

Richard Chronicle

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Mr. John Kernan, Principal

September 28, 2018

Dates to Remember

10/10/18

Evening Conferences

10/11/18

PM & Evening Conferences

10/19/18

Haunted Garage 6-9

10/14/18

GP Open House 1-3

10/21/18

Fall Fest 2-4

10/31/18

Halloween

AM School only

11/6/17

No School for students

11/20/18

AM School only

Thanksgiving break begins at 11:36 AM.

11/21/18-11/23/18

Thanksgiving Break

Please go to our website for the Calendars, highlights, and important information.
<https://mi01000971.schoolwires.net/gprichard>



Richard Families,

I cannot believe that we are through our first month of learning together! I have enjoyed meeting your kids and finding out more about the "Richard Way". As I sit here now, I can easily say that I am proud to be part of such a wonderful community.

As we move forward through the year and relationships builds, remember the important role you have in your child's education. At our Back to School Night, you heard our teachers talk about what happens in their room and your child's day to day schedule. Learning does not stop when kids leave our doors, just as it does not start when they enter. Learning is a daily, lifelong adventure, one that requires use to work together to make experiences for our children.

I am looking forward to what October has to hold for our Raccoons, both inside and outside our walls. We have plenty in store from our PTO events, Running Club and exciting learning opportunities. I look forward to our continued partnership in our community's growth and getting to know more about all of our Raccoons!

Thank you for a great start to the year!
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-John

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Richard Families



GPSS
Mobile
App

Drop Off and Pick Up of Students

1. When dropping off or picking up students, please remember **NOT** to double park in front of the school. It's very dangerous.
2. McKinley Ave. is a **NO PARKING ZONE**. Please be considerate of others (neighbors across the street from our building), by using this area for drop off and pick up only. **Police will ticket anyone** parked in front of our school. Parents, you are encouraged to call the Farms police and report any repeat offenders.
3. Don't leave kids unattended in your cars. Never leave your automobile. If you must come into the building, park in the circle (**PLEASE DON'T DOUBLE PARK**) on McMillan or behind Rite Aid. **Never park in the STAFF LOT (RICHARD STAFF STICKER REQUIRED) or handicap spot**, as we have parents/teachers who need those spots in the parking lot.
4. Consider parking down the street and crossing Ridge Rd. with the crossing guard. This works well for many of our students and eliminates the Kercheval-McKinley "bottleneck."
5. **Never use Ridge Rd. as a drop off or pick up location.** It's dangerous and your car would be parked on the wrong side of the street.

**Lunch
Volunteers
Needed**

BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY

9:05 AM	Entry Bell
9:10 AM	AM Instruction Begins
11:56-12:44	Lunch/Recess
12:46 PM	PM Instruction Begins
3:38 PM	Dismissal

TUESDAY- FRIDAY

8:20 AM	Entry Bell
8:25 AM	AM Instruction Begins
11:36-12:24	Lunch/Recess
12:26 PM	PM Instruction Begins

NO BIRTHDAY TREATS

For the past few years, in consideration of the increased number of children with food allergies and sensitivities, our faculty and staff have chosen to replace edible birthday treats with **non-edible** "gifts" (pencils, erasers, Oriental Trading-type items) that the children may share. (Please keep in mind that bringing in any birthday treat has always been optional and no one is required to do so.)

This year, we are also asking parents to refrain from bringing any food in for your child to share with other students during lunch time. This creates many problems, such as not having enough for all students, having some students feeling left out, a lack of plates and/or serving utensils, and, most of all, unfairness to the students with food allergies and sensitivities. Feel free to drop off food for your own child/ren at lunch. Sharing food is always welcome during special classroom parties such as Halloween, when parents can plan and supervise the choices so that they are safe for all students. Thank you so much for your support as we remain sensitive to the needs of all of our children.

ATTENDANCE

Please be sure to call our attendance line at 432-4901 with all absences/late arrivals by 8:45 am. The attendance line is a dedicated line and available 24 hours/7 days a week. If you know of a future absence (trip, appointment, etc.) please let the office know with a phone call or note as soon as possible. Your cooperation will save a considerable amount of time spent calling to locate the student. We appreciate all of your efforts helping us keep your children safe.

PTO News

Our PTO is off to a great start to the school year! We've been working hard on fun family events, clubs, fundraisers and much more. Here's some events we have coming up in the next few weeks:

Haunted Garage: we look forward to this annual fun event! Richard's "date" is October 19th. Remember, even if you can't attend that day, you can buy your tickets from us and use them on a different date. Richard will still benefit from your ticket purchase.

