



# The Wildcat Weekly

Winside Elementary School

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

**CHANGE in BABYSITTING CLASS.....** The babysitting class for the students that signed up has been changed. It will now be **Monday, December 29th from 9 am to 1 pm** at the Winside Firehall. Please note this change on your calendars!

**VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM.....** A special Veteran's Day program is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11th beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the **multipurpose room in the elementary building**. Parents and community members are welcome to join us as we honor our veterans.

**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 just around the corner, 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.



**MORE ON THE BACK...**

Here are some good recommendations to think about when working with your child in the area of math. This week focuses on the first five ways. Be looking in next week's Wildcat Weekly for the remaining five.

## Top 10 Ways to Help Your Kids Do Well in Math

[fe school.familyeducation.com/math/parenting/38812.html](https://www.familyeducation.com/math/parenting/38812.html)

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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.

- 1. Make sure your children understand mathematical concepts.** Otherwise, math becomes a meaningless mental exercise of just memorizing rules and doing rote drills. Have your children manipulate objects to figure out basic concepts. For addition, they could add one, two, or more blocks to a pile of blocks and then tell you how many blocks are in the pile.
- 2. Help them master the basic facts.** Mastery of a basic fact means that children can give an answer in less than three seconds. Considerable drill is required for children to give quick responses. Use flash cards to help your children learn the basic facts. When they don't know an answer, have them lay out objects to solve the problem.
- 3. Teach them to write their numbers neatly.** Twenty-five percent of all errors in solving math problems can be traced back to sloppy number writing. Improve your children's number-writing skills by having them trace over numbers that you have written. Suggest they use graph paper to keep the numbers in problems neatly aligned.
- 4. Provide help immediately when your children need it.** Math is one subject in which everything builds upon what has been previously learned. For example, a failure to understand the concept of percent leads to problems with decimals. If a teacher is unable to help your children, provide the help yourself or use a tutor or learning center.
- 5. Show them how to handle their math homework.** Doing [math homework](#) reinforces the skills your children are learning in class. Teach them to begin every assignment by studying the textbook or worksheet examples. Then have them redo the examples before beginning the assignment to make sure they understand the lesson.