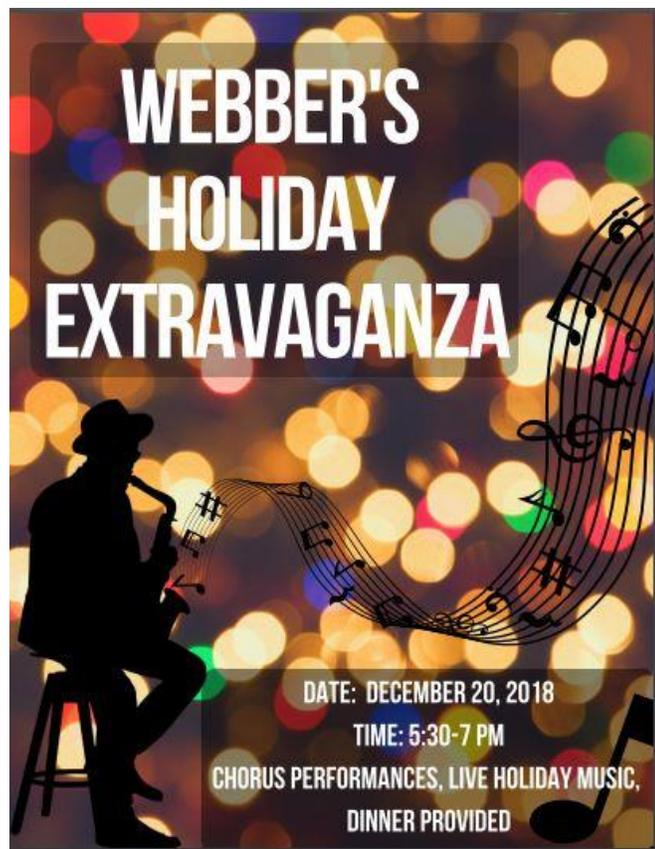


# The Eagle's Nest

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## Teach Gratitude by Practicing It

You want your kids to learn to be genuinely gracious. So when they're presented with Uncle Fester's hand-carved recorder, skip an insincere "I love it" or the overly honest "It gave me lip splinters," and find the true, good things. "It must have been so hard to make! It's amazing that it plays all the notes." Kids can practice before extended family arrives: for example, challenge them to find something nice to say about a disliked vegetable. ("Wow, Mom, I love the cheese you put on this cauliflower!")

## 3 Ways to Say Thank You

Lizzie Post, great-great-granddaughter of Emily, and coauthor of *Emily Post's Etiquette*, 18th edition, believes in the power of thank-you notes because "they teach kids the importance of gratitude and help create a foundation for expressing gratitude in the future." But you can just tell your kids that people who send thank-you notes get more gifts.

1. Photograph your child with the present, have her draw a picture of herself with it, or even make a video of her using it and offering her thanks, then upload it and e-mail the link.
2. Have her list the "Top Ten" (or five or three) reasons why the gift is perfect.
3. With younger children, offer to transcribe a spoken message. Your child will feel less overwhelmed by the task, and you'll get to include all of the hilarious and heartfelt particularities of her gratitude.

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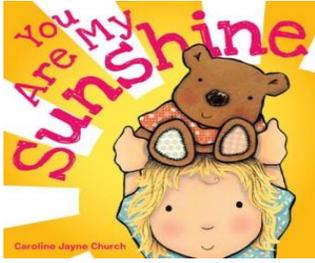
## Reading Tips for Parents

- 1. Reading Tip for Parents: What's "Just Right"?** Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "just right." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.
- 2. Reading Tip for Parents: Map it Out.** It's important to provide your child with a variety of fiction and non-fiction reading. A fun way to do this is to get a map and show her the way from your house to the grocery store or another familiar destination. Have your child write out the directions, street by street, and then read them to you as you walk or drive to the store – like a living GPS!
- 3. Reading Tip for Parents: Card Tricks.** Do you think effective reading only takes place at libraries and book stores? Think again! There are reading opportunities everywhere. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the greeting cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday wish or get-well sentiment.
- 4. Reading Tip for Parents: Picture This!** During your next outing or gathering, take action-packed photos, then have your child create captions to go with each picture. Assemble the pictures and captions in a picture book or album, and add speech and thought bubbles to create a personalized — and probably hysterical — graphic novel.
- 5. Reading Tip for Parents: Last Comic Standing.** Take time to read comic strips together. Share favorites from your own childhood and have your child put his favorites on the fridge. Read them aloud, and often — repetition is a great way to build reading skills. Soon, he'll love looking forward to the "Sunday funnies" each week.
- 6. Reading Tip for Parents: Become a Fan.** Your reader will soon develop a love for particular authors and illustrators. Nurture her fan-ship by helping her write a letter to her favorite author. Many authors have their own websites with contact information. You can also contact the book's publisher, the mailing address for which can often be found on the back of the title page or on the publisher's web site.
- 7. Reading Tip for Parents: Labels of Love.** Word recognition and vocabulary are important parts of reading. On a rainy day, get some paper and tape and start labeling everything in your home — from furniture to small knick-knacks. Reading these labels repeatedly will build your child's mental word bank. If your family is bilingual, create labels in both languages.

This is taken from:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/developing-reading-skills/reading-tips-parents.html>

# Counselor's Corner



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are continuing classroom counseling lessons that focus on Listening Skills, Character Development, and Self-regulation

Small groups have begun for this school year. If you would like for your child to attend a specific group, please let me know.

As a part of Webber's Character Education Program, we have a Character Word each month. The Character Word for December is RESPONSIBILITY. Please encourage your child to show RESPONSIBILITY as they go through the school day.

## Character Word Definition

**RESPONSIBILITY: to be held accountable for your own actions**

## Attendance TIP:

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If your child asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there is a family emergency.

Have a great year,  
Thera Kinsler Leonard  
School Counselor

Richland Library Eastover  
presents

# Holiday Jamboree

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018**

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

- ★ Photo Booth
- ★ Craft Table
- ★ Cocoa n' Karaoke
- ★ Balloon Animals
- ★ Button Maker
- ★ DIY Stockings

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Interim Reports Issued	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Christmas Festival Richland Library Eastover 2:00PM
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pajamarama Storytime Richland Library	<b>12</b> Family Storytime Richland Library	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Gingerbread Architecture Richland Library
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> EdVenture Richland Library Eastover 5:30 PM	<b>20</b> Holiday Extravaganza @ 5:30	<b>21</b> Make-Up Day/Dismissal @ 12:00	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Richland Library Closed for Christmas	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Holiday Movie Richland Library Eastover 3:00PM	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	
	<b>31</b>		Jan 2 Catching Snowflakes Richland Library Eastover 3:00PM	Jan 3 DIY Necklace Making Richland Library 3:00PM		