

January 30, 2012

Conference Day on Friday was a busy, productive event. We so enjoyed sharing information and (especially) stories with you about your extraordinary children. If you have not yet signed up for a conference, please call the office or your child's teacher as soon as possible.



This week, Middle School will visit the downtown library on Monday to take a tour and learn how to use the facility. Midweek, the fifth and eighth grade students will participate in the TCAP (Tennessee Comprehensive Achievement Program) Writing Assessment. Younger students will write a narrative story while eighth graders will write an expository (explanatory) essay, both to assigned prompts. The results will be sent to Nashville for holistic scoring. Due to the methods learned through our writing curriculum, 6+1 Traits of Writing, we expect our students to do very well. On Tuesday, January 31 from 4:00-5:00, we will have a preliminary Positive Discipline meeting.



If you ever experience tantrums, noncompliance, hitting, whining, pouting and other challenging behaviors at home, you will enjoy Positive Discipline, a method which teaches children instead of punishes, and encourages them to become self-reliant, compassionate and confident. Please sign up on the Family News bulletin board if you can join us.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Monday, January 30:</u>	Middle School visits downtown library
<u>Tuesday, January 31:</u>	Positive Discipline meeting 4-5pm
<u>Wednesday, February 1:</u>	Writing Assessment for 5th & 8th grades
<u>Tuesday, February 7:</u>	Technology Meeting 4-5pm
<u>Friday, February 10:</u>	Middle School visits Green McAdoo Center
<u>Tuesday, February 14:</u>	Valentine's Day
<u>Thursday, February 16:</u>	School-wide Skate Party
<u>Friday, February 17:</u>	Middle School Fountain City Library visit
<u>Friday, February 17:</u>	Lion's Club vision screenings for preschool
<u>Monday, February 20:</u>	Inservice. No school.
<u>Sunday, February 26:</u>	Open House for prospective and enrolled families
<u>Tuesday, February 28:</u>	Lower Elementary attends KSO concert
<u>Wednesday, February 29:</u>	Positive discipline Part 2
<u>Monday, March 5:</u>	Stanford Testing begins
<u>Monday, March 12:</u>	Middle School to the library
<u>Tuesday, March 15:</u>	Upper visits the Challenger Center



Next week, on Tuesday February 7, we will have a follow-up Technology Meeting to discuss our findings from our first discussion. Even if you did not attend the first meeting, please join us from 4:00-5:00 next Tuesday, if you can.

Middle School will visit the Green McAdoo Cultural Center in Clinton next Friday, as part of Black History Month.