Save the date: our Fall Fest will be held on October 21st from 2:00-4:00. Stay tuned for details. We'll have some past favorites along with some new twists.

Kroger cards: don't forget to register your Kroger card through the community rewards program. You can choose Richard as your charity and earn money for the school.

Amazon: do you use Amazon? If you select Richard as your charity through the Amazon Smiles program, our school earns money every time you shop! Once selected, you don't have to select it every time. Just make sure you shop through smile.amazon.com.

The PTO Fall Fundraiser is underway. We are selling Entertainment Books for \$30.00. This is one of our most important and successful fundraisers for the year. The money raised helps the PTO fund important programs for the children at Richard such as our amazing assemblies, technology upgrades, special programs, and family activities throughout the year. The fundraiser runs until 9/28. All order forms and payments are due back to the office by 10/3. Let's make this fundraiser another success for our kids!

OPEN HOUSE



Join us for the GPPSS Open House **Sunday, October 14, from 1-3 pm**. Come explore our schools, including our tuition-based Preschool, with student-led tours. Invite your neighbors and friends!

September

Golden Note Award Winners:

- K-1 Mrs. Vctor
- 2-3 Mr. Swansey
- 4-5 Mrs. Barron



Golden Shoe Award Winners:

- K-2 Ms. K. Schmitz
- 3-5 Ms S. Schmitz



Golden Paintbrush Award Winners:

- K-2 – Mrs. Vctor



Golden Book Award Winners:

- 2 nd grade Mrs. Murphy



Service Workers of the Month

- Charlotte Kowal
- Morgan Costello

Safety Workers of the Month

- Ella Smith
- Leila Oskui





The 2018 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming soon!

Please mark you calendars...we will be open during Richard's fabulous FALL FEST the evening of
October 21st

...and will remain open the week of October 22nd-25th; during lunch and after school.

What a great way to encourage reading at home!

There will be many opportunities to volunteer...stay tuned!

