



Minooka Elementary School

Grades K - 4

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The Minooka Elementary Minute

A newsletter for families and friends of
Minooka Elementary School!

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Principal's Message

Testing Week!

The week of February 27th through March 4th is our testing week for grades 2,3, and 4. Below is a list of ways that you can help your child be at his/her best for taking that test!

- A good night sleep
- Wear comfortable clothes
- A nutritional breakfast
- A healthy snack
- A hug of encouragement

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Natalie Baxter-Principal

Important Happenings!

February 25- PTO Open Gym Night Grade Four

February 28-March 11-ISAT and CogAT Testing

March 4- Teacher Institute-No Student Attendance

March 10-4th Grade Recorder Concert 6:30PM

Kindergarten Round Up!

Kindergarten registration and screening will be held on May 13, 2011. Parents of children that will be entering kindergarten during the 2011/2012 school year, should call the Minooka Primary Center to schedule an appointment. (815) 467-3167



Math Fact News

If your child is just learning math facts, or if she needs to brush up on ones taught earlier, try using flash cards. Ask your 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 "9x3" on one side and the answer "27" on the other. Then vary the way you use the cards. Here are some tips:

- Have your child write or say the answer as you show her the problem.
- Try showing her the answer and ask for the question that goes with it, like on the TV game show Jeopardy.

Literacy News

There is more to reading together than just saying the words. Reading with your child is one of the most important activities that you can perform. The National Institute for Literacy recommends asking these types of questions when parent and children are reading:

1. Talk about the text: What do you think will happen in this story? Did your prediction turn out to be correct?
2. Talk about words and sounds: Let's count the syllables. What are some words that end in "tion"?
3. Talk about new words: What is another word for ___? What does this word mean in this sentence?

Talk about the words and sounds



MES Mission Statement

Our staff at Minooka Elementary School is dedicated to providing an excellent education in a safe and caring learning environment that allows all children to academically and socially improve themselves for today and tomorrow.

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