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Congratulations ELC Students! You have Had An Amazing School Year!!!

As we wrap up this school year, take time to celebrate your child's academic and developmental growth this school year! We have enjoyed all the learning opportunities and experiences together with you and your child and are so proud of all their accomplishments! From establishing routines, supporting their academics, meeting new challenges, making new friends, and adjusting to change, our students have had an spectacular journey at the ELC this year that will support them on their next academic adventure! Congratulations to our parents who have helped support our students' growth and development! It can be rigorous! Supporting your children through each of these challenges and helping them achieve their goals every step of the way gives them the tools they need to advance and have the confidence they need. Way to Be, Brickies!



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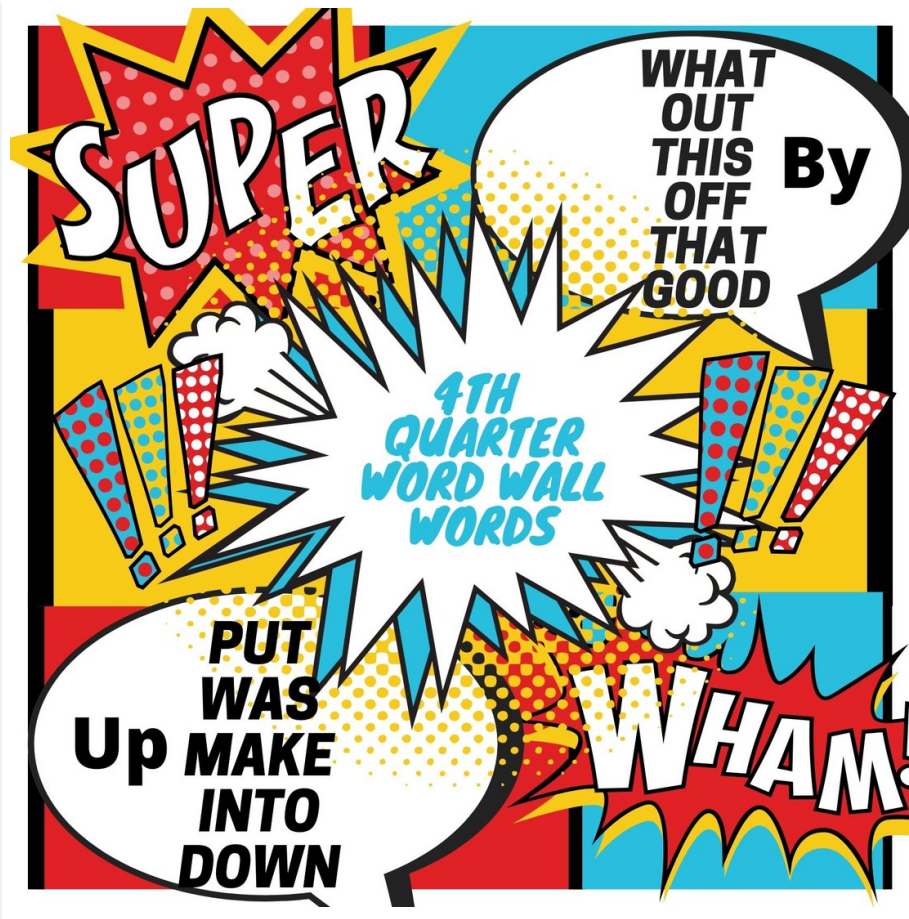
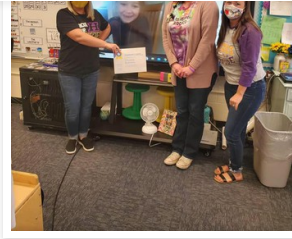
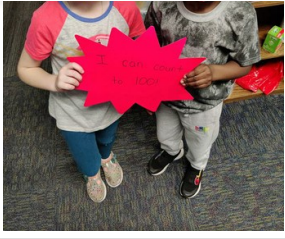
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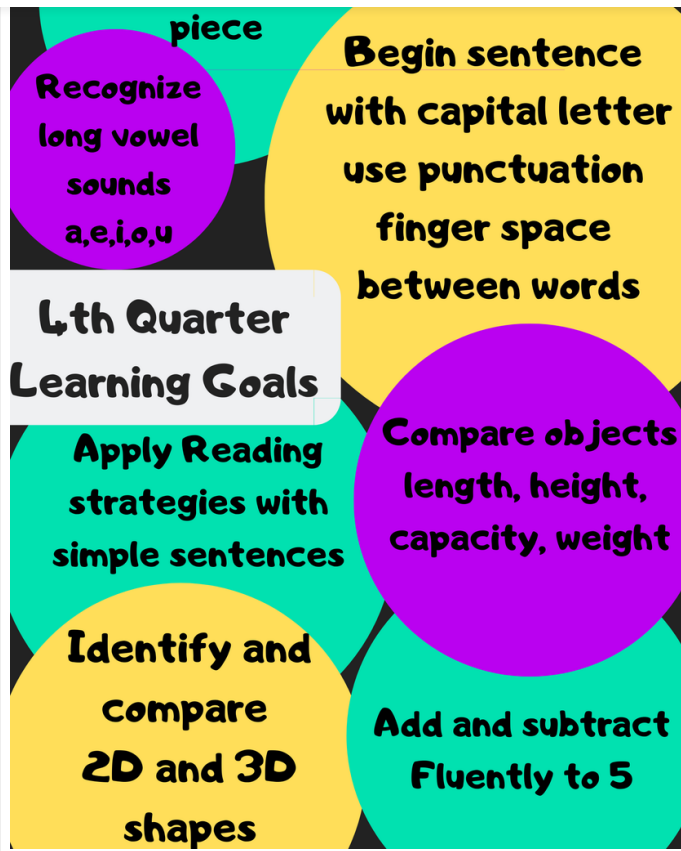
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Recognize long vowel sounds a,e,i,o,u

