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A MESSAGE FROM THE ERVING ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Dear Students and families of Erving Elementary School,

We hope this letter finds everyone happy and healthy. COVID-19 has changed all of our lives in what seems like the blink of an eye. The last couple of months have been difficult to say the least. Parents are now on triple duty. A lot of us are still working, parenting, and now have become teachers to our children all while trying to maintain a happy and healthy home. We are all doing the best we can with the resources we have available.

The EES PTO has been working hard behind the scenes trying to continue the projects we had begun before COVID-19 forced the school building to close. We were able to complete the Erving Station Fundraiser with a tremendous amount of support from Laura DiLuzio. Her hard work made it possible for the candy to be delivered before Easter. We were even able to make just over \$130 for the school.

Unfortunately, the Annual PTO Calendar Raffle will need to be postponed until we are able to safely get the prizes from the school and collect tickets from families. We have been carefully following all of the information from the Superintendent. As soon as we are able to we will set up a plan to collect tickets and then distribute prizes to the winners. If you have raffle tickets and money please keep them in a safe place at home. If you already turned in your tickets and money they will be saved until we can draw them. If you have any questions about the raffle or anything else PTO related please contact us at PTO@Erving.com or via the PTO facebook page. We appreciate all of your support for the EES Students in these difficult times.

-Stay Safe and Healthy!

The EES PTO

MENU

Week of May 18th - 22nd

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday morning Chicken patty – WG roll, assorted veggies, Choc muffin, Tuna sandwich, baby carrots, Bagel, cream cheese, apple, orange, peach cup, raisins

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday morning Cheeseburger, WG roll, Turkey, cheese & bacon wrap, assorted veggies, fries, chips, waffles, cereal, raisins, mandarin oranges, pears, apple sauce cup.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday morning - Pizza, 1 PB & J & 1 ham & cheese sandwich, wax beans, sliced carrots & corn, 3 cereals, cheese sticks, raisins, diced peaches, pineapple, apple, raisins, & fruit cup



From The Principal's Desk:



Dear Families and Friends of Erving Elementary School,

It was so wonderful to see so many student faces during their virtual class meetings this week. Every time I leave a meeting, my heart is a little fuller and brighter seeing children with their classmates and teachers. Many thanks to Ms. B-C for organizing our first all school sing on Friday afternoon. What a great way to bring the EES community together. Watch ClassDojo for information about the next all school sing this coming week.

To our students, we all miss seeing you every day. For parents, please know that YOU are doing all you can for your kids and that this is a truly unique time for everyone. It is trying for even the most organized professionals to fulfill their work duties from home, monitor your new "homeschool students", provide childcare and do all you can to keep your family safe during this time. I would also encourage you to take this time with your children to really explore new areas of their interests or partake in family activities that you may not have had the luxury of time to do before. A silver lining can always be found if we look hard enough!

I look forward to the spring like weather coming our way.

Sincerely,
Lisa Candito





Games to Play with your Children to Develop Math Reasoning while Practicing Basic Facts

Compiled by Dr. Ruth Parker

Math games can be a wonderful source for developing mathematical reasoning while practicing basic facts. In *Math Games for Family Fun and Learning*, Ruth Parker lists nine favorites, and they're easy to find in stores. Repeatedly playing these games supports student learning and deepens understanding.

- **Set:** A card game of logic and visual perception that can be enjoyed by the whole family (ages 6 to adult). Adults, be forewarned that it can be humbling to play this game with youngsters.
- **Tangos:** A game that focuses on spatial relationships and that challenges the whole family, young and old alike.
- **Mastermind:** A game of logic enjoyed by both children and adults. Look for a version of Mastermind for younger children ages 6 and up.
- **Cribbage:** A wonderful card game played on a pegged board that develops skill in adding series of small numbers. The game is enjoyable for children of all ages.
- **Dominoes:** A game of strategy and numbers that children as young as 4 years of age can play as a number recognition game. Yet the regular game of dominoes is challenging for adults as well.
- **Mancala:** A challenging African stone game of logic for adults that can be adapted to meet the needs of children ages 5 and up.
- **Equate:** A game for reinforcing computation with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions. I haven't played this yet, but my nieces and nephews tell me it is challenging and fun.
- **Checkers/Chess:** Great games for developing skill with logical reasoning.

Thank you, Ruth. Mathematics Education Collaborative www.mec-math.org

Please visit <http://mathperspectives.com/developing-number-concepts/> for activities from *Developing Number Concepts* by Kathy Richardson that parents can use at home with their children.