

# Counselor's Corner

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## Upcoming Events

### October

Open House – Oct. 5

Bully Prevention Month – NED Show (Oct. 13)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Museum of Fine Arts (Oct. 19)

Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 24-28)

Character Trait-Responsibility

### November

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Renaissance Festival (Nov. 7)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Magnet Awareness Day – Nov. 14

## Important Announcement

Remember school counseling does not take the place of therapy or services that pertain to psychological services. Referrals will be made to outside resources.

### Greetings!

It has been an extremely eventful beginning of the school year, but we are ready to move forward and prepare our students for success. First things first, if you have a student who may still need school supplies please do not hesitate to contact me. The community and other outreach programs have been very generous in their donations and we would like to pass on these blessings.

In addition, next month we will be discussing ways to be responsible and how responsibility looks. Please be our partner by reinforcing these tips at home.

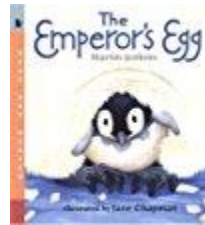
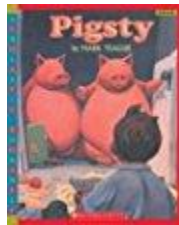
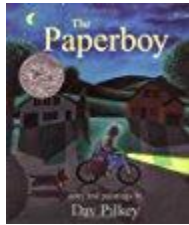
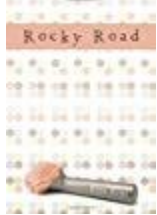
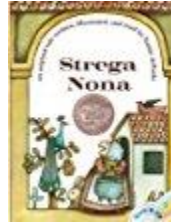
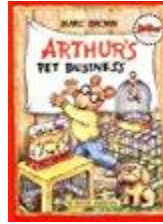
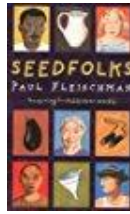
Here are 15 everyday strategies guaranteed to increase your kids' "responsibility":

1. Raise your child with the expectation that we always clean up our own messes.
2. Kids need an opportunity to contribute to the common good.
3. Remember that no kid in his right mind wants to do "chores."
4. Always let children "do it myself" and "help" even when it's more work for you.
5. Rather than simply giving orders, try asking your child to do the thinking.
6. Provide routines and structure.
7. Teach your child to be responsible for her interactions with others.
8. Support your child to help pay for damaged goods.
9. Don't rush to bail your child out of a difficult situation.
10. Model responsibility and accountability.
11. Never label your child as "Irresponsible"
12. Teach your child to make a written schedule.
13. All kids need the experience of working for pay.
14. Create a No-Blame Household.
15. Teach your kids that as Eleanor Roosevelt said, they not only have the right to be an individual, they have an obligation to be one.

## More Important News

### Book Suggestions on Responsibility

*I Just Forgot* by Mercer Mayer  
*Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman  
*Arthur's Pet Business* by Marc Brown  
*Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola  
*Rocky Road* by Rose Kent  
*The Paperboy* by Dav Pilkey  
*The Pigsty* by Mark Teague  
*The Emperor's Egg: Read and Wonder* by Martin Jenkins  
*Rules* by Cynthia Lord  
*Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Saturday* by Judith Viorst



## In the Community

### Gifted and Talented Parent Info Sessions

October 18 at Carrillo  
Elementary from 5:30PM – 7  
PM (960 Wayside Drive)

### Visit to Houston Museum of Natural Science

On Thursday, September 28, 2017, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes went on a field trip to the Museum of Natural Science. The activities featured a presentation in the planetarium where they learned about the planets, the sun, the rotation of the Earth and the orbiting of the sun and moon. Students also were able to learn how to tell time using a sun dial and why and how we have seasons.

Afterwards, they were broken up into groups and went to a classroom where they learned about force, motion, and gravity. They completed three lab experiments showcasing what they learned and took a quiz to close out the activity. Our students had a fantastic time learning!

The tour ended with them viewing the dinosaur exhibits and the other halls that were available such as the Hall of Malacology, Hall of Gems and Minerals, and the Hall of the Americas.

We encourage you to take a visit to the museum and explore all they have to offer. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, but it is free on Thursdays. Learning with your child is one of the best bonding experiences they will always remember and cherish.