4th Quarter Learning Goals

Apply Reading strategies with simple sentences

Identify and compare 2D and 3D shapes

Begin sentence with capital letter use punctuation finger space between words

Compare objects length, height, capacity, weight

Add and subtract Fluently to 5

STAR 360 Testing In May

We are excited to see our students growth! As you know STAR 360 is an assessment tool our kindergarten students took this fall and winter. Students will be taking STAR 360 again this spring to monitor their growth this school year. It is unique in that it is an adaptive screener taken on an iPad.. That means that the screener will become more difficult the more questions your child answers correctly. When your child incorrectly answers a question, the screener becomes easier. Therefore, your child will take a screener specifically created for his or her learning level. In addition, your child should have the opportunity to learn the information presented on the screener because the tests are aligned with the Indiana Academic Standards. Renaissance is norm-reference nationally standardized. Nationally standardized means that the screener was administered to students across the country. Norms are also set for the time of year the tests are taken. The scores indicate how well the child is doing in relation to students across the country.





I will DO MY BEST ON THE STAR TEST BECAUSE ...

MY TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I NEED EXTRA TIME ON & WHAT I'M READY TO LEARN NEXT.

If... I focus, take my time, and do my best to complete each question on the Early Literacy, Reading & Math tests, the questions will adjust accordingly as it finds out exactly what I understand and what I may not have fully mastered yet.

If I miss a question, that's OK! Why? Because it means I may not have fully mastered a skill yet and need some extra work with it! It's for my own good to answer questions to the best of my ability but honestly.

It's like when the Eye Doctor puts different lenses in and asks me if I can see better out of one lens versus the other! Guessing will not help the doctor prescribe me the best lenses to help me with what I need!

Similarly, my teachers will have more accurate data on what my needs are so they can prescribe me with practice that matches my needs!

HOW DOES THE TEST WORK?

THE TEST IS A COMPUTER ADAPTIVE TEST - IT IS CALLED A CAT TEST!

As I answer questions, the test continually adjusts based on my previous responses. By adjusting, the test is able to focus on exactly what my needs are in Reading or Math!

We all have different skills and are each unique! That's what makes us so special! Glasses and my eyeglasses wouldn't help you with what you need. And, your eyeglasses wouldn't help me with what I need!

Once the test has received the information it needs from me to determine my needs, it's over! These tests save time & frustration in comparison to long multiple-choice tests where everyone answers the same question! And, I don't have to get bored by questions below my ability level!

HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE?

THE TEST IS NOT TIMED, SO NO PRESSURE!

Depending on what questions I receive and how I go about taking a test, I may finish before or after others. There's no prize in being first! And, there's no harm in taking more time!

IN ADDITION TO HELPING MY TEACHERS KNOW WHAT I NEED PRACTICE ON ...

