

Jefferson Elementary Winter Newsletter

2023

Excellence * Diversity * Achievement

Principal's Message 

Dear Jefferson Families,

We have so much to be thankful for within our school community. Your support of our students and school make Jefferson a great place to work and learn. It is wonderful to have families attending school functions once again. Our recent Winter Concert showcased our choir and band students. It was such a joy to see them perform.

We are already half-way through the school year! Your children have been working very hard and it is amazing how much they have grown academically over the last few months. Jefferson teachers continue to utilize data to drive and differentiate instruction. Furthermore, they recognize the importance of each student understanding what they need to improve upon. We are counting on you to partner with us as we encourage students to apply effort to targeted i-Ready lessons and interventions.

Thank you for all you do for JES and our "Junior Raiders". The faculty and staff join me in wishing you and your family a Happy New Year as we continue to move forward together. Please let us know if you need anything!

Happy New Year!

Tricia Norton

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Principal

Important Dates



March 17th - Wear green for St. Patrick's Day

March 21st - Crazy Sock Day

March 22nd - Ramadan

March 23rd - PTO Meeting 8:35 am

Zoom link will be posted in DOJO that morning

March 30th - Student of the Month/PAW Awards Ceremony

K-3 10:00 am

4-6 11:00 am

April 7 thru April 14 - No School - Spring Break

Jefferson Vision

We at Jefferson, are committed to meeting and exceeding state and national academic standards. Additionally, we will encourage our students to strive to become kind, caring, compassionate, and productive members of society.

Important School Phone Numbers

Principal
315-368-6700

Secretary
315-368-6700

School Nurse
315-368-6702

Security
315-368-6712

IT Help Line
315-368-6997
Ext. 9

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Brown - Mrs. Bonfardeci - Mrs. Timpano

We have had a very busy and super fun first half of the school year! We have a lot of hard working students that go above and beyond to show us what they have learned

We recently celebrated the 100th day of school by counting to 100 in various ways and making special 100th day of school snacks. We learned about important figures that contributed to our history during Black History Month. We drew pictures of how we could be kind to our classmates for Random Acts of Kindness Day. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday in the beginning of March.

In reading, we have been working on our letters and sounds for a, m, s, e, h, d, o, c, n, l, t, p, r, f. We are starting to make words and blend the sounds of those letters together to read the words. We've learned high frequency words such as: I, like, to, see, the, you, are, my, he, can, go, with, and, we, do, a.

In math, we are writing numbers 0-10 and counting those numbers both forwards (0-10) and backwards (10-0). We have also started to work with number bonds (part + part = whole) as an introduction to addition and working on adding numbers 0-5. Please continue to practice these skills at home as well as writing their name. We are looking forward to a great rest of the year with our classes!

1ST GRADE

Mrs. Karelus * Ms. Czepiel * Mrs. Adamo

We are more than half way through the school year! Students celebrated the 100th day of school on February 15th. Our first grade students are working hard to become readers! We are using high frequency words and letter sounds to read and write sentences. We are also discovering the elements of a story.

In first grade we are continuing to work on place value within 20. We will begin focusing on the role of place value in addition and subtraction of numbers to 40. Keep working on addition and subtraction facts within 10 to help your child strengthen their math fact skills.

2ND GRADE

Mrs. Belmont - Mrs. Bennett - Mrs. Kallies

Happy winter season from Grade 2! As we approach mid-year this school year, Grade 2 students are studying in E.L.A. Wonders Unit 4: Our Life, Our World and learning about different places, cultures and Earth's changes! In Mathematics, students are continuing to work on math facts, addition and subtraction within 1,000 with word problems to 100. In Science, we are studying our living environment and in Social Studies we are exploring geography and skills. Please continue to support your child's learning by reading independently at home, practicing basic math skills and reviewing your child's homework to continue supporting academic growth and achievement.

