

Ferguson Friday Focus for 5/25/15

Thought for the Week:

“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to also educate their hearts”- Anonymous

Upcoming Events/Reminders:

- June 2nd- 5th grade Awards Assembly- 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- June 3rd- 4th grade Awards Assembly- 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- June 4th- Last Day of school- Early Release- 12:15 p.m.

Monday, May 25th

Student Holiday

Tuesday, May 26th – Day 5

Wednesday, May 27th – Day 1

- 3rd grade Luau
- PTA Senior Reception – 3:15-4:30 p.m. in library
- General PTA meeting- 6:45-8:15 p.m. (Meet our new Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Serrano!)

Thursday, May 28th - Day 2

- Character Salute Assembly K-2nd- 8:30-8:55 a.m.
- Character Salute Assembly 3rd-5th – 2:15-2:45 p.m..

Friday, May 29th - Day 3

Playground Update: Thank you to all of you who have supported the installation of our new playground through donation to Pennies for the Playground and/or supporting the Ferguson Carnival. The manufacturer is estimating the playground for Ferguson to ship on 5/29. It usually takes about a week for Creative Components to receive it. Once it is received by them, we will work to set up an installation date.

Library News:

Summer Reading Goes Online! June 5 – August 23

No need to keep up with reading logs this summer. Students all have accounts at learn2earn.org where they can log their minutes and the books they read. Your child has a unique username and password that will be coming home with them. Please keep this information in a safe place to reference this summer if needed.

Students need to read 600 minutes (10 Hours) over the summer in order to participate in the Super Summer Reader celebration in September. If your child needs help finding a good book to read over the summer, go to the Ferguson Library website, <https://sites.google.com/a/staff.ccisd.net/fergusonelementary/library>, and click on:

[Texas Bluebonnet Books](#) (3rd – 5th grades)

[Trailblazers](#) (2nd and 3rd grades)

[What to read next](#) (all grades)

[Texas 2x2](#) (Kinder – 1st grades)

Counselor's Corner

Learning from mistakes- We are wrapping up character lessons this year with some activities on **Trustworthiness**. In classes our conversations naturally have turned to

honesty and how hard it can be to tell the truth when we make a mistake. I was reminded of a post that I saw from Amy Huntley on her blog- *The Idea Room*.

As adults we can help turn a child's mistake into a teachable moment by helping them focus on a solution to the problem rather than rescuing them from the problem. Don't pretend the mistakes are fake, or didn't happen. They did. Instead, understand that mistakes can help us grow and make us better. A mistake can be a chance to help them see what THEY can do to avoid the problem in the future and how to accept responsibility for their actions instead of blaming others.

Follow this link to see the entire post [When Children Make Mistakes](#).

Thanks for reading! - *Mrs. Laird*

Digital Citizenship Tip:

Have you ever heard of the ESRB? Even if you have not, it probably impacts your life and the lives of your children. The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) provide the ratings for the content in video games and apps so consumers, especially parents, can make informed decisions regarding media for their children. It is very similar to the way Television and Movies are rated. Get to know all three systems of rating, so that you can make wise choices when selecting apps or games for your child. And as your child gets older, teach them as well so that they can make their own smart choices. Click these links to learn more: [ESRB Rating system](#) [Movie rating system](#) [Television rating system](#)