IF I FOCUS, TAKE MY TIME, AND DO MY BEST TO COMPLETE EACH QUESTION ...

The test results will also show how I performed in comparison to students all over the state of Indiana and the country!

The test results will also show how much I am growing throughout the year.

Just like I might have my height marked on the wall to show how much I grow in height each year, these tests can show how much I am learning! This is really encouraging if I'm living out the Brickie motto of making sure I do my best and Work! Work! Work! every day to get better!

SO WHAT???

WELL ...

These results can help me, my teacher, and everyone else who wants me to succeed and do well on those really important tests like **IBAS & IL2A1N** to get a pretty good idea of how I will perform on these tests.

Just like practices and scrimmages show my coach what the team & I need to win on Game Day or talks with us about a game plan during time-outs or halftimes... we can make the adjustments needed to put us in the best position to win!

WE GOT THIS!

RENAISSANCE

ALL MY LIFE, I WANT TO BE A BRICKIE. WORK! WORK! WORK!

Hip Hip Hooray for the Last 26 Days!!!

We will be counting down the last 26 days of kindergarten beginning May 4th! Each day we have a theme based on a letter of the alphabet. Some days offer dress up opportunities for students, others are activities built into our school day. You can find the complete list below and also keep an eye on our Facebook pages for weekly updates and reminders!

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Class of 2033 Tshirt Order

Take a picture each year with this same tshirt to watch your child grow into it! Great for display at high school graduation!

Order forms coming home in red folders soon!

May 3rd-May 14th



Checks to **ELC PTO**

2 for \$20
or
\$11 Each



Pictures shown for demonstration only

Graduation is In Person!

We are so very happy to say we are having an in person graduation ceremony for kindergarten!!!! What a year it has been! This is an experience you and your family will cherish forever and we are delighted to put it on for everyone! We will need to comply with all current CDC guidelines and ask you to follow the 3 Ws...Wear a mask, watch your distance and wash your hands. We will have a capacity restriction due to Covid protocols and appreciate your understanding and cooperation very much. We have some directions below for arrival and dismissal during the event. Remember, gowns are to be left at HHS the night of graduation but the caps are yours to keep!



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KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

Wednesday, June 9 at 6PM

**STUDENTS ARRIVE AT HHS
AT 5:30 PM DOOR 18
ON EAST SIDE**



**ONE PARENT ACCOMPANY
CHILD TO FIELD HOUSE
OTHER GUEST FIND
SEATING IN GYM**

**ONE PARENT TO SIGN
OUT CHILD IN FIELD
HOUSE AFTER CEREMONY**

Please Make Sure Your Child Uses Bathroom Before Drop Off

**We will have limited capacity of two tickets per graduate.
Must follow the 3 W's..Wear Mask, Wash Hands, Watch Distance
If our status changes to orange or red, we will hold virtual
graduation ceremony instead.**

**Caps are yours to keep
Return gown to box in Field House**

TAKING ORDERS FOR

**graduation
bears**

**4 inch stuffed graduation bears
Bears will come home with your
child the week of graduation**

**\$5 Order Forms Coming Home
Order between May 17-28th**

**Delivered to your child week of
June 7th**

**Checks payable to
The Early Learning Center**



Open Now!

Save yourself some time and get registration for the 2021-2022 school year done today! We have made it so convenient to register online this year! Follow the link to [Skyward here](#) if you already have students returning to our district next year! Once you are at the link address, select "Online Enroll/Register from the pull down menu, THEN login with your username and password.

REGISTER FOR 1ST GRADE HERE

This is the link to register for first grade with School City of Hobart if you have a kindergartener with us or any other student in your family already registered with us!



2021-2022

FIRST GRADE ONLINE REGISTRATION!

NEW 1ST GRADE STUDENTS:
(THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY NOT ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART)
It's easy! Visit www.hobart.k12.in.us/register to create your login user name and password and follow the prompts to complete registration.

- Have other students in our District already? Then visit www.hobart.k12.in.us/Skyward and select "Online Enroll/Register" from the pull down menu, THEN login with your username and password.

CURRENT STUDENTS ENTERING 1ST GRADE NEXT YEAR:
(THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART)
Simply login to your Skyward account and click "online registration" to get started!

We are a closed enrollment school district so you will need to provide proof of residency.