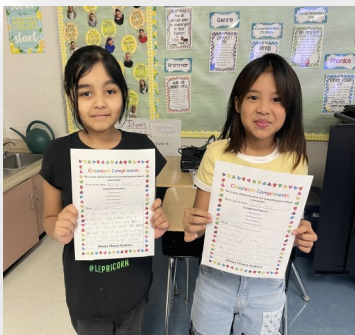
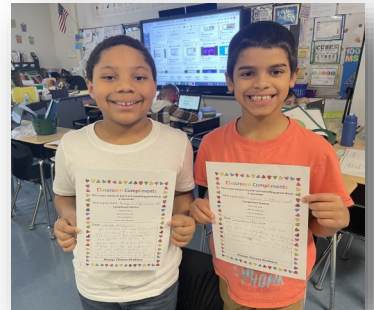
3RD GRADE

Mrs. Brown - Ms. Griffin - Ms. Waiter

In third grade we have been working hard to reach our goals! We are using our reading and writing strategies to improve our ELA skills. We are using higher order thinking skills to answer more challenging questions. We are searching for text evidence to support our answers and responses. We are learning so much in math including fractions, graphing, and multiplication/division facts. We are working on becoming strong math problem solvers!

In addition to our academics, we are also working on our social and emotional learning! The Positivity Project is a program that helps us to build better relationships with others and to be our best selves. We put this into practice when we did a special activity for Random Acts of

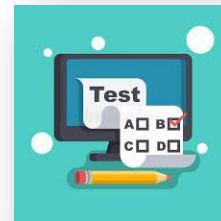
Kindness Day. We wrote about the unique qualities of our classmates and friends. It made us realize how good it feels to give and receive compliments!



4TH GRADE

Mrs. Galiulo - Mrs. Marsden - Mrs. Waskiewicz

The fourth grade students have been busy preparing for the NYS ELA and Math exams this Spring. We have been working hard reading passages, answering questions about what we have read and practicing submitting and typing answers on the computer for the ELA computer based test. We learned how to multiply and divide multi-digit numbers, learned how to use a protractor and are now learning more about fractions in Math. We are excited to show what we know on the upcoming tests!



5TH GRADE

Mr. Green - Mr. Rogowski - Ms. Dorborski - Mrs. Lawruk - Ms. Rivera

Reading: Our students are continuing to utilize their reading strategies during ELA. We are working on constructing higher level written responses to literature as well as developing strategies to read fictional and nonfictional texts. We continue to use our respective read alouds as an opportunity to emphasize skills good readers use while also engaging in talk-worthy discussions. Please encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes every day. As your child grows, daily reading will help the brain make connections between the written and spoken word, widening vocabulary in the process. Reading opens new perspectives and angles to the reader. It enables you to familiarize yourself with how other people see the world, it enables you to acquire skills, improve your communication abilities and much more.

Math: Our students are moving towards one of the most difficult topics in math this year. This would be fractions, decimals, and percent's. These harder concepts are made easier when the students have a solid foundation and quick recall of their multiplication facts. You can help at home by encouraging daily fact practice. Your child can go on 99math.com, [blooket](http://blooket.com) and [kahoot](http://kahoot.com) to practice math skills. They can also go on [Classlink](http://Classlink.com) to find interactive activities to develop their math skills.

6TH GRADE

Ms. Mazzara - Mrs. Sayles - Ms. Simon

We hope you all had a relaxing February break with your children. We are back in the swing of things here at school and cannot believe it is March already. We have been busy working on algebra in Math and focusing on comprehension skills in ELA. Your children have been getting better and better at class participation and projects; as well as working in different groups/teams.



We have also shifted to positivity project character traits and the students are doing well working with those. Please continue to support your child at home and encourage them to read nightly and practice those math facts. We are looking forward to spring with some new growth outside and with our learning as well.



During the month of January, Jefferson School held our annual "Pennies for Pets" fundraiser. We collected pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to donate to Anita's Stevens-Swan Humane Society in Utica. Thanks to the generosity of our whole school community, we collected \$250 for the animals in need at the shelter!!! We are so grateful to all those who donated towards this worthy cause!



