

# Amsterdam School

## Title 1 Newsletter

### December 2023/January 2024



### WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

#### Helping Your Child Succeed in School

#### **Resolve to Get Organized in 2024!**

Most kids generate a little chaos and disorganization. Yours might flit from one thing to the next — forgetting books at school, leaving towels on the floor, and failing to finish projects once started. You'd like them to be more organized and to stay focused on tasks, such as homework. Is it possible?

Yes! Organization is a skill learned over time. With help and some practice, kids can develop an effective approach to getting stuff done. And you're the perfect person to teach your child, even if you don't feel all that organized yourself!

#### **Easy as 1-2-3**

For kids, all tasks can be broken down into a 1-2-3 process.

1. Getting organized means a kid gets where he or she needs to be and gathers the supplies needed to complete the task.
2. Staying focused means sticking with the task and learning to say "no" to distractions.
3. Getting it done means finishing up, checking your work, and putting on the finishing touches, like remembering to put a homework paper in the right folder and putting the folder inside the backpack so it's ready for the next day. Not only is it practical to teach these skills, but knowing how to get stuff done will help your child feel more competent and effective. Kids feel self-confident and proud when they're able to accomplish their tasks and responsibilities. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do.

Resource: KidsHealth.org, January 2017

#### Dates to Remember

**\*December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Half Day of School

**\*December 21st – January 2<sup>nd</sup>\***

NO SCHOOL

**\*January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>\***

NO Title Services: School-wide Assessments

**\*Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>\***

NO SCHOOL

**\*Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>\***

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



#### Check Out This Website:

**Fun Brain** is a free educational website for kids in grades Pre-K through 8. It offers 100s of games, books, comics, and videos that develop skills in math, reading, problem-solving and literacy!  
See: [funbrain.com](http://funbrain.com)

### **'Tis The Season To Read!**

1. **Read with your child every day.** Reading aloud is essential to help children enjoy reading.
2. **Give books as gifts.** Make a tradition of giving your child a book that they love. Or look for a magazine that will surely interest your child.
3. **Create a special place for your child to read.** Choose a well-lit place where you can snuggle, relax and feel comfortable.
4. **Go online with your child.** Many publishers and authors have Internet sites with special activities for children.