



The Wildcat Weekly

Winside Elementary School

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BABYSITTING CLASS..... The babysitting class for the students that signed up will be **Monday, December 29th from 9 am to 1 pm** at the Winside Firehall.

THANK YOU, MRS. QUINN!..... We would like to recognize Mrs. Quinn, our music teacher, for organizing a wonderful Veterans Day program last Tuesday. What a terrific way to honor our veterans! The presentations, speeches, and music were a great tribute to those who have and to those who continue to bravely serve our country. Thank you!

ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT..... Our elementary winter concert will be on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars!



THANKSGIVING BREAK..... Students will dismiss at **1:30** on Wednesday, November 26th. No school on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th.

BUNDLE UP..... With the colder temperatures now here, it is important that the students are dressed appropriately. This includes a warm coat, hat, gloves. etc. Students do go outside for recess unless the weather is uncooperative. Students must have snow boots and pants to play in the snow; otherwise, they will play on the blacktop.

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The other half of the “Top Ten”. The first five were listed in the Wildcat Weekly from November 5th.

Top 10 Ways to Help Your Kids Do Well in Math

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Mastering Math

Mastering mathematics is absolutely essential for future opportunities in school and careers. Your children will need to reach a certain level of competency in math to take many advanced high-school courses, to be admitted to college, and to have a wide variety of career choices. Here's how you can help them maximize their math-smarts.

6. **Encourage your children to do more than the assigned problems.** Considerable practice is necessary for your children to hone their math skills. If the teacher only assigns the even problems, having them do some of the odd ones will strengthen their skills. The more time your children spend practicing their skills, the sooner they will develop confidence in their abilities.
7. **Explain how to solve word problems.** Mathematicians have an expression: To learn to solve problems, you must solve problems. Teach your children to read a word problem several times. Also, have them draw a picture or diagram to describe it. Make it easier for them to understand the steps in a problem by teaching them to substitute smaller numbers for larger ones.
8. **Help your children learn the vocabulary of mathematics.** They will never get a real feeling for math nor learn more advanced concepts without an understanding of its vocabulary. Check that your children can define new terms. If not, have them use models and simple problems to show you they understand how the term is used.
9. **Teach them how to do math "in their head."** One of the major ways to solve problems is by using mental math. Kids should use this method frequently instead of using pencil and paper or a calculator. When helping your children with a problem, help them determine when it would be appropriate to use mental math.
10. **Make mathematics part of your children's daily life.** Mathematics will become more meaningful when your kids see how important it is in so many real-life situations. Encourage them to use math in practical ways. For example, ask them to space new plants a certain distance apart, double a recipe, and pay bills in stores.