Book Fair Chair

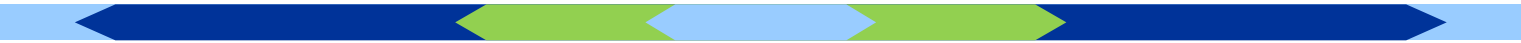
Sara Waller

Committee members

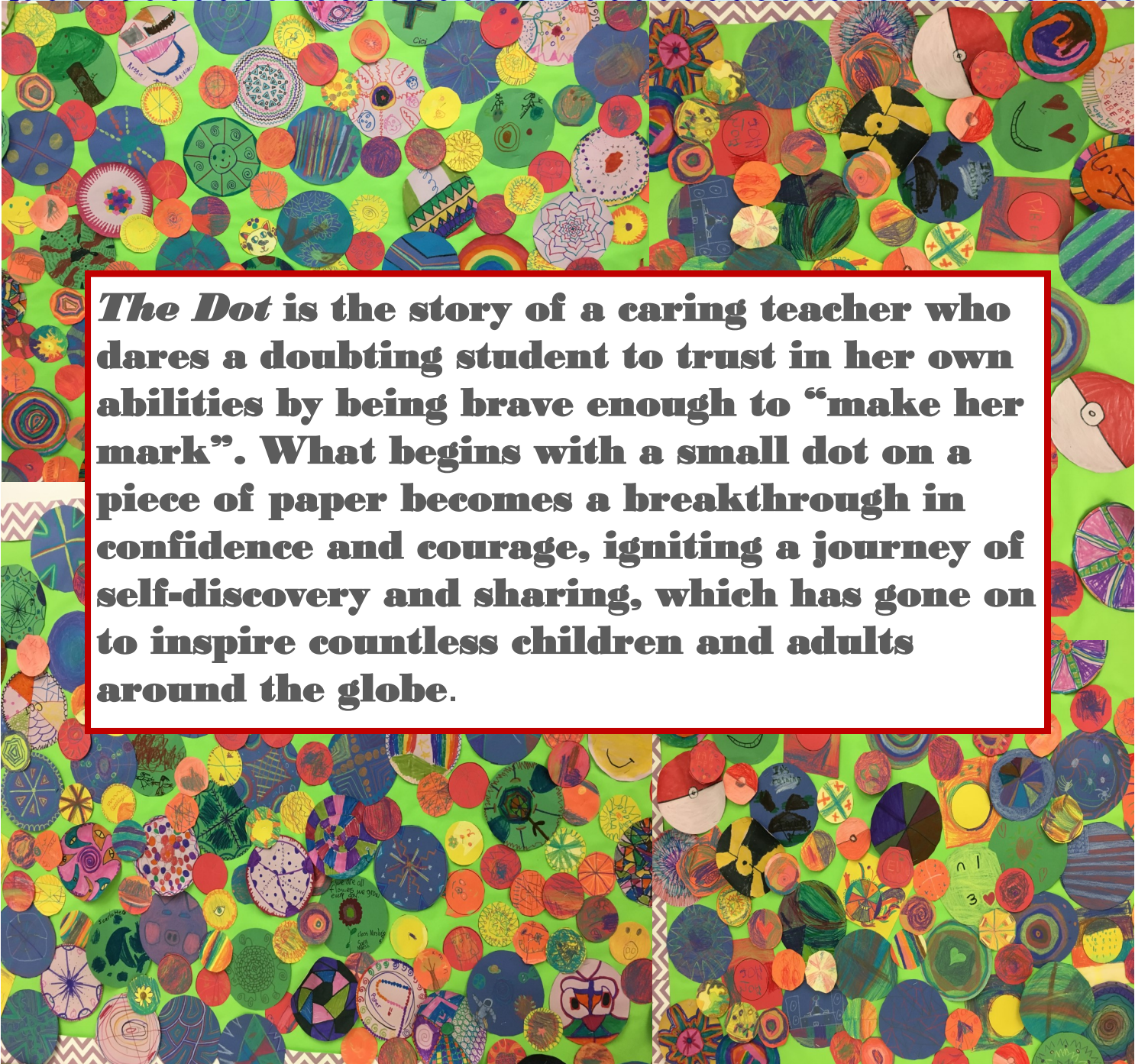
Jodie Reynolds

Helena Carroll

Danielle Schoeny (Bartalino)



Dot Day



***The Dot* is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark”. What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe.**

Bullying: When Your Child is the Target

Listen

I can't imagine how bad this must feel for you.



Empathize... don't try to fix it.

Help them feel strong

What do you think you might try?

Get their perspective.



Get them thinking about solutions



Some kids decide to...

... Act calm and joke with the bully,

"Thanks for noticing."

... Slowly move near an adult or friend without saying anything.

... Feel empathy for the bully instead of taking what they say personal.

... Confront the bully by saying,

"Stop it! That's bullying!"

... Report it to a teacher or other adult.

What solution will work best for you?

Rescue or protect... but...



... do this only when absolutely necessary.

Bullying...

Teach your kids to be victors... not victims.

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★ Specials ★

Gym– Mr. Ciaravino

We started off the year with enthusiasm and positive attitudes, with a focus on health! We are playing soccer, and frisbee and learning the rules of play and strategies. They are all playing hard, catching on, and having lots of fun.



Art-Mrs. Maday & Ms. Debow

Welcome back to a new school year in the art room. Mrs. Maday will be teaching art on D days and Mrs. DeBow will be teaching art on C day. All students are getting settled back as we begin our first projects. Students will soon be creating their Art to Remember projects in their upcoming art classes.



Music-Mrs. Weinhaus

We are busy in the music room this Fall. Choir starts October 2, on A days at lunch recess. Kindergarteners are working on Carnival of Animals! First Graders are learning Peter and the Wolf! Concert will be December 19th!



Library-Mrs. Gostomski & Mrs. Quinlan

It is so wonderful to see the children in the library again. Our kindergarteners and new students to Richard received their brand new library cards. Please keep these at home and feel free to use them at any of the 3 public library branches. All K, 1st and 2nd graders started this year with important lessons about book care and finding the “Just Right books”. We also familiarized ourselves with the different areas of the library and how to be safe and respectful during our library visits. We will also practice expanding our reading interests and try new books!



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Play Central



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Play Central

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am-11am, October 1 through April 29, in the gym at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, \$5 per family per visit

A drop-in setting for parents, grandparents and caregivers to play with their children while socializing in an indoor play setting. Play Central follows the Grosse Pointe Public School System calendar so holidays and snow days will be observed.

