



SCHOOLS

December 2022

As a principal, parent, coach, and life-long learner I have a favorite word. One word. Three letters. Any guesses? Hold that thought. My favorite word comes from having to answer or address a common problem with many students (and my own children). That problem is hearing them say they “can’t do something” or being negative about not being ‘good’ at something.

As a parent, you might have heard your own child saying that they “can’t memorize math facts” or maybe a child “can’t make a shot in basketball.” It is common for students to quickly (too quickly) go to the easy mindset of not being able to do something and to stop working at it. To address this, I have tried to always use my favorite word... **YET**.

This simple three letter word inspires the hard work over time it takes to succeed. It also inspires us not to ever give up. Our Kindergarteners are not readers... **YET!** Our first graders do not have all of the addition and subtraction facts... **YET!** Our fifth graders do not know their Science learning targets... **YET!** What a big difference that little word makes! The other important factor in this thinking is that it takes a challenge. We do not want things to come easily, as easy tasks do not build a work ethic and a desire to continually grow. Students need challenged. We all need challenged. When we are challenged, we then need to have the **GROWTH MINDSET** that we can learn, we can improve, and we can succeed. Here are a few other words/phrases to inspire the power of **yet** and to try and focus on **growing and improving**:



| Instead of: Try thinking/saying: | |
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| I'm not good at this | What am I missing? |
| I'm awesome at this | I am on the right track |
| I give up | What strategies can help me? |
| This is too hard | This will take time and effort |
| I made a mistake | I will learn from my mistakes |
| It's good enough | Is it really my best work? |
| I'll never get this | I haven't learned this YET! |

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve the amazing students of Otis Elementary School. Let's continue to make this a successful year of learning and improvement. Make it a great day!

Joshua T. Matz



STUDENTS

1st Quarter Perfect Attendance

Rah'Zell Abernathy
Jeremiah Alejandro
Aidric Allen
Aleigha Artz
James Artz
Chloe Baker
Ella Banda
Aurora Bechtel
Aiden Bedford
Camden Brown
Jordyn Brown
ZaNyla Bulger
Violet Burmeister
Adriana Colon
August Crabtree
Gianna Crispen
Jaxson Cuevas
Isaiah Dallas
Kian Dallas
Josiah Dominguez
Milana Fisher
Jose Flores-Hernandez
Dasia Gamble
Elijah Gardner

Johnathan Gehring
Michael Gomez
Karina Gomez
Kylie Gonzales
Isabel Griffin
Easton Hetrick
Robert Hook
Anderson Huber
Ezmeralda Johnson
Travis Johnson
Jayce Jurovcik-Ruiz
Sophia Kramer
Ameiyah Martin
Carson Meyers
Braxton Muth
Dawson Muth
Aliyana Newman
Vincent Olvera
Aalihja Peterson
Joselle Pollard
Victorian Primas
Dorien Pruitt
Landon Purdham
Jesse Quillen

Matthew Reiselt
Juan Reyna
Bailey Rollins
Karlie Rollins
Julius Ruiz
Claire Schwochow
Cooper
Schwochow
Aiya Scott
Noah Seibert
Dexter Sipperley
Colt Sorg
RaeLyn Tolman
Greyson Tooman
Berkley Tooman
Kyler Walker
Abigail Whited
Ian Wilburn
Skylar Wilhelm
King Wimbush
Ellie Wozniak
Olive Wright
Fiona Wright
Aria Wukie
Asher Wynn

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yeah!



STUDENTS

3rd Grade High(A) Honor

Addison Slagle
Samuel Talbott
Kayla Brown
Juliette Ollom
Silas Wynn

4th Grade High(A) Honor

Adrienne Albrecht
Joseph Burciaga
Izabelle Griffin
Khaniya Nason
Sadie Sartin
Rachel Wasserman
Olive Wright
Aleigha Artz
Charles Stratton
Camden Brown
Joseph Leonard
Gavin Voelker
Skylar Wilhelm



4th Grade (AB) Honors

Joseph Hammer
Ian Wilburn
Aidric Allen
Jameson Flores
Joshlyn Smith
Greyson Tooman
Abigail Whited
Pierce Perkins
Amiyah Ryf
Jaliyah Sharp

5th Grade High (A) Honors

Arizona Halbisen
Lillian Harder
Ava Ramirez
Mia Munguia
Blayke Smith
Alanna Tingler
Alise Tooman
Brennan Wolf
Landon Fisher
Mariska Kinkaid
Eli Lemus



3rd Grade (AB) Honors

Jeremiah Alejandro
Alivia Asam
Milana Fisher
Isaiah Ingles
Ryan Krueger
Zamiya Pugh
Jaxson Smith
Brody Askins
Jordyn Brown
Blake Covert
August Crabtree
Lincoln Gardner
Karina Gomez
Annie Good
Noah Seibert
Ryder Stewart
Callen Tooman

5th Grade AB Honors

Drixson Hoffman
Chase Milton
Lila Reed
Colt Sorg
Dayvonta Stevenson-Pugh
Camara Turnow
Andre Holley
Kailey Karg
Colton Wensinger
Jazzmine Clark
Gaige Dickey
Braeden Frech
Mahki Jones
Camille Prater
Harper Smith



Caring in the Classroom...

Cold & Flu Season has begun! Ways to keep you and your student healthy (and in the classroom!):

- Wash Hands! Wash Hands! Wash Hands!
- Do not touch your face
- Get plenty of sleep
- Drink water
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Stay home if ill
- Avoid sick people



When do you send your student back to school after an illness? (this is not an all inclusive list of reasons)

- No fever (above 100) for the past 24 hours without fever reducing medication
- No diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- No vomiting within the past 24 hours



Other things to consider to keep your students healthy this season (and all year!)

- I am unable to apply lotion, sunscreen, over the counter ointments, and chapstick.
- Please do not send cough drops into school. Water is best.
- ALL medications (prescribed & over the counter) that are to be given at school must have a parent/physician authorization form. ALL medications also need to be in their original containers (this includes inhalers).



COMMUNITY

Important Dates!

December 9-16-Santa Shop
December 12-Picture Retake
December 13-70th Day of School
December 13-PTO Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm
December 15-4th Grade Hayes Center
December 16-4th & 5th Grade Wax Museum
December 21-January 2 -No School
January 4-Mens with Manners
January 10-PTO Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm
January 16-MLK Day-No School
January 31-Mobile Dentist
February 1-Men with Manners
February 2-Gifted Field Trip

PTO News

- * Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the fall fundraiser a HUGE success! Delivery will be the week of November 14th. As we get more information on that, we'll pass it on to you!
- * PTO will be hosting a Santa Shop the week of December 12, 2022. We will need some helpers to help students shop during the school day that week. Volunteer slips will be going home, please consider helping out if you can.
- * Keep your calendars open for Saturday, February 18, 2023!!! We are only in the initial planning stages, but we are planning a Winter Festival for our students/families.
- *Join us at our meetings! We have lots of fun and plan some fun stuff for our students and staff. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the Cafeteria (or conference room) at 5pm. If you have any questions, you can call the school and ask!

WINTER WEATHER AND RECESS

Please make sure that your child dresses properly for outside recess during the winter months. Coats, hats and gloves are a must!



Please remember that if you change phone numbers, address or contacts, you must update your information in Final Forms. The school staff depends on this information to be current in case you need to be contacted.



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