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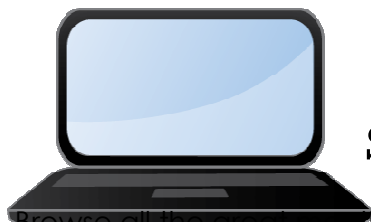
The results are in!

A very special thank you to the MSYC families who supported this past month's Eileen's Colossal Cookies dough sale! Our families ended up selling a total of **207 tubs** for a profit of \$1,035! For those of you that sold dough please remember the tubs will be delivered to

MSYC on Friday, February 5th. **If you sold more than 10 tubs of dough please come to the office to pick them up.** Smaller orders will be brought out to your car with your child(ren) and dismissal time. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help with the sorting and distribution of orders the morning of the 5th. If you are interested in helping with this task please contact Emily in the office.

Positive Media for Girls

We are **so** excited to tell MSYC families about a blog titled "Positive Media for Girls" created by toddler parent, Courtney Quinn. Courtney, a PhD student in Leadership Studies at UNL, reviews movies and TV shows that have great female lead characters. Please drop by the blog and tell Courtney and a great movie or show you share with your daughter!



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Manners Matter!

By Dr. Charles Fay

In all parts of their lives, children with great manners have a powerful advantage over those who do not. They make friends easier, get along better with their teachers, and eventually make much better employees and spouses. Here are four techniques that will give your child this life-long gift:

Tip No. 1: Make a list

Sit down with your kids and make a list of the specific behaviors polite people display. Have fun with this activity. Your written list might look something like:

- Say "please" and "thank you"
- Eat with their mouths closed
- Burp in the privacy of their own rooms
- Say "excuse me"
- Hold doors open for people

Tip No. 2: Model these manners

Children learn much more from our actions than from our words

Tip No. 3: Provide kids what they want only when they use manners

When parents use Love and Logic, they don't waste their breath lecturing about good manners. Instead, they very politely refuse to provide what their kids want unless they hear a sweet "please" or "thank you" and see the other behaviors on their "manner list."

For this to work, parents must respond to requests with polite sadness instead of anger or sarcasm. For example, a parent might say in a sad tone of voice, "This is such a bummer. We can't go to the movies today because you need more practice with manners first."

A parent who sets this limit, avoids anger or sarcasm, and holds firm by staying home will see a very upset child in the short-term and a much happier, more responsible one in the long-term.

Tip No. 4: Expect them to repay you for any embarrassment they cause

If your child continues to be rude, he or she may need to repay you for the embarrassment or inconvenience created. With genuine empathy and sadness, a parent might say, "How sad! Your rudeness at Aunt Mary's house really drained the energy out of me. I've been too tired to clean the bathrooms. When you get them done, I'm sure I'll feel a whole lot better."

If the child refuses or forgets to do the chore, wise parents don't lecture or threaten. Instead, they quietly allow their child to "pay" for their bad manners with one of their favorite toys.

Thousands of parents have transformed manner monsters into polite kids who are a pleasure to be around. At one Love and Logic seminar, a parent commented, "When I used these tips, my boys almost immediately started to shape up. They even warned one of their rather rude friends who was visiting: 'Better stop burping...Our mom's gonna make you do chores.'"

Important Dates to Remember:

- February 1st – Tuition Due
- February 3rd – January and February Scholastic Book Orders Due
- February 11th - 12th – Valentine's Day Parties (details enclosed!)
- February 15th – NO SCHOOL! Board of Directors Meeting @ 7pm, parents welcome!
- February 26th – Dental Field Trips for AM Preschool classes (details to come)
- March 1st – Tuition Due
- March 3rd – Dental Field Trips for PM Preschool classes (details to come)
- March 9th – Miss Christie's Nature Center Field Trips (details to come)
- March 10th – Miss Cindy's Nature Center Field Trips (details to come)