



# Bright Futures Preschool

..... Helping Students Achieve Their Dreams .....

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## News Update- March 18, 2015

### Principal's Desk

#### Higher Order Thinking

As children move from preschool to elementary school, they are asked by their teachers to do more and to recall more information that they have stored in their brains. Higher level thinking will be easy for some children, but harder for others. However, with practice, children's higher level thinking skills will increase.

Higher level thinking is more than just memorization. Children must begin not only to tell facts, but also requires students to utilize these facts. Instead of counting to ten, they are able to go find ten items and count out the items to you. Other ways to practice higher order thinking skills is as follows:

- Brainstorm - think of new ways to do old tasks
- Visualize - without looking at an item, describe it
- Problem Solving - tell the steps need to fix or repair an item
- Creativity - allow students to make abstract drawings

As always, I look forward to working with you and your child this school year. My door is always open to you. Any ideas, questions, or thoughts that you may have, are appreciated. My email is [tbolden@galesburg205.org](mailto:tbolden@galesburg205.org), and my telephone number is 309-973-2000.

Sincerely,

*Tammie J. Bolden*

**Class Times:**      **AM: 9:00 – 11:30**      **PM: 1:00 – 3:30**

**RETURN WEDNESDAY FOLDERS ON THURSDAY!!!**

## Mark Your Calendar

### March 18

Early Dismissal

### March 19

Parent Teacher Conf.

### March 20

**No School**

### March 27

Early Dismissal

### April 3

**No School – Spring  
Break starts**

### April 6-10

**No School**



## Family Time

Spending time with family provides students with valuable learning experiences. It is getting warm outside. Nature walks, riding bikes, going to the YMCA are great family activities.

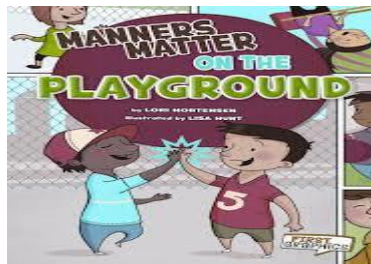
### Read Daily & Read a Variety of Print Materials

Most students read books daily. However, introducing children to other print material is also important. Four times a year, we send students home with the *Pencil Points* newspaper. Articles in the newspaper are also great for students and families to read together.



### Tools For Triumph

If someone drops something, pick it up and hand it back to them.



### Tell & Show

We must not only tell children how to do math and science, we must show them. Modeling completing problems helps children to learn visually. Showing them how to solve problems helps them to learn how to manipulate problems for themselves.

### Important Information about Bright Futures

**Mission** – ...build a solid foundation...

**Instructional Focus** - Reading

**Office Hours** – 8:00 – 4:00 PM

**School Hours** – 9:00-11:30 & 1:00-3:30

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**Principal** – Tammie Bolden

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**Coordinator** -Dawn Hand

**Parent Specialist** – Nicholette Fox

**Parent Specialist** – Brandee Malcolm

**Nurse** - Marte Glass

**Secretary** – Kathy Doney

**Black Room** – Ms. Mings, - Ms. Barton

**Blue Room** – Ms. Uddin, - Ms. Triplett, Ms. Spinks

**Brown Room** – Ms. Sexton, - Ms. Eiker, Mr. Unger

**Green Room** – Ms. Newhall, - Ms. Alvarado, Ms. Lear, Ms. Hook

**Orange Room** – Ms. Heidt, - Ms. Campbell

**Purple Room** - Ms. Liepitz, - Ms. Pickrel, Ms. Wong

**Red Room** – Ms. Buonavolanto, - Ms. Klossing, Ms. Klein

**Yellow Room** – Ms. Barshinger, - Ms. Scott, Ms. Bowers

**ELL Teacher** – Renee Burton

**Speech Pathologist** – Sara Carr

**Speech Pathologist** – Alicia Warren