Minooka Primary Center

Each month we will have a building newsletter that shares important upcoming events and details. Please read all newsletters to help wrap up one month and prepare for the new month! If you have bus transportation questions please call 815-467-5133.

Minooka Primary Center building hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The main office phone number is 815-467-3167. To contact the nurse please use extension 7003.

We are still working on filling our Good Character Bucket focusing on Being Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Kind while at school and at home. Students are currently earning paw prints to fill their classroom and building buckets. ***We intend on earning our fourth prize which will be in March or April, 2019, during the school day. We could use your help! We need a prize that includes "paw" animal friends. Any ideas or suggestions please contact Ms. Miller at tmiller@min201.org.***

This month we will continue to talk to our students about bus and car rider safety. We are using the phrases, "Quiet Mouths", "Quiet Hands", and "Calm Body" to promote good character while in a moving vehicle. Please encourage your children to continue to practice buckling and unbuckling their seat belts. Also, please remember students must remain buckled in the car while it is moving, once the vehicle is in park feel free to unbuckle your child.

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March 2019 Newsletter

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March 2019

WILL-GRUNDY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 Easter Seals 9-11	9
10	11 WCHD/WIC 8:30-3 *	12 Morris Library 9:30-11	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 One Hope United 9-11	20 Catholic Charities 9-11 Mor. Lib 10:30-12 10:30-12	21	22 Family Dev. Center. 9-11	23
24 31	25 CFC #15 9-11	26 WCHD/WIC 8:30-3 *	27	28	29	30
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Child & Family Connections (CFC #15)
2300 Glenwood
Joliet, IL 60435
815-730-2617

Catholic Charities
203 N Ottawa
Joliet, IL 60432
815-723-3053

Easter Seals
212 Barney Dr
Joliet, IL 60435
815-927-5471

Family Development Center
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484
708-235-7300

One Hope United
500 Parks Ave
Joliet, IL 60432
815-722-4200

WCHD/WIC
501 Ella Ave
Joliet, IL 60403
*lunch is taken from 12-1

Morris Library
604 Liberty
Morris, IL 60450

If you are looking for a screening for a child who is age 3 or over please contact your local school district. School districts conduct screenings for children age 3-5 years. To determine the school district you reside in, go to the following website and enter your address, https://www.greatschools.org/school-district-boundaries-map/."

To be placed in any of our MPC preschool programs parents must sign up for an Early Learning Screening date once your child is at or between the ages of 3-5.

2018-2019
FINAL EARLY LEARNING SCREENINGS

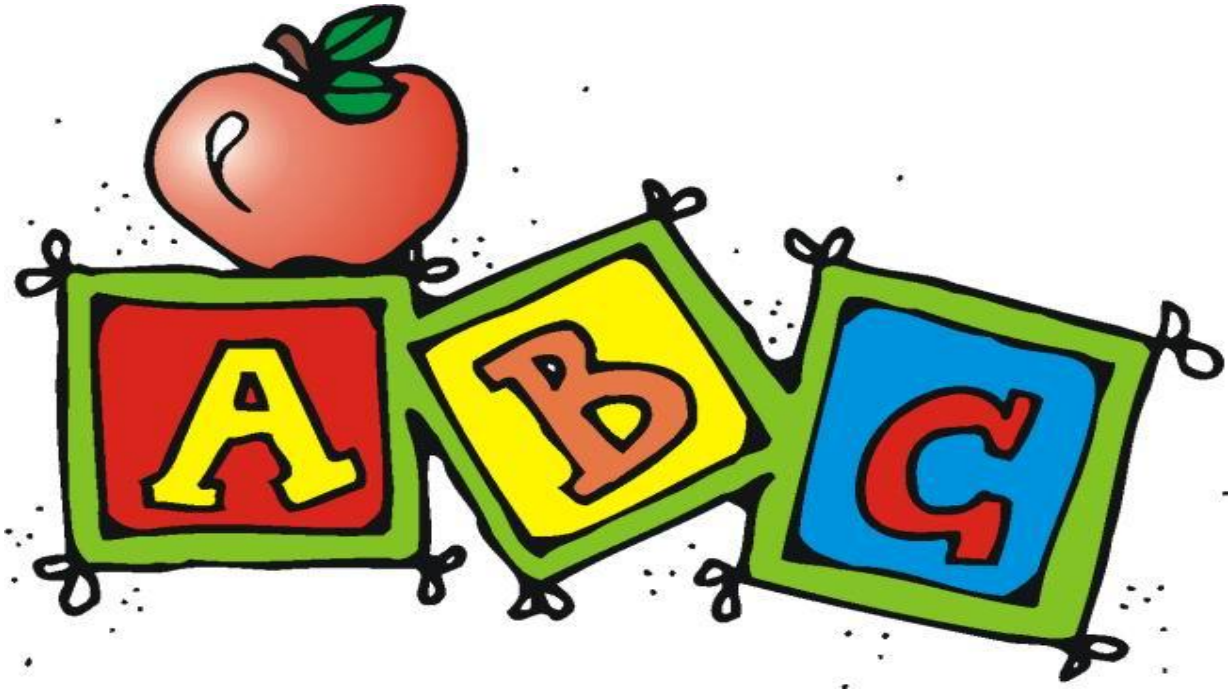
GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
725 School Street
Morris, IL 60450
815-942-5780

