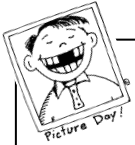




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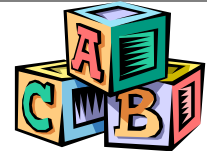
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PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

October 8 is fall picture day here at Berlin School. October 9 is the alternate kindergarten picture day. I would encourage you to let the school photographer take your student's picture, even though you do not wish to purchase pictures. We use a small picture for our class records and we will offer a class book in the Spring. If you choose **not** to have your student photographed, please complete the form sent home with your child.

A B C s Of Student Success



C is for CHOICES.

According to Jim Fay, author of *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*, giving children choices is more effective than making demands. He suggests...

- » Never give choices if it might cause problems for you or anyone else.
- » Give only two options for each choice, both equally okay with you.
- » If your child doesn't decide within 10 seconds, make the choice for him or her.

Share - A - Christmas

The forms for Share-A-Christmas have been distributed to various places throughout Holmes County. If you are interested in completing a form, you can stop by Berlin School, the Food Pantry, or The Department of Job and Family Services to pick one up. Holmes County hopes to meet the needs of 300 families again this Christmas season.

Cool Days Ahead

In the past, students were not permitted to wear shorts the months of October thru March. I would like to extend the shorts wearing time by two months. Students are permitted to wear shorts in October and in March. October and March have some really chilly days. We ask that you watch the weather and dress students appropriately for cold days. Recess is always outside unless it is rainy, extremely windy, or below 20 degrees. Students need to be dressed appropriately for outside recess.



Fall Literacy Day

On October 27, all parents of first graders are invited to visit Berlin School for a day of interesting activities involving reading. It's scheduled for 9:30- 11:00 am so mark your calendar and join the fun.

The in-service day that was planned for October 10 has been rescheduled for October 17. We will have school on the 10th as usual.

October Field Trips

MW Kindergarten - October 1

Sixth Grade - October 2

Third Grade - October 3

First Grade - October 22



Going Green

As you know, there is a big push for everyone to be more prudent with the earth's natural resources. East Holmes is hoping to "Go Green". The school district has a web-site that is located at www.tccsa.net. In the future, I am going to place the Berlin Beacon on the site as well as other important informational letters. My hope is that many of you will read Berlin news on-line, thus reducing the amount of paper that gets used and then thrown in the trash. Teachers may also follow suit and do the same with their newsletters. We understand that the internet is not in every home. A survey will be sent out in the near future allowing you to decide if you would like hard copies or electronic copies of information.

Newspaper Learning

With thousands of words in every issue, newspapers are a great way to build your youngster's reading skills. Grab a paper and try these activities.

Matching Game

Have your child cut out several photos and their captions separately. Mix them up. Matching the captions and the photos will improve reading comprehension.

Scavenger Hunt

List items in the newspaper (car ad, crossword puzzle, weather forecast), and ask your youngster to find and circle each one. They'll build research skills as they look through the pages.

ABC Order

Together, find the names of 5-10 countries, states, and cities in headlines or stories. Let your child copy each one onto an index card and arrange the cards in alphabetical order. This will help them practice spelling and learn about geography.

TREK TO OUR

BOOK FAIR SAFARI



GO ON A SAFARI FOR FUN BOOKS
During Berlin School's Soup Supper

October 7

5-8 pm

**"SOUP'S ON" OCTOBER 7
5:00-8:00 P.M.**



You are invited to join us at our annual Soup Supper on Tuesday, October 7. We look forward to sponsoring this community event and appreciate the help of our parent organization to get the job done. Mark your calendar for "Soup's On" for the whole family on October 7. Information will continue to come home with your child. Pre-sale tickets are available in the school office. Your support of the school fund-raising activities is appreciated.

MAGAZINE SALE A SUCCESS!

The 5th and 6th grade magazine sale was a huge success. Our school goal of \$13,500 was met. High selling homeroom this year was 6A. All homerooms did a super job and we appreciate all the support the parents and community gave our students. Thank you!

Thursday, OCTOBER 16, will be our first Early Dismissal Day. School will let out at 1:20.