

BCS Knightly News

Learning for All, Whatever it Takes.



Berkley Charter School

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Berkley's Track Team recently participated in the Polk County Annual Winter Haven Optimist 5th Grade Track Meet. Our team of 16 boys and 12 girls have been training hard and showed up prepared for the meet, thanks to Coach Vliet & Coach Brudy. The boys and the girls, both, placed 1st in their division and 1st overall as a school!!! What an awesome accomplishment!



ANOTHER REASON WHY

Wondering what makes Berkley so great? Here's a reason... great staff!



At this year's annual Polk County Charter School Teacher of the Year Banquet, our very own, Juan Aguilar won 1st runner up as Support Person of Year.



Debbie Young had the prestigious honor of being recognized by the FLDOE as a "High-Impact Teacher". She was 1 of only 148 teachers to receive this designation in our county.

As Teacher Appreciation Week approaches, we'd like to recognize our entire staff for the wonderful job they do serving our students. As a result of their hard work, the FLDOE has designated Berkley as a *High Performing Charter School* and a *School of Excellence* this year!

KNIGHT OF THE ARTS

Our annual Knight of the Arts event is scheduled for May 17. This event has two parts, from 3-5 pm the art show will take place in the Media Center and at 5pm there will be dance performances in the Café. If you've never attended, you don't know what you're missing! It's your one chance each year to tour Berkley's very own mini "Art Gallery" and be entertained by performances that will leave you wanting more. Make sure to mark your calendars for this unique event!!

MAKE THE SUMMER DAYS COUNT

Parents, don't let your kids lose what they've worked so hard to attain this school year. Keep their minds active during the summer so they'll be on track in the fall. Our website will have summer homework, resources, and links to educational websites to help keep their brains busy. We hope everyone has a smartastic and safe summer!

Gayle Thomas

Principal

Suzanne Martin

Assistant Principal

School Hours

7:50-3:00

OFFICE HOURS

7:30-3:30

Morning Drop-off

Starts at 7:30am

**Last Day &
Early Dismissal**

May 23, 2018
12:30

Next
**Board of Directors'
Meeting**

Thursday, June 14,
2018
@ 7am

**BERKLEY
KNIGHTS ARE**

Responsible,
Respectful,
and
Safe



Berkley Charter School

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8 BOGO Book Fair <small>Day 1</small>	9	10 BOGO Last Day <small>Day 3</small>	11 <small>Day 4</small>	12
13 Mother's Day	14 Volunteer Breakfast <small>Day 5</small>	15 <small>Day 6</small>	16 <small>Day 1</small>	17 Knight of the Arts <small>Day 2</small>	18 <small>Day 3</small>	19
20	21 <small>Day 4</small>	22 <small>Day 5</small>	23 Last Day & Early Dismissal 12:30	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

Notes:

- Looking Ahead -
- Aug. 8 – Student Orientation (8-11am)
- Aug. 10 – 1st Day of School

May 2018



Hungry Knights Café



LUNCH

ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
 Quick Bites=Ham or Turkey & cheese sandwich or wrap
 Salad=Mon -Thurs Chef or Caesar. Fri = Muffin & Yogurt
 Lunch Prices = Elem = \$2.35. Secondary & High = \$2.50
 Breakfast \$1.10. Adult lunch \$3.75 (Adult breakfast Al-a-carte.)

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Beef nachos
 W /Cheese Cup
 Red beans
 White rice
 Juice
 Milk

Chicken soft tacos
 W/ Let / cheese
 Sliced carrots
 Seasoned pintos
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Mini corn dogs
 Calico beans
 Oven baked fries
 Chilled fruit
 Milk

Spaghetti
 W Bread stick
 Mixed Vegetables
 Cauliflower
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Pizza
 Corn
 Baby carrots w/ dip
 Juice
 Milk

Beef nachos
 W /Cheese Cup
 Red beans
 White rice
 Juice
 Milk

Chefs Choice
 Green beans
 Mixed vegetables
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Beef Tacos
 W /Let /tom
 Pinto beans
 Fiesta rice
 Chilled fruit.....Milk

Chicken tenders
 W/Italian bread
 Mac & Cheese
 Vegetable of choice
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Pizza
 Green Peas
 Baby carrots w/ dip
 Juice
 Milk