FOR 3, 4, AND 5 YEARS OLDS
IN GRUNDY COUNTY
OR ATTENDING GRUNDY COUNTY SCHOOLS

LAST SCREENING for 2018-2019 school year, remember every child 3-5 needs to attend a preschool screening to be considered for a fall 2019 roster placement.

MARCH 9, 2019 (Saturday) **8:00 – 12:00** **@ Morris Grade School**

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
GRUNDYSPECIALED.ORG



25 Games & Activities for Self Regulation

Games that involve planning and problem solving, memory, attention, motor control, and sequencing can help kids develop the ability to self-regulate when faced with challenging situations. Calming techniques, self-awareness exercises, and mindfulness activities can also be effective in developing self-regulation. These games and activities can be great ways to introduce self regulation strategies with kids!

1 || Red Light, Green Light

2 || Simon Says

3 || Partner Obstacle Course

4 || Duck Duck Goose

5 || Freeze tag

6 || Hide and seek

7 || Wacky Relay

8 || Freeze dance

9 || Musical Chairs

10 || Parachute play

11 || "Counting down"/anticipation activities

12 || Hand clapping games

13 || Hedbanz (card game)

14 || Suspend (board game)

15 || Balloon volleyball

16 || Jenga (board game)

17 || Operation (board game)

18 || Simon (electronic game)

19 || Sequencing multiple motor tasks

20 || Bop It (electronic game)

21 || Spot It (card game)

22 || Breathing techniques

23 || Meditation

24 || Yoga

25 || Zones of Regulation (book & program)

Find instructions for #s 3, 7, 10, 12, and 22 by searching the titles at theinspiredtreehouse.com

MPC Parent Make & Take

Workshop Details

When: March 21st, 2019 10:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. (during your child's session time)

What: This will be an opportunity for parents to make some Do It Yourself (DIY) high interest sensory items for their child/ren. The staff will provide items that you can make with directions. There will be three sensory craft creation centers and one picture schedule center. The picture schedule can be any routine or schedule you need for home that would benefit a routine you need to refine at home. The staff can help you make the schedule using the pictures we use here at school to create schedules and visuals for our students to succeed.

Help Needed: If you have a DIY sensory item that you have already made but would like to share please contact Ms. Miller at tmiller@min201.org. We appreciate your help making this parent day helpful to parents looking for sensory and schedule resources.

Snacks will be provided!

MARCH 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Thursday, February 28th, Afternoon students attend from 8:45-11:25/NO Morning Students in Session**
2. **Thursday, February 28th, Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.**
3. **Friday, March 1st, Teacher Institute Day, No Student Attendance**
4. **Monday, March 11th, Firefighter Cindy Day at school, remember to ask your child what they learned!**
5. **Thursday, March 14th, Lockdown Drill Day**
6. **Friday, March 15th, MPC Spring Picture Day**
7. **Thursday, March 21st, Parent Make & Take Day, see page 5 for details**
8. **Friday, March 22nd, AM in session only, No PM session**
9. **Monday, March 25th through Friday March 29th, Spring Break No School**

Please mark your calendars. Also, reminders are sent home via teacher mail as well as email blasts, if your email address is not listed in PowerSchool please call 815-467-3167 to add your email address.

6 fun Ways to Build Your Child's Vocabulary

1. Visit the Library-point out words, how the library works, and bring home some books!
2. Substitute Synonyms-When it comes to preschool vocabulary building, enormous is always better than big. Here are some other suggestions:

   - cold: cool, chilly, bitter, freezing, raw
   - hot: warm, humid, boiling, tropical
   - smart: clever, bright, brilliant, wise

3. Teach and Reinforce the Alphabet-play alphabet games or sing the ABC song!
4. Use Descriptive Words-the child may not understand but the exposure will promote curiosity.
5. Make Labels-toys, dolls, cars, books-easy labels to help a child make associations with words and items even at home!
6. Read-Read one book a day and talk about the text. Ask questions and point out great word usage! You can point out or even have your preschool point out rhyming words.