

With the end of Quarter 1

We are off to a great start as quarter 1 comes to an end. As we begin quarter 2, please encourage your child to continue good study habits. We also recently completed parent teacher conferences. Thank you to all who were able to attend and share in your child's progress.

Dress for the Weather

Students are encouraged to wear coats to school as we begin to experience chilly mornings. Please put your child's name in their coats (so we can return if lost). Students go outside for afternoon recess as long as it is not raining and the wind chill or temperature is 20 degrees or above.



Meet our Very First Lego League

Nicholas Brooks, Alexa Hurst, Jacob Knuppel, McKenna Munjoy, Dalten Paine, Avika Sharma, Bianca Swartz, and Camden Trendler

Thank you Maroa-Forsyth School Board

To recognize the outstanding efforts of the nearly 6,000 elected **school board members** throughout the state, November 15, 2019 is designated as "**School Board Members Day**" in Illinois. We here at the grade school would like to thank our school board members for all the time and effort they volunteer. It is the support of the Maroa-Forsyth School Board that assists our schools in providing an excellent education and quality extracurricular activities. Thank you to all our school board members!

Maroa-Forsyth School Board:

Lindsey Wise, Brad Wilkey, Lori Willoughby, Brandi Binkley, Matt Crawford, Darin Duzan, and Wissam Hasnain

ILMEA

Allison Beller, Kennadie Ohlemeyer, Katie Nilles, Zoe Christian, Avika Sharma, and Lexi Nilles

Congratulations to these students for being chosen to represent Maroa-Forsyth Grade School on November 4th at the Illinois Music Education Association Elementary Choral Festival at Eastern Illinois University.

Thank You Veterans

With respect, honor and gratitude. We here at the grade school want to say thank you. Please join us on Monday, November 11th, 9:30, at our Veterans Day Assembly. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

Student Council

Student council has been busy. They have developed a "Free Little Library" for our school. This lending library is for all students to take a book or leave a book. This month they will be

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Leaders of the Month

Dates to Remember

- 4th—Community Club Meeting
- 11th—Veterans Day Assembly
9:30 am
- 13th- Student Council Dollar Day
Celebrity Day
- 14th—Middle School will
perform at the Grade School
- 15th—Midterm
- 20th - Student Council Turkey
Treat
- 20th -Pre-K Field Trip to Maroa
Library
- 20th - Early Dismissal 11:40 am
- 27th - 29th — NO School
Thanksgiving Break
- 25th—School Board Meeting

Habit 3- Put First Things First What are the most important “things?” How do we keep track and decide?



Habit 3 is Put First Things First- “I plan for the important.” This Habit is about recognizing what is important, prioritizing time, and organizing tasks so we don’t have to constantly be stressed!

Some kind of written planner is a great tool.

Modeling this behavior is the best way to teach it.

Ways to apply at home:

Priority Sort Game:

Let your child pretend to be your boss. You went golfing/skiing/to the movies. Explain why your report wasn’t in on time. Now you be the teacher and let your child explain how they played instead of doing their homework. Now role-play where you each did your work and studied before you played. Discuss the results and how it feels when we prepare. A good point is how much more we can enjoy our play if we aren’t worried about the things we haven’t done.

Planning helps us succeed. Show your child what you use to organize your time and tasks.

Is it a simple “To Do” list? Calendar? Digital Organizer? Help them create a list of things that need to be done in the week. How can tasks be broken down by day? Write it out. Small children can use pictures. Older kids and teens can plan times of day for tasks and include time for leisure activity as well. Family Time. Nothing is more important than our families. Set aside Family time each week. Let kids help plan the activities. Card and board games are a great way to interact. Go for a walk. Plan and fix a meal together. Visit the library or zoo. Look at old family photos. Protect this time and commit to strengthening your family. Don’t be discouraged if it doesn’t go smoothly the first few times. Keep trying.

Words to use:

“How can we plan to make sure your (homework/chores/project) is completed on time?”
“Our family is important and I would like to spend time with you. What would be a good activity for us to do together?” “Which is more important? X or Y?” “I bet you felt really good/grown up/proud to have completed ____.” “Thank you for putting first things first. It is so great to know I can count on you.” “Let’s talk about this. Did you really think ____ was the most important thing?” “I understand (your video game) felt very urgent, but was it really more important than (keeping your agreement to unload the dishwasher?)” “How can we plan better for next time?” For teens/older kids: “What are some things that just waste your time? What can you do about that?”

