

Amsterdam School  
Title 1 Newsletter  
October/November 2021



**Start Your Student On The Path To  
Learning Independence**

Parents often want to know the best ways to help their children with schoolwork. One of the most important things you can do is to teach your child to become an independent learner.

Elementary schoolers are often assigned to solve problems and find and study facts. As they do this work, they practice their skills and reinforce their knowledge. To support your child's effort, first have him:

1. **Try to answer** all the questions by himself. He should start with the ones he knows the answers to and skip over any that give him problems.
2. **Go back and think** again about the questions he couldn't answer the first time around.

Only after he does this should your child ask you for help. If he does, remember that your goal is not just for him to put down the right answer. You want him to learn how to get the right answer for himself.

So, if your child asks you how to spell *constitution*, don't rattle off the spelling. Instead, ask, "Where could you find that?" Point him to a dictionary or his social studies packet. Demonstrating how to find information not only helps him learn facts now, it also prepares him to learn more in the future.

Resource: Helping Children: Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

**Dates to Remember**

**\*October 15\***

Halloween Movie Night

**\*October 21-22\***

NO SCHOOL – PIR Days

**\*October 29\***

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**\*November 4\***

Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8pm

**\*November 5\***

Parent-Teacher Conferences

NO SCHOOL

**\*November 24-26\***

NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break



**Read-To-Me Websites**

[www.uniteforliteracy.com](http://www.uniteforliteracy.com) (free)

[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com) (\$6.67/month fee for unlimited book access, also available as an APP – EPIC)

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) (free)

**Parent Tip of the Month:**

**If your child struggles with reading fluency, print off lyrics to their favorite songs and have them read while they sing along. The repeated readings, or in this case "singings", help children memorize words and be able to recognize them quickly when they come up in books or other text.**