Students OF THE MONTH

October

October Life Skills - Cooperation, Patience, Organization

Colton Gibson
Nicolas Scialdone
Ashlie Laraby
Gabriel Velazquez
Carter Stanford
Ezriel Nunez
Khamis Khamis
Avery Hughes
Serenity Randall-Perry
Daud Osman
Tessa Carcone
Ashton Howard
Valentina Kegan
Makayla Clark

Nathan Kelachinathu
Miley Oleksik
Nayla Huskic
Ahmed Saad
Azaylea Davy
Adel Causevic
Isabella Pinna
Gio Na Wah
Ladhan Adan
Joshian Cirino-Diaz
Sujeet Gurung
Aliyah Nadarevic
Balal Juma



PAW PRIDE

October

These students have been recognized for being respectful, responsible and safe.

Miracle Clark
Justin Htoo
Nicolas Scialdone
Shinny Moo
Ashlie Laraby
Amila Mustabasic
Renad Hotbani
Riley Wilkinson
Tessa Carcone
Owen DePalma
Gabiella Jimenez
Daud Osman
Mia Wozny
Tatiana Baker

Jhoskian Cirino-Diaz
Giada Gentile
Darnell Martinez
Alicia Moe
Shawn Colburn
Xavier Velte
Fabdous Abdurahim
Sahi Dar
Ramone Sanders
Angela Piacentino
Ahmed Saad
Richard Enos
Valentina Pina
Harmonie Rotach-Yazzo

Sry Ian Tillery
Mavis Dohn
Noah Gibson
Ramya Gilmore
Yanarelis Gutierrez
Khadija Mnondwa
Rosar Be
Ader Mendez Liriano
Adita Bajric
Isabella Pina
Evelyn Santacroce
John Nguyen
Zainab Saad
Naveah Frisbee

McKenzie Thorton
Roanny Perez del Rosario
Stanford Htoo
Majesty Estty

Students OF THE MONTH

November

November Life Skills - Courage - Humility - Pride

Emma Gagnon
Shinny Moo
Renad Hotbani
Ibrahim Basic
Faith Andino
Ariella Guso
Riley Wilkinson
William Phyo
Anderson Guallpa-Dutan
Fatuma Abdurahim
Paul McBee III
Pedro Nieves
Roanny Perez del Rosario
Jessie Dennis III

Jerome Cruz
Sherry Moo
Xavier Velte
Alexandra Felix-Zuniga
Eldin Zeric
Eh December
Antonio Howard
Celie Vargas
Gabriella Caracas
Arnela Hozanovic
Westin Moore
Haliyah Moore
Anna Breckenridge
Zainab Saad



PAW PRIDE

November

These students have been recognized for being respectful, responsible and safe.

Alejandro Martinez
Diandre Hunter
Ester Ma
Eh December
Eleigha Mather
Nazar Smitiukh
Nathan Kelachinathu
Emily Rose Kelsey
Madey Muktar
Violet Nieves
Deyanna Green
Isaiah Bowens
Siranoush Marashian
Ehchris Paw

Syceed Tillery
Saw Wahmoon
Yeshua Arroyo
Minela Duric
Seldina Mujcic
Clarissa Staton
Kyle Kelachinathu
Emma Gagnon
John Lanoux
Layla Shah
Adam Topic
Colton Gibson
Renad Hotbani
Ashlie Laraby

Amalia Byars
Amila Mustabasic
Dianna Mbula
Nicholas Scialdone
Shinny Moo
Justin Htoo
Aaden Pritchard
Alexander Nadarevic
Ezriel Nunez
Jadelyn Lopez-Ager
Kion Atkins
Zenaleas Rodriguez
Avery Hughes
William Phyo

Giada Gentile
Giuseppe Lewis
Sara Smitiukh
Pedro Nieves Jr.
Margot Kelsey-Morris
Fatuma Abdurahim
Hector Gutierrez
Adnan Gedow
Amila Kadic
Kenai Doster
Miracle Clark