Cheeseburger
 W Let / tom / pickle
 Three bean salad
 Oven Baked fries
 Juice
 Milk

Chicken fajita
 Yellow rice
 Pinto beans
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Corn dog
 Cole slaw
 Green beans
 Chilled fruit
 Milk

Chefs Choice
 Sliced Carrots
 Steamed broccoli
 Fresh fruit
 Milk

Pizza
 Corn
 Baby carrots w/ dip
 Juice
 Milk

Hot ham & cheese &
 Fries Boxed
 THROUGH THE LINE AND
 BACK TO CLASS

Turkey Sandwich BOXED
 OUT BACK DOOR

PB&J BOXED
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Home & School CONNECTION[®]

Working Together for School Success

May

Berkley Charter School



SHORT NOTES

Thank you, teacher

Encourage your youngster to decide how she wants to thank her teacher for a great year. Maybe she'll make a card that tells what she liked best. ("The engineering projects were cool. I really had fun building a bridge.") She can hand-deliver the card along with a homemade gift, perhaps a bird feeder or a pencil jar.

Middle school ahead

Do you have a child moving on to middle school? He will feel more confident if he knows what to expect. Make sure he attends orientation, where he'll meet staff and begin to learn his way around. He might also ask older kids for advice about getting from one class to another on time or finding a seat in the cafeteria.

Happy parent, happy child

A happy parent equals a happier household. To increase your family's overall happiness, try to find time every day to do something that pleases you. *Examples:* enjoy a hobby, spend time with a friend, read a book.

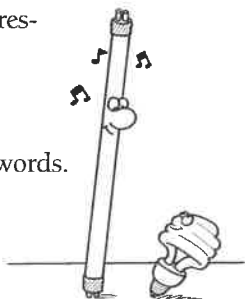
Worth quoting

"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others." *Plato*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: Why do fluorescent light bulbs always hum?

A: Because they don't know the words.



Explore the outdoors

From sunny mornings when dew sparkles on the grass to dark nights when stars appear in the sky, the great outdoors is the perfect summer "classroom" for your child. Enjoy these activities together to help him appreciate nature and learn more about it.

Observe nature

Have your youngster put together an outdoor exploration kit. He could fill a shoebox or a reusable grocery bag with a magnifying glass for examining bugs, binoculars for gazing at constellations, and a sketch pad and colored pencils for drawing and labeling what he sees. Let him use his kit all summer long in your backyard, at the park, or on hikes.

Count collections

Encourage your child to gather leaves, nuts, seeds, and other objects from the ground. He'll practice math skills as he counts, sorts, and graphs his "finds." He might make a pictograph to compare the number of seeds, nuts, and leaves he collected. *Idea:* Suggest that he research his



discoveries in nature guides and display his collection with facts on index cards. ("A sweetgum ball is the fruit of a sweetgum tree.")

Take poetry walks

Go on poetry walks. Your youngster can jot down notes on what he sees, hears, feels, and smells. Perhaps he'll walk barefoot across damp grass, sniff a patch of honeysuckle, or run his hand over the bark of a tree. Then, he could use his notes to write a poem, such as:

*Dew is cool under my bare feet
The honeysuckle smells so sweet. ♥*

Celebrate learning

Let your child know how proud you are of her efforts this school year by holding a learning celebration. Here are suggestions:

- Be your youngster's audience as she reads aloud stories or reports she wrote. Asking questions will show you're interested.
- Help your child make a hallway gallery of her artwork. Hang up favorite pieces, and invite family members to take a tour.
- Show her all the progress she has made! Pull out samples of her homework or projects from early in the year. She will enjoy seeing how much she has learned and improved. ♥



Expressing empathy

How can you help your youngster develop empathy? Encourage her to be aware of how others feel and to take action with these ideas.

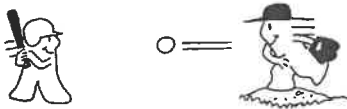
1. Recognize. This activity lets your child see the world from various points of view. First, have her cut out magazine photos of a dozen faces. Take turns choosing one and making up a story about how the person feels. Say your youngster picks a frowning child gazing out



the window on a rainy day. She could say, “He feels disappointed that he can’t go out and play.” Continue until you’ve used up all the pictures.

