

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/2—Labor Day No School
- 9/4—3:15 pm Chess Club
- 9/4—3:15 School Site Council Meeting
- 9/5—3:15 GATE parent meeting
- 9/9—3:15 Chess Club
- 9/11—3:15 Chess Club
- 9/11—3:15 PTO Meeting
- 9/16—3:15 Chess Club
- 9/16—Fall Picture Day
- 9/17—8:30 Coffee with the Principal
- 9/18—3:15 Chess Club
- 9/23—3:15 Chess Club
- 9/25—Chess Club
- 9/25—3:15 School Site Council Meeting
- 9/27—Picnic on the Playground
- 9/27—Spirit Dress: Super Hero Day
- 9/30—3:15 Chess Club

# Monte Vista Elementary

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## Conversations About School!

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help, but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

**"Let's see what you brought home."** - Look at completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well they are doing. You could comment on their math work or social studies project, for instance. Also, respond to notes from their teacher, and

sign their weekly folder or planner if required.

**"Show me what you have for homework."** - It's your child's job to do their homework, but you play a role, too.

Make sure they know what they supposed to do by having them explain the assignments to you. After they finish their homework, glance over the work to see if it's complete.

**"Describe a book you enjoyed today."** - This give you an idea of what your child prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking

what they like to read to-night. Encourage their reading and listening skills by reading aloud to them and letting them read to you.

**"Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."** - Use their interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If they like geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If they are fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take them to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.

## Attendance Adds Up

Students who attend school regularly tend to have better attitudes toward school and they are more likely to read at grade level. Try to schedule your child's doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours. If your child has to miss a day of school they can make up their absence at one of the Saturday

"Makeup" Academy dates. The dates are 9/7, 9/28, 10/12, 10/19, 11/9, 11/16, 12/7, 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/7, 3/14, 4/4, 4/18, & 5/2



## After School Questions

Asking "How was school today" might not get you far. Instead, ask a questions like these for a better picture of your child's day:

- What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?
- Pretend you're the teacher, how would you describe the day?
- What made you laugh today?
- What was the most creative thing you did?
- How were you kind of helpful today?

**Attendance Line / 909-626-5046—Please call if your child will be absent.**