Students OF THE MONTH

December

December Life Skills - Compassion, Generosity, Integrity

Bryson Randall
John Etman
Amila Mustabasic
Joshua Antonetty-Roque
Johanelys Gonzalez-Colon
Kion Atkins
Jaxon Hughes
Selena Lay
Hamza Mnondwa
Shzrawn Salih
Giada Gentile
Margot Kelsey-Morris
Angela Piacentino
Ajsa Mekic

Amila Piacentino
Amila Kadic
Sophia Sum
Mohamed Alam
Hsereh Chris
Eleigha Mather
Alejandro Martinez
Jeffrey Moo
Marque Whitehurst
Adin Bajric
Adam Zieniewicz
Julianna Constintine
Yeshua Arroyo
John Nguyen



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December

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Ethan Zumpano
Amila Mustabasic
Giuliana Berg
Owen Belt
Renad Hotbani
Miracle Clark
Dianna Mbula
Justin Htoo
Shinny Moo
John Etman
Ariella Guso
Christal Williams
Hunter Slaughter
Quameer Taylor

Sisi Win
Riley Wilkinson
Selena Lay
Margot Kelsey-Morris
Her Nay Chris
Riham Shahbain
Shzrawn Salih
Sabyan Morales
Jhoskian Cirino Diaz
Mikaela Dunce
Peyton Henry
Paul McBee III
Angela Piacentino
Nur Syafiqah Khair Ahmad

Alessandra Park
Arianna Gomez
Sophia Sum
Loenard Works
Dessianna Simmons
Alyaa Aldalali
Rosa Jones
Hsereh Chris
Yasin Haji
Saleena Gurung
Miley Oleksik
Mya Prescod
Jendal Ruiz Rodriguez
Sernay Taw

Asif Nadarevic
Kaitlynn Thompson
Alejandro Martinez
Ahmed Saad
Isabella Pina
Mason Herrera-Powell
Khadija Mnondwa
Phoenix Blount
Jared Holmes
Ethan Le
Angelia Cardin

Students OF THE MONTH

January

January Life Skills - Prudence - Fairness - Open-Mindedness

Bryson Randall
 John Etman
 Amila Mustabasic
 Joshua Antonetty-Rogue
 Johanelys Gonzalez-Colon
 Kion Atkins
 Jaxon Hughes
 Selena Lay
 Hamaz Mnondwa
 Shzraun Salih
 Giada Gentile
 Margot Kelsey-Morris
 Angela Piacentino
 Amila Kadic

Sophia Sum
 Mohamed Alam
 Hsereh Chris
 Eleigha Mather
 Alejandro Martinez
 Jeffrey Moo
 Marque Whitehurst
 Adin Bajric
 Iliannie Gutierrez
 Adam Zieniewicz
 Julianna Constantine
 Yeshua Arroyo
 Ajsa Mekic
 John Nguyen



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January

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Miracle Clark
 Nicolas Scialdone
 Dianna Mbula
 Justina Htoo
 Ashlie Laraby
 Ethan Zumpano
 Owen Belt
 Ariya Ward
 Joseph Kobielski
 Mohamed Abdurahim
 Gabrielle Butler
 London Henderson
 Alicia Hurley
 Selena Lay
 Faduma Muktar

Madison Nadarevic
 Tra'main Stokely
 Shamila Bee
 Gabrielle Carr
 Jovanna Garcia
 Demir Grgic
 Karen Oleksik
 Tamisha Hepburn
 Ayesha Ahmadi
 Amelia Cater
 Kayloni Howard
 Jermaine Stokely
 Elara Delilo
 David Peralta
 Paul McBee III

Peyton Henry
 Darnell Martinez
 Mikaela Duniec
 Zeinab Muktar
 Gabriella Jimenez
 Owen DePalma
 Nur Ahmad
 Edin Causevic
 Kenan Grgic
 Alessandra Park
 Juan Henao Gutierrez
 Fardous Abdurahim
 Xavier Velte
 Joseph Etman
 Anthony Drennen

