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LITTLE SCHOLARS of ARKANSAS

“Embrace your Future”

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

STARTING SURF READING PROGRAM ON MONDAY

LISA Academy is starting its new reading program, SURF, for its students on Monday. We would like to use the homeroom time for the SURF program. Our students will have a chance to read everyday for 10 minutes before they attend their 1st period classes.

S.U.R.F. (Some uninterrupted reading fun) was created to help students improve their reading comprehension skills. Expectations are high for students due to the mandates of No Child Left Behind, and the ACTAAP. Historically, reading levels of students start to decline in middle school. LISA is working aggressively towards reversing this tradition. Only by working together can we accomplish this goal.

All students **AND** staff at LISA will participate in SURF during the first 10 minutes of the school day. For students, this is time in which they may be reading material of their choice.

Expectations: The expectation for this time period is very simple – all students will spend time reading. This should be done in a way that does not disturb others that are reading in each classroom. Teachers will follow the school-wide discipline plan if a student makes the choice to disrupt others. **This is not a study hall period, but a designated reading opportunity for students.**

Student Choice: Students may select appropriate material to read such as novels, magazines, newspapers, and even textbooks. Students will need to bring their reading material to homeroom for SURF every school day.

Together we are creating a climate of literate students. Please encourage your student to choose appropriate reading material.

HOME VISIT

LISA Academy has started their **Annual Home Visit Program**. These visits were established with the goal to foster greater communication and involvement between parents, students and teachers. The visits only last around 20 to 30 minutes and no special effort is required on behalf of the family. When teachers have the opportunity to visit with students and parents in a home setting, relationships begin to develop resulting in a richer learning experience at school. *Please....say **yes** if a teacher calls to schedule a home visit!*

LISA ACADEMY'S STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has extended the sale of the Jaguar Sweatshirt's for an additional week! The deadline for order forms and money will be **Wednesday, November 4, 2009** by 3:00 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to support our student council. The sweatshirts are approved to wear during school hours over uniform tops.

SCHOOL PICTURES MAKE-UP DAY

Make-Up day is scheduled for **October 29, 2009**.

BOOK FAIR

November 9-14, 2009. Volunteers are needed each day between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please email Mrs. Carter at carter@lisaacademy.org if you can help.

LISA ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

We have recently held our classroom Spelling Bees in our Middle School. These students will be meeting weekly in preparation for our **SCHOOL WIDE SPELLING BEE TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER**. The following students are our winners: (6A) Jasmine Pugh (6B) Heather Manasco, Kierra Parsons (6C) Sophia Ordaz, William Carroll (6D) Chuang Tang, and Nivetha Srinivasan (7A) Cyera Wilson (7B) Sally Goldman (7C) Trisha Bhattacharyya (7D) Scott Robles (8A) Victoria Maness (8B) Andrew Lintag (8C) Siddharth Jambhekar (8D) Ashutosh Jindal. Congratulations to the winners!

MORNING DROP-OFF

Please remember to drop off your student's curbside on the school side of the street and not in the school parking lot or across the street where it is dangerous for students to cross. Also, parents please note supervision for students is NOT available until 7:35 a.m. Please dress your children appropriately if you drop off your student before school opens.

LISA ACADEMY FLU CLINICS

The flu clinic for those who submitted their consent forms by the deadline of October 28, 2009 will be conducted on campus on November 2, 2009 and December 9, 2009. The deadline to submit consent forms is Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

NOVEMBER AFTERCARE PAYMENTS

Please remember to submit payments during the first week in November. Thank you.

LISA ACADEMY SCHOOLWIDE MATH COMPETITIONS

All CML (Continental Mathematics League) are designed to both maximize student participation and improve problem solving skills. Students in 6th-10th grade will be participating in these school wide competitions. These activities may be conducted in class during regular school hours without any additional time or transportation requirements. Each student is to work independently within the prescribed time period. Each Meet or Contest will be held on the day that it is scheduled or the nearest possible day.

There will be two different divisions in the test:

- 1) Pythagorean Division: Students participating require above-average reading comprehension and analytical reasoning capabilities.
- 2) Euclidean Division: Students participating require average reading comprehension and analytical reasoning capabilities.

Study Guide is NOW available: <http://lisaacademy.org/yasin/classroom>

	Pythagorean or Euclidean Division
Grade Level	6,7,8,9,10
Activity	5 Meets 6 Questions per Meets
Time Limit	30 Minutes per Meet
Dates(2009-10)	11/4 , 12/3 , 1/7 , 2/11 , 3/18
Awards	First 6 places from each grade will have a free dress day

LISA ACADEMY'S STUDENT COUNCIL IS SELLING

SWEATSHIRTS!



The sweatshirts are approved to wear during school
over your LISA uniform shirt.
Our logo, "JAGUARS", will be on the front.
The price is \$20.00 each.

Please fill out the order form below and return to the office or Mrs. West by
November 4, 2009. Please make checks payable to LISA Academy. Shirts
must be paid for in advance.

NO EXCHANGES OR REFUNDS!
Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

SIZE (circle size)	<u>YOUTH</u> S - M - L	<u>ADULT</u> S - M - L - XL - XXL
QUANTITY		
NAME (print)		
GRADE / CLASS	/	