

Franklin Avenue School Newsletter

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Principal's News

I think the weather has turned and we're on our way to spring. With spring comes the potential for rain and muddy fields. We are committed to giving our students outdoor time to run and play. Please remind them of safe hands. Tag is a frequent game at recess. As the season changes, we will organize kickball and other active games.

Spring also brings field trips and walks in our community. It is always nice to hear compliments that our children are well mannered and bring their best selves to our community visits. Thank you for encouraging pride in Franklin Avenue.

Please call to register kindergarteners!

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Technology 2015

The amount of time children spend using media technology, including computers, cell phones, video games and music players, is setting off alarms. The fear is not only that this technology is replacing physical and imaginative play, but that it also may be diminishing development of social skills, heart connection and empathy for others. Children and teens between the ages eight and 18 spend an average of seven hours and 38 minutes daily playing video games, going online and watching TV. Most have no household rules governing how much time they're allowed to spend doing these things, according to the 2010 study, "Generation M²: Media in the Lives of 8 to 18-Year-Olds," conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation. Add to that the time spent eating, sleeping, and school during the week, and little time is left for anything else such as playing outside or at with other children, participating in athletics, socializing with friends and family or engaging in afterschool and weekend activities.

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Learning

Learning happens over time and with repetition. Information is stored in one's short term memory when it is first presented. For long term learning to occur, information has to move from short term to long term. The information children remember depends greatly on how much they study and use it. When students over learn a skill they will likely remember it. This is one of the reasons that we stress reading with and to your child every day. While we'd like to take a break on vacations, learning never takes a break. There are so many teachable moments in our lives. That's what makes us great learners!

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