

Gilbert School | PreK-6th

Principal's Message

Dear EDUPRIZE Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful spring break, taking time to enjoy your family and friends. I was able to spend time with family and friends, which is always a rejuvenator!

This quarter has already been hopping, right back to work, and we even started our 5th graders with state testing in science. We will continue taking our state testing, the AASA, online. For the next 3 weeks, certain grade levels will be testing each day. Please see the calendar for your specific grade level testing days. I thought you might appreciate this list of advice written to parents about how best to support your child during the process.

The Night Before the Test:

- 1. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep the night before the test.
- 2. Plan ahead to avoid problems before the test so he/she doesn't go to bed upset.
- 3. Tell your child you know tests can be hard, but that taking them gives him/her a chance to show how well he/she can do.
- 4. Be encouraging -- let your child know you think he/she will do well on the test.

The Morning of the Test:

- 1. Have your child get up early enough to avoid hurrying.
- 2. Make sure your child has a good breakfast on the morning of the test.
- 3. Have your child dress in something comfortable and familiar.
- 4. Be positive when you send your child to school.
- 5. Make sure he/she arrives at school on time during testing days (make-ups alter the schedule and can create undue stress).

After the Test:

- 1. Reward your child for trying hard on the test.
- 2. Talk with your child about what was learned from the test.
- 3. Talk with your child about what can be done between now and the next time a test is given to improve their performance.

After Receiving Results:

- 1. Don't compare his/her performance to a sibling or a friend's child.
- 2. Point out your child's strong areas and how proud you are.

Thank you, as always, for all that you do!

Kindly,

Robin







Event Flyers

Parent Support

24-25 **School Calendar**

> 25-26 **School Calendar**

PTO Newsletter

Clothing Drive

Athletics Summer Camp

Gifted Testing

School Website

Eduprize Twitter

PTO **Website**

Eduprize <u>Instagram</u>

Eduprize Facebook

Sports Schedule



GLANCE

This Month APRIL

1st: 5th & 6th Grade (Writing)

1st: PreK & Kinder Promotion Pictures

2nd: 3rd & 4th Grade (Writing)

3rd: Elementary Make-up Testing Day

AZSci and Writing

4th: EOI Testing

7th: 5th & 6th Grade (Reading & Math)

8th: 5th & 6th Grade (Reading & Math)

10th: Elementary Make-up Testing

Reading and Math

10th: Board Meeting

1:00pm B1 Media Center

11th: EOI Testing

14th: 3rd & 4th Grade (Reading & Math)

15th: 3rd & 4th Grade (Reading & Math)

16th: Elementary Make-up Testing

16th: PTO Board Meeting

6:00pm B1 Media Center

18th: EOI Testing

21st: Campus Tour

5:00pm B3 Theater

23rd: Battle of the Books Round 2

3:45pm B1 Media Center

25th: Movie Night

6:30pm Field

Next Month MAY

4/28-5/2: Conference Week

K-6 optional conferences

4/28-5/2: Gifted Testing (CogAT)

3rd - 7th Grade

4/29-5/1: Scholastic Book Fair

6th: 1st & 2nd Grade Water Day

7th: 3rd & 4th Grade Water Day

8th: 5th & 6th Grade Water Day

8th: Board Meeting

1:00 pm B1 Media Center

12th: Campus Tour

5:00 pm B3 Theater

13th & 14th: 5th Grade Wax Museum

5:00 pm B3 Gym

16th: Quarter 4 Assembly

10:45 am B4 Gym

16th: Kindergarten Celebration

Mrs. Soliven - 2:00 pm B1 Media Center

16th: Kindergarten Celebration

Mrs. Moon - 4:00 pm B1 Media Center

16th: Kindergarten Celebrations

Mrs. Lacy & Ms. Gonzalez' - 5:00 pm B3 Gym

16th: Kindergarten Celebration

Mrs. Jackson - 5:30 pm B1 Media Center

19th-23rd: Spirit Week

19th: 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert

4:30 pm B4 Stage

19th: 5th & 6th Grade Orchestra Concert

4:30 pm B3 Theater

19th: Cottage Fair

4th-6th Grade Regular Day & K-6th AM TOPS

20th: Cottage Fair

K-3rd Grade Regular Day & K-6th PM TOPS

23rd: Early Release (All School)





CORNER

Dear EDUPRIZE families,

For the next few weeks, let's talk about social skills. Just like learning multiplication tables, social skills don't come naturally—everyone has to learn them. What are the Dos and Don'ts for making and keeping friends? How can you decode body language clues? What's the best way to keep a conversation going?

One of the best ways to get kids to learn any skills is through play. <u>PositiveAction.net</u> has some great activities that build social skills. One of the activities they suggest is playing pretend with kids. "Kids will typically create a scenario in which they pretend to be someone or something else. For example, they might play house and take on the roles of parents, become a doctor, veterinarian, teacher, or cashier. Each of these situations allows them to explore different social skills activities. As they pretend to parent another child, for instance, they must learn to recognize and respond to emotions, de-escalate situations, and adapt to new situations."

Want more? Check out this workbook, <u>Social Skills Activities for Kids</u>, suggested by Mrs. Johnston, one of our amazing 5th grade teachers.

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