Kyng Reed
 Ava Terebey
 Ralik Gilmore Jr.
 Wayne Marriott
 Gael Arpi
 Isabella Cing
 Aiden Le
 Fatuma Mnondwa
 Xavier Rodriguez
 Eldin Zeric
 Thmas Tay
 Alexandra Zuniga Felix
 Elias Nadarevic
 Leah Carey
 Richard Enos

Nayla Huskic
 Biar Biar
 Anadelis Martinez
 Gabriella Caracas
 Adin Bajric
 Mason Dohn
 Arnela Hozanovic
 EhChris Paw
 Bilal Skiljan
 Irving Carr
 Isabelle Ryan

Students OF THE MONTH

February

February Life Skills - Curiosity - Love - Creativity

Adam Topic
 Roman Giurzzi
 Ariya Ward
 Kayla Ann Woodley
 Hunter Slaughter
 Amelia Cater
 Mohamed Abdurahim
 Alexander Borys
 Kayden Tourville
 Tatiana Baker
 Hser Nay Chirs
 Kenan Grgic
 Rosa Jones
 Mason Roman

Thomas Tay
 Yara Liriano
 Asif Nadarevic
 Majesty Esty
 Jack Elseth
 Adita Bajric
 Mia Herron
 Kailani Ware
 Ryan Antanavige
 Ju Nai
 SirIsaac Jackson
 Anthony Mashtare



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February

These students have been recognized for being respectful, responsible and safe.

Miracle Clark
 Shiny Moo
 Roman Giruzzi
 Nicolas Scialdone
 Justin Htoo
 Luis Ortiz Jr.
 Kareem Alyafai
 Rosana Omar
 Adel Causevic
 Rocco Colantuono
 Zakhar Kovalets
 Avery Hughes
 Andreilys Ramirez
 Sryan Tillery
 Majesty Esty
 Alejandro Doria

Abdi Haji
 Alexander Nadarevic
 Ariella Guso
 Jadelyn Lopez-Ager
 Kion Atkins
 Marta Smitiukh
 Zenaleas Rodriguez
 Dalton Carter
 Rashi Daroe
 Valentina Kegan
 Lucas Vines
 Zeinab Muktar
 Sara Smitiukh
 Hser Nay Chirs
 Kayden Tourville
 Camille Stokely

Fardous Abdurahim
 Halima Ahmed
 EmilyRose Kelsey
 Mohamed Alam
 Rosemarie Arroyo
 Yara Liriano
 Nyomi Prescod
 Jamari Whitehurst
 Deyanna Green
 Isabella Pina
 Siranoush Marashian
 Owen Belt
 Giuliana Berg
 Ariya Ward
 Joseph Kobielski
 Malik Grant Jr.

Kenan Grgic
 Jessica Nguyen
 Cedriyauna Anderson
 Gabriel Gonzalez
 Colton Gibson
 Ferdaws Barakzai
 Adam Topic
 Brysin Randall
 Layla Shah
 Ivan Htoo
 John Lanaux
 Jhoskian Cirino-Diaz
 Mikaela Duniec
 Paul McBee III
 Josephina Htoo
 Ridwan Gedow

Luke Hood



On Sunday, December 11, 2022, our chorus students Isabelle Ryan, Elijah Powers, Nicholas Thomas, Siranoush Marashian, and Olivia Cavanaugh participated in a performance that was part of a fundraiser for Jefferson School at Barnes and Noble. Students performed their holiday program as well as some additional Christmas/winter tunes. Later that day, Olivia Thrash played the clarinet and Lily Ortega played the violin.

Much like the title of one of their songs, “Snow” was on the ground today so we appreciate these students coming out despite the “frosty - snowy weather” that was happening today.

Thank you, Jefferson musicians!