2. Act. Now explain that it’s time to put this knowledge into action. Ask your youngster to imagine how people feel in real life and then express empathy for them. As she goes about her day, she should keep an eye out

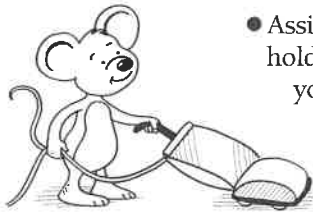
for people’s feelings. Perhaps she will spot a girl on the playground who looks anxious for a turn on the swings and offer to let her go first. ♥



Routines that work

Sticking to routines in the summer makes it easier for your child to adjust to school routines in the fall. Try these tips:

- Have your youngster get up and go to bed at around the same time each day. That way, early school mornings won’t be such a big change.



- Assign household chores so your child stays in the habit of having regular

responsibilities, just like he does in the classroom. He could vacuum, sweep, or dust, for example.

- Eat regular meals together when possible. You might enjoy an early breakfast before work and reconnect with a family dinner in the evening.

- Play outdoors every day. Your youngster will stay active and burn off energy—and work toward the 60 minutes of daily recommended physical activity. ♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

My book trailer

“You’re going to love this book! Here’s why.”

Let your child introduce friends or family to books he reads by creating his own “book trailers”—videos that give sneak peeks into books the way movie trailers do for movies.

He’ll need to think about a book’s details, how the plot unfolds, who the main characters are, and what facts are presented. Remind him to give clues about the book’s contents—but not give away the ending or any plot twists. He could practice speaking while holding up the book to show pictures.

When he’s ready, record him with a camera or cell phone. He can watch the video and re-record until he’s pleased. Then, have him share his trailer with others. Anytime he reads a book he thinks friends would like, suggest that he make a new trailer. ♥



Prevent summer math slide

Q: I’m concerned that my daughter’s math skills will get rusty while school is out. What should I do?

A: Keeping math “muscles” strong is fun! Look for ways to add math to outdoor games. For instance, write math facts like $7 + 8$ or 9×6 in hopscotch squares. As your daughter jumps to each box, she calls out the answer. If she’s “It” during hide-and-seek, she could count to 100 by 2s, 5s, or 10s while players hide.

Also, give her opportunities to estimate. Cut open a watermelon, and ask how many seeds she thinks it contains. Or have her estimate how many people are in the deep end of the swimming pool or in your row at a baseball game. Then, she should count to check her answers. As she estimates and counts, her skills will improve. ♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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Recipes for Success

Practical Activities to Help Your Child Succeed

MAY



READING

Swap out words

Help your child work on word recognition by switching one word for another as you read aloud. He'll need to look and listen closely to catch you!

Ingredients: books

Read a book to your youngster while he follows along with the text. Every so often, use a word that's different from the one that's printed—without changing your tone or emphasizing the word. ("Andrew dashed inside" instead of "Andrew dashed away.")



If your child notices you substituted a word, he should yell out, "Sneaky swap!" Then, he should read the sentence using the correct word. Can he catch all of your "mistakes"? When you're done, let him read to you and do his own "sneaky swapping" for you to catch.

SOCIAL STUDIES

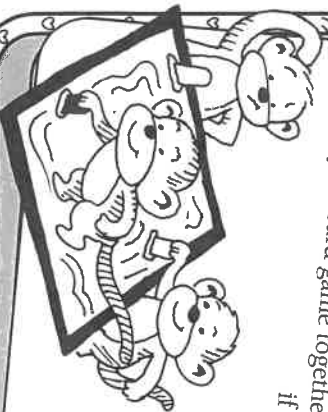
Laws to live by

Try this activity to show your youngster why rules matter in a society.
Ingredient: board game

Ask your child to name as many laws as he can think of. Examples: Cross the street in crosswalks. Do not take items from stores without paying.

Next, play a board game together without following the rules. What happens if players don't take turns? How about if people move ahead more or fewer spaces than the number they rolled on the dice?

Your youngster will see that not having rules makes it hard to play the game. Based on that, what conclusions could he draw about what would happen if we didn't have laws in our communities?



