Trustees	10 School Physicals Kindergarten Field Trip: Bordens Orchard	11 6pm PATT Meeting	12	13
14	15 8:15am School Assembly	16	17	18 Family Night Grades 3-6	19	20
21	22	23	24 HALF DAY Dismissal 11am	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Shooting Star

By Jay'von Daniels, Grade 5



**Shooting star
Starts with one
Playing tag
Another joins
Three connect
Bursting into giant stars
Falling out of the sky
Onto me**

Jay'von

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