



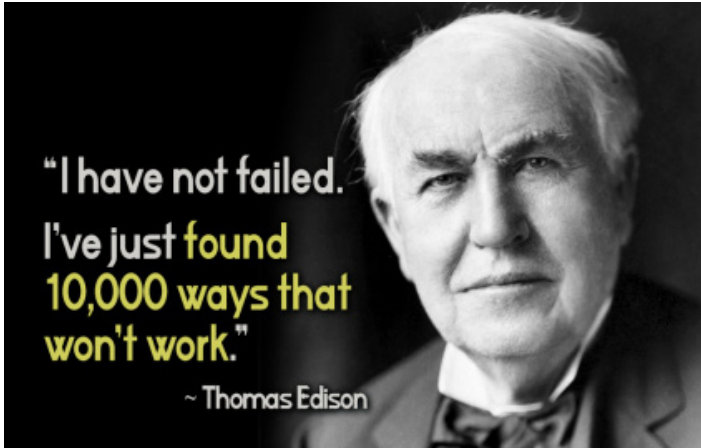
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**"I have not failed.
I've just found
10,000 ways that
won't work."**

~ Thomas Edison

Growth Mindset is Key to Student Success

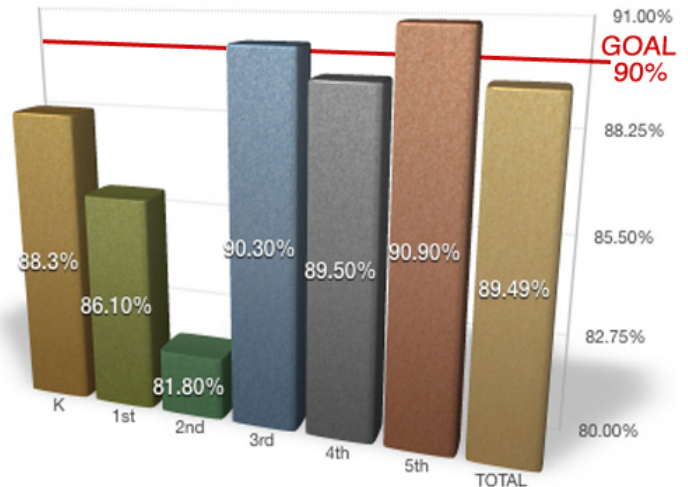
"I have a growth mindset!" is quickly becoming a statement many Lewis Elementary students are learning to use about themselves. Classrooms are studying the difference between what it means to have a fixed mindset and a growth one. With a fixed mindset, a person uses phrases like "I can't" because if they are not able to easily perform a skill or remember something, they assume that their brain isn't wired to learn that. A person with a growth mindset knows that brains can be trained-with practice and hard work-to learn new things.

Why is this important to students in our school? It is the key to their success in life! The earlier they develop the mindset that they CAN learn simple and complex information, the greater power they will have for their future. Successful people do not have magic fairy dust that made them successful, they became

successful because they set their mind to certain tasks and worked hard to master each one through diligent practice and hard work.

There are many examples of athletes, performers, authors, doctors, presidents, and many other famous people who had a rough start to their dreams. The reason we know of them today is because of the passion and attitude they exhibited to meet their goals. They had a "can do" attitude and did not give up. Maybe you know someone in your family that you can share a story about — someone who did not give up, and overcame obstacles to be where they are today? Share that with your child. Sometimes we forget that young people do not automatically know that they have power over their own destiny. Let's give them the words and encouragement from inside themselves to achieve their dreams!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



September Attendance Percentage by Grade Level

Being on-time and present for school every day helps your child make adequate academic progress. Sequential steps in learning happen day to day, so missing a day means they miss out on steps to learning. They are building up habits of good attendance for their future when they are on time and in attendance. For the benefit of the children, our goal is to have at least 90% of Lewis students with a 90% or better attendance rate for the year. Let's go Lewis!

FREE EVENTS AT MID-CONTINENT LIBRARY

**October 24, 2015, Saturday at 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
CREATE WITH LEGO® BRICKS: HALLOWEEN**

Bricks 4 Kidz classes provide an extraordinary atmosphere for children where we learn, we build, we "play" with LEGO® bricks. Programs are built around our special model plans designed by engineers and architects, with exciting themes such as space, construction, and amusement parks. At Bricks 4 Kidz, we believe that kids learn best through activities that engage their curiosity and creativity.

(Ages 6 and up) Registration is required.

**October 31, 2015, Saturday at 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
FANCY NANCY: HAUNTED MANSION**

It's Halloween, and Nancy and Bree want to turn Nancy's house into a haunted mansion for the neighborhood kids to enjoy. The haunted mansion party turns out to be a fabulous success.

(Ages 3 and up) Registration is required.

MATH FACT FLUENCY GROWTH

Significant growth from the beginning of school to mid-September is documented in this chart, showing the number of students who are meeting the proficiency standard for each operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) for their grade level. Practice at home is key to becoming proficient. 5-10 minutes each day will yield strong results by the end of the year.

Grade Level	Operation	Baseline	Q1 Mid	Q1	Q2 Mid	Q2	Q3 Mid	Q3	Q4 Mid	Q4
1st	+	0%	0%							
	-	0%	0%							
2nd	+	19%	38%							
	-	3%	7%							
3rd	+	16%	26%							
	-	2%	9%							
	X									
	/									
4th	+	34%	45%							
	-	24%	26%							
	X	2%	10%							
	/	4%	4%							
5th	+	70%	76%							
	-	51%	54%							
	X	25%	40%							
	/	30%	34%							



Join us for the 3rd -5th Grade Super Family Night October 13

3rd - 5th graders should bring their parents and be a superhero of learning from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Lewis Elementary gym. We have great activities planned for students in this age group that we want to share with parents. Super Hero sub sandwich dinner will be served and door prizes will be given throughout the evening.

LEWIS EVENTS in OCTOBER

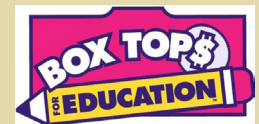
- OCTOBER 6 6:30 p.m. 5th Grade Music Program at the PAC
- OCTOBER 13 5:30 p.m. 3rd - 5th Grade Super Family Night
- OCTOBER 21 4 - 7 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences
- OCTOBER 22 11:53 a.m. Students dismissed
1 - 7 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences
- OCTOBER 23 NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 30 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Fall Parties

Red Cross Pharmacy Partners with School



Lids 4 Kids is a program from Red Cross Pharmacy where each specially marked lid that is turned in earns 25¢ for the school. You must ask for the special lid when you fill a prescription at Red Cross Pharmacy. We have a giant collection jar on the office counter for collecting. Donations can add up fast when people turn in Lids 4 Kids! Every 4 prescriptions will earn a dollar! Visit Red Cross Pharmacy or go online to red-crosspharmacy.com to learn more about this program.

Also collect these labels for our school:



Box Tops for Education



Labels for Education



Campbell's Soup Labels