Mission Statement: John F. Kennedy Elementary School will prepare all students for academic success.


“A Message From Our Principal”

John F. Kennedy Elementary School is moving in a positive direction with positive teachers, students and leader. Students are enhancing their thinking and improving their achievement levels with different strategies and effective planning. Not only are the students able to demonstrate effective learning, they are also able to teach lessons to their parents. Please allow your child to share what they have learned. It is really fun for students to draw out their ideas and calculate their scores. Congrats to our students beginning with kindergarten to 5th grade. We await all other challenges!

Dr. Dinah M. Robinson
Goodies For Grannies

John F. Kennedy hosts its first annual “Goodies for Grannies” on September 12, 2016. Teachers were able to discuss the new Louisiana Student State Standards and provide examples and activities that could be utilized to continue the educational training from the school to the home. Our counselor discussed Title IX, the McKinney Vento Act and Principal, Dr. Robinson presented the school state test scores that will be released in late October or early November, 2016.
“Muffins For Moms”

John F. Kennedy hosts its first annual “Muffins for Moms” on September 19, 2016. Teachers were able to discuss the new Louisiana Student State Standards and provide examples and activities that could be utilized to continue the educational training from the school to the home. Our counselor discussed Title IX, the McKinney Vento Act and Principal, Dr. Robinson presented the school state test scores that will be released in late October or early November, 2016. Moms were excited about what their child/children were learning.
“Depending On Dads”
John F. Kennedy hosts its first annual “Depending on Dads” on September 26, 2016. Teachers were able to discuss the new Louisiana Student State Standards and provide examples and activities that could be utilized to continue the educational training from the school to the home. Dads were given a sprint “math” multiplication activity and had fun laughing at themselves. Principal, Dr. Robinson discussed the school state test scores and responded to several questions from the dads. Dads were also allowed to visit their child/children’s classrooms.
“We did it the United Way”

By Angela Warren, Resource Teacher

John F. Kennedy did it the United Way! Thanks to the donations of school supplies and other special items, the students will be able to use throughout the year. A special thanks to our principal, Dr. Robinson and the United Way coordinators, Shelia O’Neal and Angela Warren for reaching out on behalf of our students. Tons of thanks to Denise Durel, President and CEO of United Way of Southwest Louisiana, for sharing their time to bring the supplies to our school. The kindergarten teachers received 30 kits to share among two classes. These kits were made by high school students this summer. The kits contained stories and comprehension activities that will help make learning fun.
“Counselor’s Corner: What are Developmental Domains”
by Jowanna Gay, Counselor

From birth, children explore their new world by touching, smelling, tasting, listening, observing and playing. Through this exploration, they are rapidly developing “domains” of their physical and mental abilities. The simplest of activities at every age level promotes growth and stimulation in their cognitive, social, language and physical (fine and gross motor) skills. These four domains develop all at the same time:

**Cognitive Development** - learning and processing information. Cognition involves language, imagination, thinking, reasoning, problem solving and memory. You can help your child develop cognitive skills from an early age by having him/her work puzzles, blocks, peg games, card games, patterns and cause and effect activities.

**Language Development** – learning to express ourselves in order to communicate with others. You can help your child by reading, talking, singing or providing books and DVDs.

**Social Development** – learning to like ourselves and to get along with others. You can help your child by playing games, having conversations in the car or at the dinner table, playing with friends, having parties, going out to eat, etc. all are invaluable ways to foster social development.

**Physical Development** – falls into two categories – fine motor and gross motor. Fine motor skills occur with the fingers in coordination with the eyes such as reaching, grasping, releasing and turning the wrists. Fine motor skills help us perform daily tasks such as eating, dressing, toileting and washing. Gross motor involves large muscles in the arms, legs and torso. Gross motor activities include walking, running, throwing, lifting, kicking, etc. Gross motor promotes confidence and self-esteem and allows the body to perform multiple demands beyond simple muscle movements.

Reference: Becky Spivey, M.Ed. *Handy Handouts*, 2012

CAI Lab

(Computer Assisted Instructions)

Grades K-5th visits the computer lab everyday for 30 minutes where their duty is to successfully complete 15 minutes of Math and 15 minutes of Reading using SuccessMaker. They are off to a good start working very hard to increase their Reading and Math skills. Along with their teacher’s, I will do my best to see to it that their educational needs are provided for with care and the utmost importance as we prepare them for academic success.

Ms. C. Griffin,
Lab Tech

J.F.K. Elementary Mock Election

On Friday, October 14, 2016, 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders experienced a “Mock Presidential Election.” Students were able to register, utilized their school ID’s, sign in and vote for their person of choice. Students enjoyed the experience and so did the parents that were present to observe.