- Please provide your driver's license or state ID with CURRENT address and two (2) recent home-related bills showing entire document, including name and service location, if applicable. Acceptable bills include, but are not limited to: mortgage, lease, water, sewer, NIPSCO, cable, internet, landline phone.
- If you do not have these in your name, a residency affidavit is required. We will need the student's parent/guardian AND the homeowner to bring the required documents for proof and complete this at the Administration Office located behind Hobart Middle School. You MUST schedule an appointment for an affidavit at www.hobart.k12.in.us/residencyaffidavit
- Residency Affidavits must be completed within 30 days from registration.

★ **GENERAL QUESTIONS? CALL (219) 942-8885**
★ **TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS? CALL (219) 942-1388 X 4** ★
★ 2ND - 12TH GRADE REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD THIS SUMMER. ★



1ST GRADE ORIENTATION!

MAY 18TH FROM 5PM - 7PM

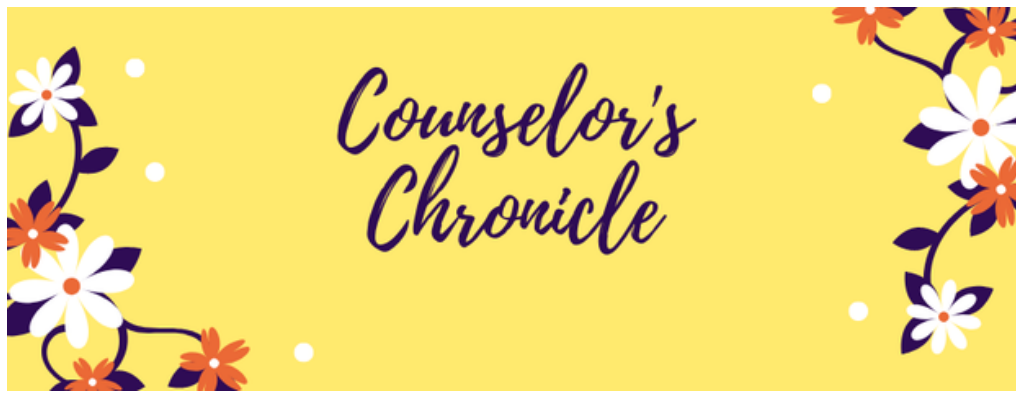
**AT YOUR STUDENT'S HOME SCHOOL:
JOAN MARTIN, LIBERTY, OR VETERANS ELEMENTARY**
ONE PARENT MUST ACCOMPANY THEIR STUDENT

WHAT YOUR STUDENT WILL LEARN:

- Students and parents will learn about the school's start and end times, class specials, visit classrooms and the main office, learn about the nurse, and afterschool activities!
- Students will also learn about 1st grade expectations; such as preparedness for school and academic expectancy.
- You will also get some great ideas for activities and learning to do over the summer so when school starts in August you are ready to succeed!



**ALL INCOMING 1ST GRADERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! NO REGISTRATION
NECESSARY! QUESTIONS? CALL (219) 942-8885**



Hello parents! Here we are at the LAST FULL MONTH of school. Can you believe it?? Last month's K and Coffee focus was on Digital Citizenship. We really focus on keep our kiddos safe when it comes to electronics. You can do this by monitoring what they are watching and what they have access to at home. Setting screen time limits can help form a healthy media diet. Check out the packet that is coming home on creating a family media plan.






JOIN MAY KINDERGARTEN AND COFFEE HERE

Meeting ID: 772 3814 6198 Passcode: aQCXE2

Transition to First Grade!

Tune in to our podcast to hear about looking ahead to first grade.





FAMILY MEDIA PLAN
Customize for your household

Screen Free Zones

Screen Free Times

Device Curfew



How to Tell Relatives, Teacher... www.common sense media.org

10 tips for talking to caregivers about your media rules.
Advice from Common Sense Media editors.



**BRICKIE KIDZ
KORNER**



Indiana Department of Education Shares Kindergarten Readiness Guidelines for Parents

Recently, the IDOE has revised their [guidelines](#) for Kindergarten Readiness. Kindergarten curriculum has evolved considerably in the last 10 years! Please become familiar with these guidelines and help your child prepare for academic success in kindergarten.




information: first and last name address phone number birthday	with head, body, legs and arms	following 2 step directions and sitting and listening for short periods of time Begin to reduce screen time
Practice writing name	Read lots of books with buddies and ask questions about the story	
PLAY OUTSIDE SKIPPING, HOPPING, THROWING AND CATCHING	Identify letters (start with the ones in your name) Learn letter sounds	GET SET FOR KINDERGARTEN Have fun this summer practicing these skills and habits!