FINANCIAL LITERACY

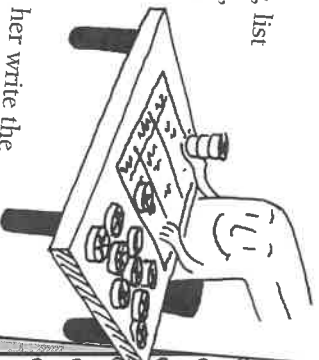
Spending pasta

This activity gives your child practice choosing how to spend limited resources.

Ingredients: paper, pen or pencil, pasta pieces

What do people pay for in everyday life? Together, list categories (housing, transportation, food, clothing, entertainment). Then, brainstorm choices for each one. For example, under transportation your youngster might list bus, car, and subway. Under food, she may put grocery stores, restaurants, and vending machines.

Talk about which options are more expensive. Have her write the comparative "cost," in pasta pieces, next to each (say, 5 wagon wheel shapes for a house and 3 for an apartment). Give her 20 pieces to "spend" across the categories. If she runs out, can she spend less in one area to help cover another?

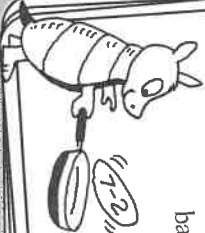


Refrigerator Poster
Just hang your Recipes poster on the refrigerator and sneak in an activity when you have a few minutes. These fun activities will help develop school success and positive behavior. Check off each box as you complete the "recipe."

SUBTRACTION

Let your child cut circles from construction paper to make "pan-cakes." On one side, have her write subtraction problems (7 - 2, 25 - 11).

Then, she can lay them out facedown. Take turns picking one and writing the answer on the back. Check each other's work to make sure they're all correct!



FITNESS

Here's a heart-pumping game to play with friends or family. If your youngster calls "green light," players run in place or in circles. If he says "yellow light," everyone walks. But at "red light," they freeze in place. Say "green light" to get players moving again.



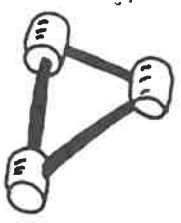
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ENGINEERING

When it comes to building structures, some shapes are more stable than others. To test this, your youngster could form a square and a triangle with toothpicks and marshmallows. If she stands each shape up and pushes down on it with her finger, which shape withstands the pressure better?



Character Corner

FLEXIBILITY
Your child will become a more flexible thinker by discovering there are various ways to do something. See how many methods he can come up with to clap his hands (loudly, slowly) or to climb into the car (shoulder first, backward).



SPORTSMANSHIP
Ask your youngster to make a trading card that celebrates good sportsmanship. She could draw an athlete's picture and list his "good sport" accomplishments, such as respecting officials' calls, cheering on teammates, and congratulating opposing teams on wins.

DETERMINATION
Setting "stretch" goals will help your youngster push himself. Say he sings one part of a song by memory. He might decide to memorize two more lines each day. Let him perform for you to show his progress.



ESTIMATION

Youngsters often ask how long things will take. ("How long until we get to Grandma's?") Turning the question around can help him practice estimating. If he's clearing the table, ask, "How many minutes do you think it will take?" Have him estimate and set a timer to check.



WRITING

A fan of your fiction
Boost your youngster's imagination and writing skills by encouraging her to write "fan fiction."

Ingredients: books, paper and pencil or computer

What book or series is your child a fan of? Suggest that she write her own stories based on the characters or settings that the author uses.

For instance, she might imagine what the city in a book would be like in 20 years. Then, she could place the characters there and write a sequel. Or perhaps she will write letters back and forth between characters, updating each other on new developments in their lives or solving a mystery together.



Have her read her fan fiction to you—and let her know you're a fan of her fiction!

Congratulations!

We finished _____ activities together on this poster.

Signed (parent or adult family member)

Signed (child)

STORYTELLING

Suggest that your youngster make a deck of storytelling cards. Using 16 index cards, she could write: four settings (forest, city), four problems (lost dog, upset friend), four characters (girl, fox), and four objects (suitcase, pineapple). Have her draw a card from each stack and use them to tell a story. Then, it's your turn.

