



Marvin Elementary School

News from the Principal,
Mrs. O'Shea

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(More information on problem solving)

HOW TO TEACH PROBLEM-SOLVING TO CHILDREN – a guide for parents

STEP 1 WHAT AM I FEELING?

Noticing and naming emotions diffuse their charge and gives your child a chance to take a step back. Explain that ALL emotions are acceptable, there is NO "bad" emotions. If necessary, guide your child to a relaxing space to process their emotions so they can problem solve, learn, and grow.

STEP 2 WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Guide your child to formulate the problem. Repeat back what they said. "So you're saying..." This will help them feel heard and understood. Help them take responsibility for the problem rather than pointing fingers.

STEP 3 WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

Encourage your child to list as many solutions as possible. Write them down. At this point they don't need to be, you're just brainstorming. Say, "What are some things you can do to fix this?" Help brainstorm some ideas if they need more support.

STEP 4 WOULD WOULD HAPPEN IF?

Ask, "What would happen if you tried these solutions?"; "Is the solution safe and fair?"; "How will it make others feel?" It is important for your child to consider both positive and negative consequences of their actions. Ask, "What do you think will happen next? What do you think will happen if...?"

Step 5 WHICH ONE WILL I TRY?

Guide your child to select one or more solutions to try. If the solution does not work, return to the list. They've learned valuable information and can move on to a new approach. Encourage your child to keep trying it until the problem is solved. Ask, "What did learn? What was easy? What was difficult? What you would do differently next time?"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 No School	2 B	3 C	4 D Marvin Spirit Day
7 A	8 B SGC Meeting	9 C	10 D PTA Meeting	11 A Marvin Spirit Day Magic with Mazz
14 B	15 C	16 D	17 A	18 B Marvin Spirit Day
21 MLK Day No School	22 C	23 D	24 A	25 B Marvin Spirit Day
28 C	29 D	30 A	31 B	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome all students back to school and I would like to extend my wishes to all Marvin families for a wonderful and Happy New Year?

We are entering the long winter months that bring all types of inclement weather. Please check NPS website for early dismissals and delayed openings

- IF there is a delayed opening, school will start at 10:00
- ATB will begin at 9:00 if there is a delay.

TESTING

It is time for (middle of the year (MOY) testing. All students will participate in tests to check on reading progress. The testing period for students in grade K – 3 begins on January 9th and ends on January 23rd.

Students in grades 3-5 will have the NWEA reading and mathematics assessments. NWEA assessments begins the week of January 23 and continues until February 12.

Please make sure that your children come to school on time. While this is always important, it is especially important during testing periods.