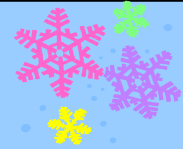


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Larson S.p.a.r.k.s. Newsletter

March ~

For March, we'll have "Look what the wind blew in.." as our theme, but for the first week it'll be reading week.

Then after that it'll be: Color the weather, St. Patrick's Week, and then Easter Theme. We'll try to squeeze all that in before Spring Break starts on March 29th.

Please keep emergency phone number up-to-date in case of any cancellations.

Chinese Art Exchange ~ We continue to learn and to practice every Wednesday and Thursday for this special project! This will be completed by March 24th.

Upcoming events:

Mar. 4th ~ 1/2 day of school, students in morning only. NO S.P.A.R.K.S. only Latchkey for those enrolled.

Mar. 5th ~ No School, P.D. day for Teachers.

Mar. 25th ~ Field trip-Roller Skating

Mar. 29th - April 2nd is Spring Break

April 19th ~ No S.p.a.r.k.s., only Latchkey for those enrolled in it.

April 28th ~ Harrison S.p.a.r.k.s. Family Night at Hillside.

April 29th ~ Last night of S.p.a.r.k.s. (only Latchkey from here on until School is out.

Parents Please understand that your child will get the most benefit from our program if they stay for the entire program. Parents who must pick up their children, please do it when we are finishing a session. Thank you!

Daily Schedule:

3:25 - 3:40	4:35 - 5:20
Attendance & Group Activity	Session 2
3:40 - 4:20	5:20 - 5:30
Session 1	Open Rec.
4:20 - 4:35	5:30
Snack	Dismissal

S.p.a.r.k.s. cancellation automated calling system



Clare-Gladwin RESD uses an automated system to alert families when SPARKS is canceled. If you receive a call from 989-386-3851 it is most likely one of these calls. PLEASE answer the phone and listen to the message. We have a large number of people that do not pick up the phone, then call Clare-Gladwin RESD and say, "You called?" Our receptionist must explain the situation to each caller. This ties up her time and our phone lines. Let's all use technology the way it should be used. Please answer the phone if 989-386-3851 calls! Thank you!

Parents, please put your child's names on their clothing so we can return them to their owners.

One-on-one Time

With more than one child it can be difficult to find time to spend with each one individually. Try this system. Once a week, on a rotating basis, all children but one goes to bed while the other child stays up for an extra 15 minutes or so. Share warm milk or decaf tea and just talk. They will love when it's their turn to have undivided attention. You may learn far more about what's going on with each of your children

Parents ~ Something to think about: **Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem.**

Here's some advice:

Keep all medicines in a safe, locked place.

Never share prescription medicines.



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"One filled with joy preaches without preaching." -Mother Teresa of Calcutta
"Don't forget to Smile! It creates interest and lots of returns"! -M.T.

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*~ Larson S.p.a.r.k.s. Field Trip for Second Grade Only ~
The Second Grade Sparks students are challenging the Harrison Middle School Sparks students to a question and answer quiz. It will be at the Harrison Middle School. Two of our leaders will be walking the 2nd Grade Sparks students to and from the Middle School on **Monday, March 22nd**. We will be leaving Larson at 3:50 p.m. and returning to Larson at 5:15 p.m. **If you do not want your Second grade Sparks student to walk with us, please send a note regarding your wishes of them not going.**
Thank you!*

Just a reminder ~ If at any time you have someone else pick your child up from S.p.a.r.k.s. because you are unable to do so, I do ask to see identification from those people who I **do not** know! Please be sure I have a note from you that has the name of the person who will be picking your child up and the date. Also, be sure the person knows that we will be asking for the identification...prefer drivers license. Thank you!



Bowling – Bowling – Bowling – Bowling – Bowling –
Parent/Guardians ~ Please read, sign, and return to your student's Teacher, the following permission slip. Thank you.

~Larson S.p.a.r.k.s. Field Trip~

When: Thurs., March 25, 2010 for all S.p.a.r.k.s. students (K thru 2nd Grades)

Where: Snowbird Lanes Bowling Alley

We will be leaving Larson at 3:40 p.m. and return in time for the transits (5:20 p.m.). Children need no money. Since they do not have enough bowling shoes for all of our students, students will need a GOOD pair of socks to bowl in! If I have not received a completed permission slip from a child, then they will not be able to stay for Sparks on March 25th afterschool. They will have to either ride the school bus home or be picked up when school is finished at 3:25.

Please completely fill out the permission slip and return as soon as possible.

I _____ give permission

Parent/Guardian printed name

For my child, _____ to go bowling with Larson

Print Child's Name

S.p.a.r.k.s. I understand they will be riding a bus to and from the bowling alley.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date