Get a free visit coupon at familycenterweb.org

Vaping: What We Know, What We Don't, and Teenage Use

October 23, 7pm, at the Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, FREE

Learn what is an e-cigarette, what are the potential dangers and how can we talk to our youth about it. This is a rising trend among middle and high schoolers and having an understanding about this risky behavior can help you plan for the necessary conversations.

Featuring Ascension physician, Sean Cassleman, D.O. Presented in partnership with Ascension St. John Hospital and the Grosse Pointe Academy.

Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers

October 25, 7pm, at SOC (Services for Older Citizens), 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, FREE

When someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's, friends and family have many questions. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? As the disease progresses, new questions reflect growing needs for skills, programs and services. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you need to know, what you need to plan, and what you can do at each point along the way.

Featuring Lauren Cetnar, Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. Presented in partnership with Alzheimer's Association and SOC (Services for Older Citizens).

Socially Challenged: Acquiring Skills Necessary for Everyday Interactions

November 14, 7pm, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms, FREE

Social skill deficits accompany many diagnoses, including: anxiety, ADHD, ASD, and speech-language impairments. The understanding and use of pragmatic language skills are essential for success across all contexts. We will explore ways to provide support and learning opportunities for children, tweens, teens and young adults who find social interaction challenging.

Featuring Amy McIntyre and Michelle Harr with SPARC Speech & Language Therapy Services, and Kristy Schena, Founder of Kids On The Go. Presented in partnership with SPARC Speech & Language Therapy Services and Kids On The Go

Security Awareness for the Savvy International Traveler

November 15, 7pm, at Grosse Pointe Shores Council Room, 795 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores, FREE

Geared for tourists who'd like to be more aware of international security issues. This program will highlight safest places in airports, hotels, etc., whom to contact if you're in trouble, keeping your mind alert and aware of which sites you should approach with caution, country-specific issues, and resources travelers can use to educate themselves prior to travel.

Featuring Aimee Fluitt, former FBI employee and counterintelligence contractor/trainer for NASA.

Stay informed about upcoming programs by following The Family Center on Facebook (facebook.com/TheFamilyResourceCenter) and on Twitter (twitter.com/TheFamilyCenter1). Find past programs on YouTube ([FamilyCenterWeb Videos](https://FamilyCenterWebVideos)).



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Mental Health First Aid Training: For Adults Working/Interacting with Youth

September 19 and September 26, 5:30-9:30pm, at Grasse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grasse Pointe Farms, FREE Limited to 30 attendees.

This eight-hour training (two four-hour sessions) is intended for adults who are working or interacting with youth, to detect and respond to mental health issues. The session includes a five-step action plan demonstrating how to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the individual.

Presented in partnership with Grasse Pointe Memorial Church and Training & Treatment Innovations, Inc. Participants earn a three-year certification.



Everyday Mental Health: What You Need to Know

September 19, 6:30pm, Grasse Pointe South, 11 Grasse Pointe Blvd., OR
September 25, 6:30pm, Parcels Middle School, 20600 Mack Avenue. FREE

Parents, students and community members are encouraged to attend and hear the vulnerable, inspiring, personal story of former U-M football player and national mental health advocate, Will Heining, as he shares his journey with depression and anxiety. The evening will include Will's story and a Q&A session. Visit kevinssong.org for information.

Presented in partnership with Kevin's Song and CARE of Southeastern Michigan



Meet & Greet for Professionals

October 2, 9:30-Noon, at The War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grasse Pointe Farms, FREE

Connect, exchange business cards and brochures with other community professionals working with youth, adults and families (educators, therapists, physicians, attorneys, dentists, clergy, etc.)

Presented in partnership with The War Memorial and the Grasse Pointe News.

Welcome Sponsor: A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Special offer for attendees: 50% off for new Grasse Pointe News advertisers from October 2 through November 1. New subscriber special: \$35 (21% discount).

Empty Nest: A Bittersweet Transition

October 9, 7pm, at Grasse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grasse Pointe Farms, FREE

Many of us put so much into the raising of our children that once they are launched it can leave an awful hole in our lives. But this transition is also a beautiful thing that allows our children to spread their wings in the way we've prepared them to do. It also gives us a new freedom we haven't had for many years – but now with the wisdom of our maturity to enjoy it more richly. Join us for a presentation that will explore the complexity of this transition.

Featuring Mary Petersen, LMSW, ACSW, Private Practice Psychotherapist



Mary Petersen

The College Preparation Process for Parents and Students

October 16, 6:30pm, at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grasse Pointe Farms, FREE

Pick One Class in Each Session

Session A 6:30-7:10pm

Know How to Go for 9th and 10th grades (Room 1)

Introducing students and parents to the college exploration process including academic and non-academic components.

