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MAY NEWSLETTER

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FUNDAMENTAL



Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 2, 2013 - Parent Workshop - Stress Management
- ◆ May 8, 2013 - Family Literacy Night & Mothers Day Presentation
- ◆ May 14, 2013 - SCHOOL PICTURES and Cap and Gown Measuring
- ◆ May 22, 2013 - Parent Workshop - Grief
- ◆ May 27, 2013 - CLOSED
- ◆ May 28, - 2013 - May Math Madness
- ◆ May 29, 2013 - Parent Involvement Meeting



**Sunday
MAY 12, 2013**

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SCHOOL-AGE

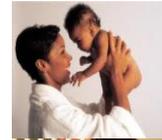
7:00am - start of school
breakfast served
3:00pm - 6:00pm
snacks served

**Enrolling
Ages
6-12**

Tywan 20	Yahria 27	Joanne 5
Lavarious 28	Mrs. Williams 22	Ms. Gant 11
Shaniya 22	Ms. Crawford 28	Ms. Lawrence 15



MOM ALWAYS KNOWS



*Everybody has a mother
That is simple and true
But often we forget our moms
And all the things they do*

*On Mother's Day take some time
To thank her for all she's done
Food and clothes and rides to school
And driving to places where you have fun*

*Like zoos and parks and playgrounds
And to the dentist's office, too
It might not be as fun at times*

But mom always knows what's good for you



reading is fundamental



Access to Books

Two-thirds of America's children living in poverty have **no books** at home, and the number of families living in poverty is on the rise. Many public and school libraries are being forced to close or reduce their operating hours. Children who do not have access to books and do not read regularly are among the most vulnerable Americans. **RIF** is working to ensure that all children have access to books, particularly those children most at risk for educational failure. RIF recently released a new research report highlighting the significance and impact of providing children access to print materials. The results are clear—access to books improves students' reading achievement.

Facts

Early Childhood Reading Readiness

Learning to use language and communicate with the written word are critical skills that children acquire as they grow and develop. Reading aloud to children at an early age is the most effective way to help them attain these skills. Reading also stimulates children's imagination and expands their understanding of the world. By helping our children develop strong reading skills at an early age, we are laying the foundation for their success in school and in life. In 2007, RIF launched Leading to Reading, our award-winning website featuring engaging literacy activities for adults to experience together with young children.

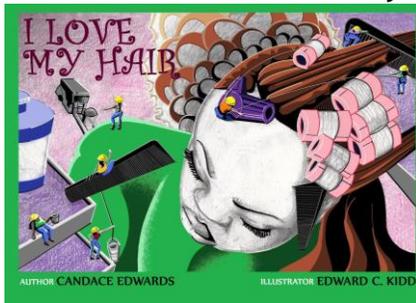
Courtesy of - www.RIF.org

Announcements

Wednesday
May 8, 2013
4:30p - 5:30

Family Literacy Night

Parent's you don't want to miss this! The author of the new book, "I LOVE MY HAIR" will grace us with her presence as the reader of the night. We will also be entertained with classroom presentations in celebration of Mother's Day.



Tuesday
May 14, 2013
Starting at 9am

Cap & Gown Fitting and PICTURE DAY
 Please have students at school ON TIME. Cap and Gown fittings will run simultaneously with Picture day. If your child is not present we will order their size at our discretion. Please ask us for another order form is needed. All payments should be in a money order and labeled accordingly.



Last Day to Order Transition Shirts
Monday
May 13, 2013
ALL DAY

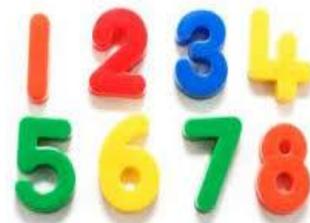
Transition T-Shirt

Transitioning Parent's please order your students shirt before May 13, 2013. Place an order with Ms. Morris at the front desk. Students will have their name on the left shoulder, classroom letter on the right shoulder, and the transition design on the front.



Tuesday
May 28, 2013
ALL DAY

Students are encouraged to complete a May Math Madness project at home with a parent and bring it in to school. Projects will be on display for the whole week.





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