During February, Jefferson students participated in the American Heart Association’s Kids Heart Challenge (KHC)! Jefferson students learned about staying strong in body and mind, got to move with fun activities, meet kids with special hearts and raise funds for the health of all hearts. This year, Jefferson has raised over \$1,600 in donations! Thank you to all the students and their families for your support.



Candy Bar

B I N G O

On Wednesday, January 18, many Jefferson students and their families attended our first Candy Bar Bingo event. Assorted candy bars were chosen by the winners as a "sweet" prize. At the end of the evening, all in attendance went home with a candy bar of their choice. Thank you to the students and families who attended. A special shout out to the student council members and staff members who volunteered their time at this fun, new event.

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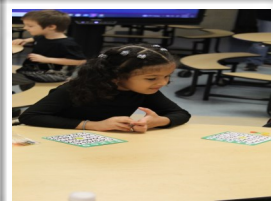
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Motivation Methods That Work

“Have you finished your book report?” “When are you going to take out the trash?” Does it seem like you’re constantly nagging at your youngster to get things done?

Instead of nagging, try the suggestions and “can-do” tips in this special report. You’ll boost your child’s enthusiasm for doing what he needs to do—in school and at home!



Offer praise

Never underestimate the power of a “Good job!” Children crave approval from their parents. A positive response, such as a hug or a smile, can be a great incentive. Whether it’s for washing a sink full of dishes or passing a math quiz, a word of encouragement will show your youngster that you notice his hard work. His self-confidence will soar, and he will want to keep trying.

Can-do tips: Let your child overhear you bragging to a friend when he cleans his room without being asked. Hang tests on the fridge, or send copies of a good report card to relatives.

Create excitement

When your youngster needs help getting motivated for a task, find a way to make it enjoyable. For example, if you make reviewing for a test entertaining, you’re not only helping her study, you’re teaching her that learning doesn’t have to be boring.

Can-do tip: The next time your child is preparing for a test, turn studying into a game. *Example:* Draw a baseball diamond on a piece of paper. Ask her questions related to what she’s studying. Tell your youngster that she gets a base hit for every correct answer and a strikeout for every incorrect one. For every three base hits, she scores a home run.



Show interest

Let your child know that what he’s involved in is important to you. When you express

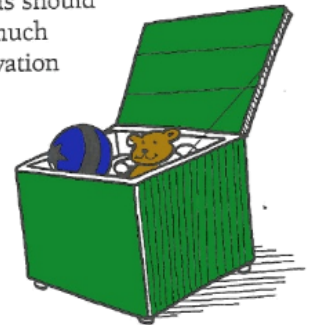
curiosity about the new computer game he’s playing with his friends or you regularly attend parent-teacher conferences, your youngster will see that you’re interested.

Can-do tips: Ask your child questions about his day. *Examples:* “How was the field trip?” “What was the score of the game?” Attend extracurricular and school functions, such as music recitals and parent nights, whenever possible.

Give rewards

Simple rewards, like extra privileges, can be powerful motivators. But rewards should be used sparingly. Bargaining too much can limit your child’s natural motivation by putting the focus on getting something.

Can-do tips: Offer your youngster a special snack or extra TV time when she finishes her homework quickly. Or surprise her with a thank-you card in her lunch bag for helping you clean the garage.



Use consequences

Experts agree that punishing kids for not doing what they’re supposed to do doesn’t always produce improved results. However, linking consequences to performance can provide a reason for your child to get the job done while giving him a greater sense of control over his life.

Can-do tip: Try to connect what your youngster needs to do with an outcome. *Example:* “After you rake the leaves in

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the yard, you can go skateboarding.” This way, it will be an action on his part, rather than you, that lets him do something he wants.

Encourage problem solving

When your child runs into a problem, don't solve it for her. Instead, give her clues that will help her discover the answer. The more she does on her own, the more confident she will feel about her work, and the harder she will try. And she'll learn how to handle future problems.

