



# Marvin Elementary School

News from the Principal,  
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## Teaching Children to be Problem Solvers

Whether it's a toy-related conflict, a tough math equation, or negative peer pressure, kids of ALL ages face problems and challenges on a daily basis.

As parents or teachers, we can't always be there to solve every problem for our children. In fact, this isn't our job. **Our job is to TEACH our children how to solve problems by themselves.** This way, they can become confident, independent, and successful individuals.

Instead of giving up or getting frustrated when they encounter a challenge, kids with problem-solving skills manage their emotions, think creatively, and persist until they find a solution.

*So HOW do you teach problem-solving skills to kids?*

Well, it **depends on their age**. As cognitive abilities and the size of the child's challenges grow/evolve over time, so should your approach to teaching problem-solving skills.

Tell me  
 & I forget  
 Teach me  
 & I may remember  
 Involve me  
 & I learn

-Benjamin Franklin

**More problem strategies will be included each month in the newsletter!!**

All information comes from [biglifejournal.com](http://biglifejournal.com)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NOVEMBER			1 D	2 A Marvin Spirit Day
5 B	6 No School	7 C	8 D	9 A Marvin Spirit Day
12 B	13 C	14 D	15 A	16 B Marvin Spirit Day
19 C	20 D	21 A 2 HR EARLY DISMISSAL	Thanksgiving Break	
26 B	27 C	28 D	29 A	30 B Marvin Spirit Day

### Information:

**1. Drills.** Throughout the year your children are involved in a variety of drills to prepare them in case of emergency. They include: fire drills, evacuation drills, shelter in place, lock out and down drills.

The teachers provide students with age appropriate explanations of the drills. We had our first off-site evacuation drill on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and the students did a great job!!

**2. Parent teacher conferences** begin on November 29<sup>th</sup> and run through December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please be sure to keep your appointment with the teacher. Come prepared with questions for the teacher as well as inform the teacher of things going on in your child's life that might be impacting school.