Using Online College Resources for 11th and 12th grades (Room 2)

Demonstrating a variety of college research resources appropriate for upperclassmen. Attendees are invited to bring their own device and interact with sites.

Session B 7:15-8:00pm

Know How to Go for 11th and 12th grades (Room 1)

Examining the elements of college application know-how and familiarity with financial aid.

Using Online College Resources for 9th and 10th grades (Room 2)

Demonstrating a variety of college research resources appropriate for freshmen and sophomores. Attendees are invited to bring their own devices and interact with sites.

Featuring Grasse Pointe Public School System presenters Beth Walsh-Sahutske, MA, LPC and Melissa Pierce, MA, LPC



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The One Year Plan

Parent's Guide for Helping Children Succeed in School

need to get away from it for a while each day. More homework and problems at home about school won't help.

- a. Don't complain to teachers that they should give this child more homework.
 - b. Use this program instead and you will see amazing results in one year.
 - c. Fight with your children and their teachers about homework and the problem will still be there in years to come.
12. Love and Logic parents remember that highly successful people put most of their efforts into their talents and maintain minimal standards on everything else.

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Jim Fay is one of America's most sought-after presenters and authors in the area of parenting and school discipline. His background includes 31 years as a teacher and administrator, over three decades as a professional consultant, and many years as the parent of three children. Jim's sense of humor and infectious spirit have made his interviews, audios, videos, and books popular with educators and parents as well as the national news media. Jim has discovered that fun stories are the most powerful way of helping people learn. He often comments, "People seem to learn best when they giggle." You will find this delightful quality in many of our Love and Logic products.

People who are really successful implementing this skill purchased [From Bad Grades to A Great Life!](#)



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Grosse Pointe Public School System

Strategic Plan

One GP — where everyone learns, every day



Focus Areas

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- Provide tiered supports/challenge for all
- Support inclusive learning opportunities
- Ensure rigorous, innovative curriculum
- Create menu of digital curriculum tools

Embedded Professional Development

- Professional growth through district PD
- Teacher growth by PD outside GPPSS
- Retain/recruit high quality staff

Infrastructure and Technology

- List improvements, repairs
- Prioritize master list with Board, stakeholders
- Develop options for financing
- Create blueprint for future ready classrooms
- Enhance safety and security

Community Connections

- Increase enrollment
- Provide GPPSS information through electronic, video, print
- Sustain community connections that support learning environment



Guiding Principles

Collaboration · Compassion · Embracing Diversity · Innovation · Integrity · Global Awareness · Perseverance

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1. Love and Logic parents remember that parents can't teach for teachers and teachers can't parent for parents. Remember that teachers and parents can't learn for kids no matter how much we love them.
2. Show the same amount of love for your children regardless of their success in school.
 - a. Show sadness rather than anger when they have trouble at school.
3. Expect your children to do their share of the chores at home.
4. Spend some time each day talking with excitement about your work and your day. They will want to imitate you and will soon begin to talk about school and their day.
5. Take turns reading to each other every day.
6. Have your children teach you something they have learned at school. Do this once per week.
7. Encourage your children to do things that "charge their batteries." Encourage them to try many different activities as a way of discovering interests and talents.
 - a. Remind them that they will build their careers around their talents, not around their weaknesses.
8. Provide a time and place for homework. Expect that they will study. Allow them to study either by writing the assignments or thinking hard about them for a reasonable amount of time.
 - a. If they decide to study by thinking instead of writing or reading, have them think of a plan for explaining it to the teacher.
 - b. Support the teacher to handle this.
 - I. Don't fight with children over the homework.
 - II. Don't fight with the teachers over the grade or consequence.
 - III. Tell your children that you will love them regardless of their grades or the number of years it takes to complete each grade.
9. Don't pay your children for good grades and don't punish for bad grades. Be excited about the good grades and sad for the children about their bad grades.
10. Have your children bring home papers.
 - a. Look at the right answers instead of the wrong ones.
 - b. Don't correct the wrong answers—leave this for the teacher.
 - c. Have your children explain the reasons for the answers being right. If they don't know, give them three choices:
 - I. You cheated?
 - II. You tried hard?
 - III. You are getting smarter in that subject?
11. Expect this Love and Logic program to take about one year before you see good results. Remember that children who have a hard time at school

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