



Rebecca Boone Elementary Newsletter

December 2011

Greatest Gift to Give our Children: Rely on ourselves for the answers to our problems.

Parents and teachers can help children become problem solvers and advocates for themselves in many ways. The basis for success lies in the belief that the best solution to any problem comes from within. If we are unable to solve on our own, then absolutely we should seek the help of others.

When a child shares with us that they have a problem, responses may include: "Wow! I bet that makes you feel mad," or "If that happened to me, I would really feel..." These types of statements usually bring about some kind of response that the child is relieved to know that we understand. We should follow with: "What do you think you are going to do about that?" This is a powerful statement because it implies that we know the child is capable of doing his or her own thinking.

The child may come back with: "I don't know." This is a good time to offer some different kinds of solutions.

1. Show understanding.
2. Ask, "How are you going to solve the problem?"
3. Share some choices.
4. Help him/her look at the consequences.
5. Give the child permission to solve it or not solve it.

Warren County R-III Food Service Breakfast Program

Each morning breakfast is served at RBE beginning at 7:00 am. Any student eligible for free lunch is also eligible for free breakfast. If your student receives reduced lunch, the breakfast is available for 0.30, regular priced breakfast is \$1.50.

Is homework an issue at your house?

What should a parent do when your child takes all evening to finish schoolwork?

Some children can take a 15 minute task and turn it into a two hour or more task, and sometimes teachers give what they believe may be a 15 minute task and it takes a student much longer than that to finish. Either way good clear communication is essential. Ideas to help at home include:

- Schedule a specific time for homework
- Find a quiet place that has little noise and few distractions
- Give your child support and praise when homework is done on time.
- When appropriate, give your child additional incentives
- Back up your words with action, stick to your plan and realize it may take your child a day or two to realize you mean business.

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
			1	2
5	6 Winter Choir Concert @ 7PM	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22 Holiday Parties 12:30 Dismissal	23 No School
26	27	28	29	30
CHRISTMAS BREAK				

Thank You Rebecca Boone PTO and Parents!!

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with donating food, drinks, and /or time with our recent parent teacher conference meals. The staff really enjoyed the delicious food.

Black Hawk Middle School National Junior Honor Society is trying to raise money for a trip to Washington D.C. They are offering two upcoming babysitting events:

Parents' Shopping Day

Saturday December 10th 8am-noon in the Daniel Boone Gym. Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Ages 3 through the fifth grade are welcome to attend.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday December 17, 6pm-10pm in the Daniel Boone Gym. Cost is \$20.00 for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child. Ages 3 through fifth grade are welcome to attend.

If interested in either event, please email rowesa@warrencor3.k12.mo.us or call 636-443-5826.



Thanks to grandparent Don Broering who came and shared with students about Flag Etiquette. This was prior to our Veteran's Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 9. Our Veteran's Day Assembly was held on Thursday, November 10. We are so thankful that so many of our students' families were able to attend.



Our *Winter Choir Concert* is scheduled for December 6th at 7 PM. The Rebecca Boone Elementary Special Choir has been working very hard on their performance. We hope everyone is able to attend.



School is scheduled to begin *Christmas Break* on December 23. *Students will be released on December 22 at 12:30.* Class holiday parties will be scheduled on December 22, with each teacher scheduling a time that works for their class schedule. Classes will resume on January 3, 2012.