Can-do tip: If your youngster comes to you for homework help, have her turn the problem into a question. *Example:* If she asks you for the name of the first president of the United States, suggest that she ask herself, “Where in my textbook did I read about the first president?”

Manage stress

You may not realize it, but stress can zap your child's energy. Feeling that he can't get everything done can keep your youngster from trying to do anything. Help him simplify his schedule so he can regain the motivation he needs to focus on what's most important: school, family and friends, exercise, and relaxation.

Can-do tip: If your child seems overwhelmed, make some schedule changes. Cut



back on after-school activities like clubs and sports, and limit playdates.

Establish expectations

It's important for parents to set high standards for their children at home and in school. Students whose parents expect them to do well in school have a better chance of learning success. Encourage your youngster to give her best effort in everything she does. Let her know that some things may be harder for her than others, but there's no excuse for not trying.

Can-do tips: Teach your child to be responsible at home by assigning chores and setting clear guidelines for behavior. If she's struggling with schoolwork, offer tutoring or other help to improve her skills and boost her self-confidence.



Provide choices

Children, like adults, are motivated by their own interests. Allowing your child to make decisions will give him a sense of control and encourage him to tackle the job at hand.

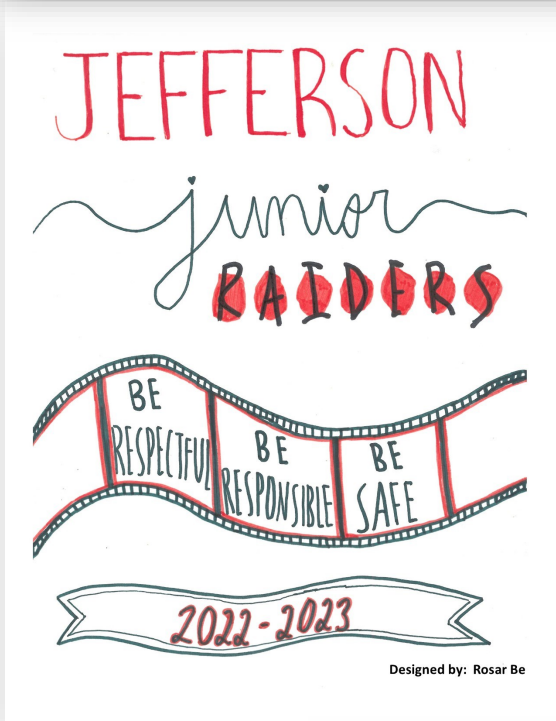
Can-do tip: Give your youngster plenty of opportunities to have a say in day-to-day decisions. For example, ask him which movie you should rent for the evening or whether he'd like to visit a museum or a pet farm on a weekend trip. Let him choose whether to spend his allowance on a new video or the next book in his favorite series.

Accept mistakes

Some kids are afraid of trying new things because they think making a mistake means they failed. When your youngster messes up, tell her you believe in her, and give her a chance to try again. Treating mistakes as opportunities instead of failures shows that you value effort, not just achievement.

Can-do tip: When your child makes a mistake, help her explore what went wrong. *Examples:* If she gets a poor grade, you might ask questions like, “Did you understand the teacher's instructions?” and “Did you remember to bring your review worksheets home?” If she forgets that she has practice after school, try, “Did you write the date on your calendar?” By figuring out why mistakes happen, your youngster will improve her chances for success in the future.

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST



Rosar Be from Mrs. Lawruk's 4th grade class is the winner of the 2022-2023 Yearbook Cover Contest. Congratulations Rosar!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Thomas Jefferson 2022-2023

YEARBOOK

On Sale Now



32 PAGES

Questions??
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ONLY \$10

Order by May 8th

Checks Payable to: Jefferson PTO

Attention 6th Grade Parents

Have your student bring in "1" baby picture of themselves by Friday, April 21st.



Please have the picture in an envelope with your students name and teachers name. Pictures will be scanned and returned to student.



