

# Learning *and* Loving It!

## The County Road and Luther Lee Emerson...



# NEWSLETTER

### Important Dates

- 1/20 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/31 Lunar New Year Celebration
- 1/31 Report Cards Available on Parent Portal
- 2/3 Fourth Grade Living Voices
- 2/5 Harlem Wizards Visit
- 2/11 Jump rope for Heart at LLE
- 2/17-2/21 Winter Recess No School

January 17, 2020



### CRS Winter Show

On December 18 at CRS the Preschool students participated in a CRS Preschool Winter Concert. Thank you to Mrs. Mach for an amazing performance. Thank you to Mrs. Stokes for helping the students to make their snowman costume for the performance as well.



## Mario the Maker Magician

On January 10<sup>th</sup> at CRS and LLE Mario the Maker Magician put on a fantastic and entertaining show. Mario explained to the students that it is important to do what you love, to use what you have, and to have fun! He performed magic tricks using homemade tools and robots made out of recycled materials. Thank you to Mario and the PTO for a wonderful assembly.



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to everyone and may 2020 bring us all good health, relaxation and happiness. As a new year rolls around, we always think about ways to make improvements. Some of that has to do with our diet or exercising while others think about how they will read more books in the new year.

I would like to share some ideas about how to celebrate what our children do in school once they come home. This conversation can take place in the car, while having an after school snack or while everyone is seated around the dinner table. This is a great way to help improve communication with our children. Personally, I too have been working on this with my daughter when I pick her up after work. I ask her what she did at her grandparents' house and what we are going to do once we get home. Of course this usually involves a stop to the market which she loves to do.

First, let me say that at times children do not always embellish on their school day and there is nothing wrong with that. They just finished a day filled with learning, fun and excitement. So if they are too tired to discuss their day sometimes, we need to be understanding of that. Here are some ideas about ways to have conversations about school at home.

#### **“Let’s see what you brought home today.”**

Review the contents in your child’s backpack, folder or look at the teacher’s website together to review the homework. Some of the contents may include finished work or a project that they are still working on. Always remember that for the older students they may have a lot of content on their Google classroom page or Google drive. A fun idea is to share some of your work or projects that you did when you were in school.

#### **“Describe a lesson that you enjoyed today.”**

This will help to give you an idea about what your child enjoys. Build upon their interest level and create a family trip around this topic. If they are excited about a lesson on earth science or dinosaurs you might want to organize a trip to the Museum of Natural History. If possible, you might schedule that trip with just you and your child, especially if you have others at home. This way you are providing a positive reward where your child gets some personal attention.

#### **“Tell me what you learned that you would like to know more about.”**

You may learn about a topic that your child is interested in or is reading about. In that case you can go to the local library and take a book out on it to read together or visit a local bookstore to purchase one. One may also take it a step further and find out if their favorite author is in town signing books.

As time passes us by so fast, something that I, as a parent, am learning each day, it is my fervent wish that we all take the time to sit with our children and communicate with them.

Best,  
Mr. Mazzini