Practice Letters This Summer For Kindergarten Readiness!

Alphabet Tracing Book



Register for Kindergarten Here!

If you are brand new to our school district and did not attend Brickie Kidz Preschool or have siblings in our school district, use the [New Student Enrollment link](#).

NEW TO SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART? REGISTER HERE



**2021 – 2022 KINDERGARTEN
ONLINE REGISTRATION!**



Child must be 5 years of age by August 1st, 2021

Get started at:
WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/REGISTER

Have other students in our District already?
Then visit www.hobart.k12.in.us/Skyward and select "Online Enroll/Register"
from the pull down menu, THEN login with your username and password.

We are a closed enrollment school district so you will need to provide proof of residency (see below), original birth certificate, shot records, and custody papers (if applicable)

- Please provide your driver's license or state ID with CURRENT address and two (2) recent home-related bills showing entire document, including name and service location, if applicable. Acceptable bills include, but are not limited to: mortgage, lease, water, sewer, NIPSCO, cable, internet, landline phone.
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Any questions? Call Mindy at the ELC at (219) 942-7263
or the Administration Office at (219) 942-8885



In
Another
Story



**ELC
Library**
With Mrs. Eberle



HOW TO TALK BOOKS WITH your kids!

Kindergarteners are learning that authors create characters, setting and events to create their stories. Ask your child to tell you about those elements of the story.

After reading, ask your child what his or her favorite part was. Can he or she retell the story?



Before reading a book, look at the cover together. Have your child identify familiar words and who the characters in the book might be. Where does the story look like it is taking place? What could it be about?



Students do not report to school buildings

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH

**E-LEARNING
DAY**



Please log on to Canvas for the day's assignments and attendance check in



Nurse's Corner Newsletters



Our School System has a great staff of nurses with each school housing a license registered nurse to assist with any possibility that can happen at school. Whether it be administering shots for diabetics, aiding with gym injuries, or placing band-aids on scraped knees - you can count on them to take care of your child as if it were their own. They are always there to assist and we could not thank them enough. We wanted to share some of their knowledge to help educate parents on head lice, flu symptoms, immunizations, and more!



WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/NURSESCORNER

Public Playground Hours

School Days: 4pm - Dusk
7pm during April - September
 5 pm during October - March

Weekend: 8am - 4pm

Playground Rules:

In order to keep the playground safe for our Brickie students and open to the public, please follow these simple rules.

1. No graffiti or vandalism of any kind!
2. Smile because you are on camera!
3. Wait your turn.
4. Give other kids a chance to play.
5. No pushing or shoving.
6. Be respectful to others & the equipment.
7. Pick-up after yourself.
8. Make new friends!

IN-PERSON SUMMER SCHOOL
 At The School City of Hobart

DATES AND TIMES:

High School:
 7:30am - 1:30pm Mon. - Thurs.
Except for the last week of Session 1 which will be Tuesday - Friday
 Session 1: June 14-17, June 21-24, and July 6-9
 Session 2: July 12-15, July 19-22, and July 26-29

Middle School:
 8:00am - 12:00pm Mon. - Thurs.
Except for the first week which will be Tuesday - Thursday
 July 27-29, August 2-5, and August 9-12

Elementary School:
 9:00am - 11:00am Mon. - Friday
Except for the first week which will be Tuesday - Friday
 July 27-30, August 2-6, August 9-13

For additional information about our
 IN-Person Summer School and to register please visit:
WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/SUMMERSCHOOL

2021-2022 School Calendar
 is Board approved and
 available for you to start planning!
 Simply visit:

WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/CALENDAR



DO YOU NEED TECHNOLOGY HELP?

If you are having technical issues, don't panic. The Technical Team is here to help!

Online Helpdesk - If you are unable to access the internet, you can contact the Online Helpdesk. Your Chromebook has an "i" icon that says Technology Helpdesk. This will take you directly to the helpdesk where you can log in with your Google login. You can also access it at www.hobart.k12.in.us/helpdesk

Technology Department - If you are unable to access the internet, call the Technology Department and they can connect you to the most available technician. If response is not immediately available, they will call you back as soon as possible.
(219) 942-1348, SELECT 4 FOR TECHNOLOGY

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/2021



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