Superintendent of Schools

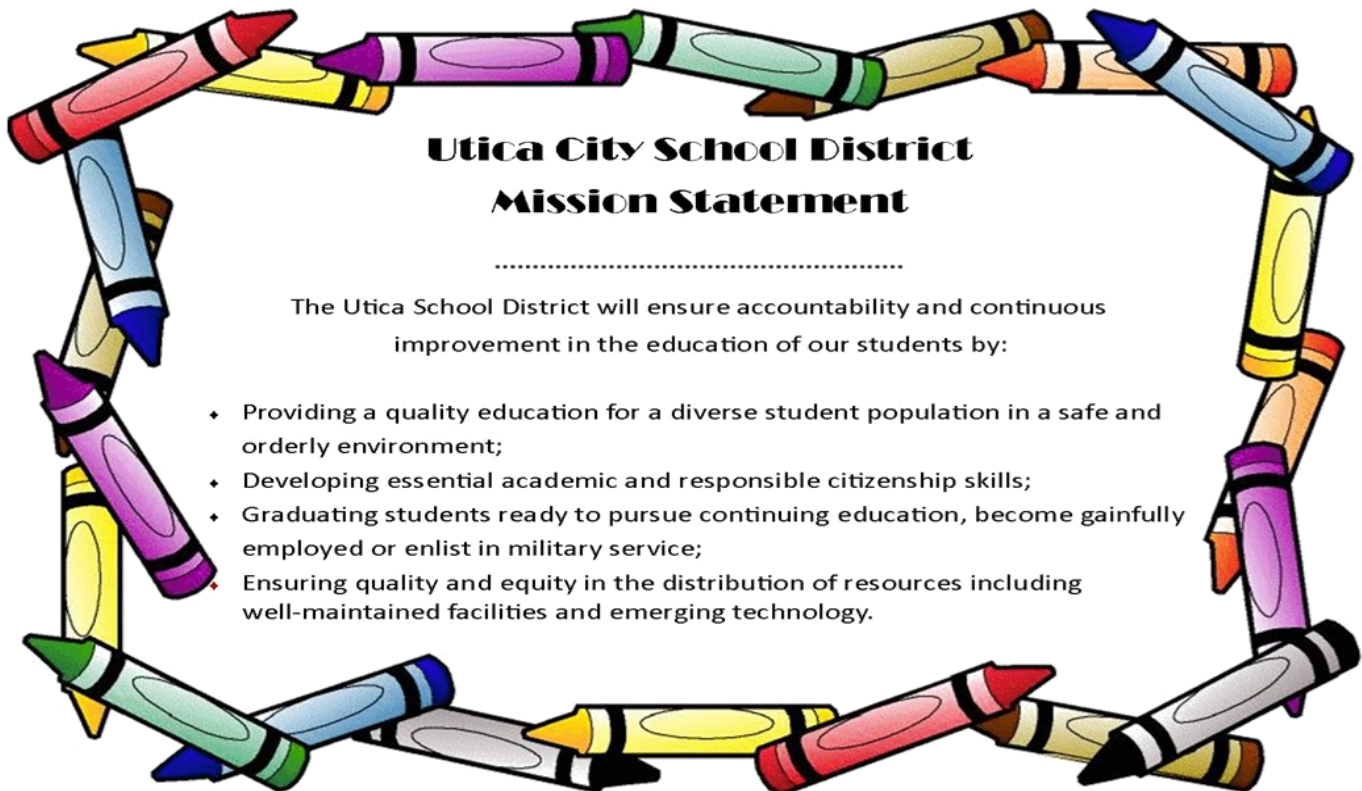
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**Utica City School District
Mission Statement**

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The Utica School District will ensure accountability and continuous improvement in the education of our students by:

- ♦ Providing a quality education for a diverse student population in a safe and orderly environment;
- ♦ Developing essential academic and responsible citizenship skills;
- ♦ Graduating students ready to pursue continuing education, become gainfully employed or enlist in military service;
- ♦ Ensuring quality and equity in the distribution of resources including well-maintained facilities and emerging technology.