

McCarty Elementary School – LEADERS IN LEARNING!
2006 Illinois Honor Roll School Academic Achievement Award Winner

Chuck Wagon Chatter

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Best wishes for peace, health, and happiness during this holiday season.

CHARACTER COUNTS! EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME!

The Aurora Art Commission will be exhibiting art work in their twelfth annual student art show. Five McCarty students have been chosen to be included in this special exhibition. Their art work will hang at the Commission's gallery in downtown Aurora. Congratulations to the following artists:

First Grade	Jack Buckingham, 1GR
Second Grade	Tatiana McFadzean, 2O
Third Grade	Aliza Nadeem
Fourth Grade	Ryan Vincent, 4A
Fifth Grade	Alexis Cortez, 5WA

CC! Word of the Week and the Second Pillar: RESPONSIBILITY

The definition of responsibility is: being accountable for your own actions.

CC! Quote of the Week

**“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”
– Abraham Lincoln**

To reinforce what your child is learning in school, we feel it is extremely important that you discuss responsibility with your child at home. Share with your child some of the many ways that adults must be responsible on a daily basis (going to work, taking care of the home, raising children, following the law). If your child has responsibilities to do at home, explain that they are learning to be better prepared when they grow up when they complete them.

McCarty Dates to Remember

Tues., Nov. 24 th	Kindergarten Fall Feast
	Fourth grade field trip to Naper Settlement
Wed. – Fri. 25 th -27 th	NO SCHOOL – Happy Thanksgiving
Wed., Dec. 2 nd	Fifth grade band/orchestra concert at WVHS 6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 3 rd	Fifth grade field trip to the WVHS planetarium
Fri., Dec. 4 th	Second quarter PROGRESS REPORTS come home
Sat., Dec. 5 th	PTA sponsored Breakfast with Frosty

Celebrating our Mustang Stampede Classroom Winner, Ms. Bown's Class

Friday afternoon the kindergarteners engaged in an exciting activity in the afternoon to celebrate Ms. Bown's class for raising the most money during our Mustang Stampede and by

learning probability at the same time. During the fall Mustang Stampede all McCarty students provided suggestions to our PTA on what they would like to see Mr. Payne and me do if their classroom raised the most money. Some suggestions were to do the hula dance or sing a duet during all lunch periods, get a pie in the face, or dress crazy and wear a crazy wig for the day. The students voted and 354 voted for the pie in the face.

Each student in Ms. Bown's class predicted how many pies would be thrown at Mr. Payne and me, as well as, how many pies would hit or miss. They created their probability chart and put their learning into action! Our wonderful PTA created two huge targets for us to stand behind with our face as the bull's eye. They created whipped cream pies for each student in Ms. Bown's class to use in their research. As each student pulled a name from the bag, Ms. Bown kept track on their probability chart of the results for each throw. The enthusiasm was incredible, and personally, the whipped cream did taste pretty good.

Channel 17, the Daily Herald, and Mrs. Johnson, our LMC director, were eagerly documenting the event. The reporter, Ben, volunteered to be part of the learning as well.

If you have Comcast, you should be able to view the excitement next Friday, November 27th, at 6:00 p.m. on channel 17. Keep an eye out in the Daily Herald for the article as well.

Math and Reading Connection

Estimation is an important skill that is used in making good judgments in everyday situations. Have your child guess how many raisins are in a mini-box, how many chips are in a cookie, or how many grapes are in a bunch. Then have them count while eating. You could have them count by 1s, 3s, 5s, 7s, etc. You will be pleased to see how your child's ability to make reasonable estimates improves with practice.

Make a quilt. Cut paper or poster board into 6-inch squares and have your youngster use each one to draw a picture about a book she/he is reading. When they have nine (9) squares, help them connect them with wide, clear tape. Then display their "reading quilt" on their bedroom wall.

If you have any ideas you'd like to share with other parents about how you connect math, reading, or writing at home, please email them to me. I'd love to share your creative ideas with everyone.

**Help our children cherish their yesterdays,
dream their tomorrows,
but live their today.**

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED!

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