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Information For School Success (Part 1)

From a history test at the end of each month to a spelling quiz every Friday, studying is a skill children will need throughout their years at school. Help your child study with these tips:

START A HABIT. Encourage your child to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something they do the evening before a test. For example, they might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After they finish their regular homework, they can spend a little time reviewing their notes and handouts.

TACKLE TEXTBOOKS. When your child has a chapter to study, have them "preview" it to increase their understanding. They should glance over headings, graphics and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words. Tip: If they find a section hard to grasp, they could read a picture book on the topic. For a science book on matter for instance, they could try the book "What Is the World Made Of". By Kathleen Weidner Zoeheld.

MIX IT UP. If your child reviews information in several ways, they will be more likely to remember it. They might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card. Then they can shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that they spell each word or recite each fact aloud.

MAP TESTING. Students in Grades 2-8 will be taking the MAP beginning September 19. The MAP is the Measure of Academic Progress test that our school will give each student in the fall this school year. It is a computerized adaptive test in reading and math that reflects the instructional level of each individual student. It measures growth over time in addition to performance.

Many parents/guardians have asked how they can help their child prepare for this test. The best advice I can give is to make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before each test, have your child eat a healthy breakfast on the day of each test, remind your child to dress comfortably on the day of the test and most importantly get your child to school on time the day of the test.

Check in with your child's classroom/homeroom teacher to find out the exact date of the Math and Reading MAP tests that your child will be taking. Make sure you let your child's classroom/homeroom teacher know if your child will be gone during their scheduled testing time

so that the test can be rescheduled for your child. Remember that testing is used in schools to measure student achievement.

(Some information from the 2012 Resources For Educators)

Innisbrook Is On!

Each year, your participation in the Innisbrook sales fundraiser pays back over \$35,000 to our school and creates energy and excitement with all students, early in the year.

Let's make 2012 our biggest year yet!

You may have Innisbrook catalogs and materials in your youngest/only student's take home mail (and if not – please check backpacks and ask your student). If your family did not receive a packet, there are more in the office at each campus. Now's the time to start shopping! Lots of new items this year, including fantastic new cookie dough and baked treats.

As with each year's sales, students are rewarded for their effort in the fundraiser at multiple levels of participation. Even student selling one item will receive a prize (pencil topper) and only 15 items will get your student the highly coveted Alex the Alligator backpack buddy! Your student will receive prizes when you enter your order into Innisbrook's easy to use on-line system.

And there's more –two classrooms (one Lower Campus, one Upper Campus) with the highest student participation will win a class pizza party!

Innisbrook is an LHCS fundraiser that is very successful beyond just our neighborhood. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and distant family and friends can contribute by shopping online at www.Innisbrook.com and entering code 109366 .

Please spread the word!

Now's the time to get started – by september 25, we'll knock last year's socks off!

Thanks for your ongoing support of LHCS.

Registration for GEMS and GISE

GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science) and GISE (Guys in Science and Engineering) is an Extracurricular program for students who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math which utilizes team-based, hands-on projects. It is open to fourth through eighth grade students who are willing to participate as a part of a team with once or twice-weekly practices/meetings and 3 weekend tournaments during the September-May season. Activities include homework and research, interviews and "engineering design". It is an involved program where both homework completion and attendance at meetings are required so please ensure you can commit to the schedule. Meetings are held at the school or in the coach's home. Read the [GISE and GEMS Program webpage](#) to find out much more.

Due to high demand, inclusion in the class may need to be handled by lottery. If you are not picked for a spot, we will put you on a priority list for the following year.

Mr. Marchetti will hand out registration forms, or you can access our [webpage](#).

Walk to School Day

October 3rd is Walk to School Day, so get your kids outside and have fun!

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"Kids Voting Minneapolis" seeking volunteers

Kids Voting Minneapolis is a community-based, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to empower students in Minneapolis with the skills and confidence to embrace civic involvement and become active citizens as adults.

On Election Day, Kids Voting Minneapolis strives to give Minneapolis students the opportunity to experience an authentic voting experience and casting a Kids Voting ballot at a Minneapolis precinct polling location. For More Information, contact: Will Howell will@kidsvotingminneapolis.org 612-217-4530 (c) 612-568-VOTE (o)

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Please try to limit each submission to approximately 150 words in length.