



FAMILIES FIRST

A Monthly Newsletter
October 2020



Calendar of Events:

Meet and Eat Parenting Class

Tuesdays, Sept. 15-Dec. 8
12-1pm, Pizza Ranch
-Registration required

Winter Parenting Classes

Begin mid-January
Dates TBD

Online Parenting Class NEW NEW NEW

Thursdays, Sept. 24-Dec. 3
8:30-9:30pm
-Registration required
-Classes offered over Zoom

Save the Date!

Gingerbread House Making
Event-December 5, 9-11am

For more information and to register,
go to www.familiesfirstofpella.org

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

In the book, "The Pearls of Love and Logic for Parents and Teachers," Jim Fay and Foster Cline say that "parent/teacher conferences can be an emotional time for both parties. When both parties put forth their best communication and listening skills, these emotional battles can be replaced by the opportunity to share ideas that are in the student's best interest."

Techniques that are guaranteed to make a conference *fail*, include:

1. Nonnegotiable demands
2. Threats
3. Accusations

Techniques that guarantee a *successful* conference, include:

1. Describe the problem-"I'd like to describe how I see the problems Suzie has been having in your class."
2. Ask for the other person's thoughts-"I'd like to get your thoughts on that."
3. Listen to the other person-Listen before you respond, and don't interrupt.
4. Develop several solutions-When you come up with more than one solution together, it shows you're both open to helping the child.

In these times of COVID, THANK YOU teachers, for all you are doing, to educate our children!!

-Allison Kerndt

DRIVE BY BOOK BASH!

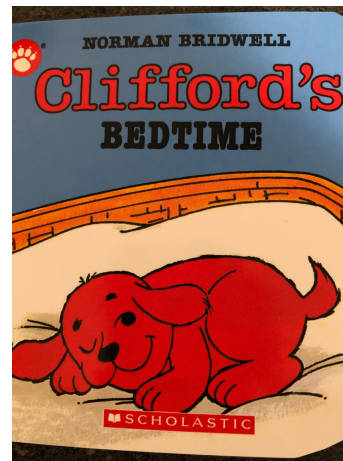
Saturday, October 10

10-11 am

Location: Pella Christian Grade School

No cost to attend

Geared toward families with children ages 0-5



-Drive by and grab a goody bag!

-Goody bag includes:

-FREE "Clifford's Bedtime" board book

-Red Clifford Collage craft supplies

-Sequencing activity

-At-home activity ideas

-Links for a tour of Tri-Country Veterinary Clinic and Storytime with Miss Katie from the Pella Public Library.

*Pull into the North parking lot and join Miss Katie for a "drive-in" style Storytime and Sing Along

Would you like to help us give back and help animals in need?

We are collecting items for the Marion County Humane Society. Drop off a donation, and we'll be sure to get it to animals in need! Needed items include...laundry detergent, bleach, Dawn dish soap, 40+ gallon contractor bags, kitten food, paper towels, toilet paper and kleenex.



"Kids are usually more likely to talk about difficult issues if they are interacting with us over some other fun activity. Next time your child seems upset, play a game with him, start a woodworking project, or bake some cookies together. You might be surprised what comes out!"

From "Love and Logicisms: Wise Words about Kids," by Jim Fay and Charles Fay



Pella Community Civility Conversation

In far too many instances, rudeness, disrespect and hostility sideline collaboration and compromise. People around the country and here in Iowa are coming together in a grassroots initiative to revive civility and respect. Join this conversation where community members learn strategies to have civil interactions despite differences.

Thursday, October 8, 6:30-8:00pm - Central College/Douwstra Auditorium

Presented by the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center

Contact Allison at 641-780-5741 or familiesfirst94@gmail.com to register to attend in person or over Zoom

*face masks required

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