

Shady Lane School Parent Newsletter January 2021

For questions and comments, contact Julie at onlinelearning@shadylane.org

7 Ways for Kids to Learn Empathy Through Acting

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<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/7-ways-for-kids-to-learn-empathy-through-acting>



Teacher Awards Nominations Being Accepted!

Do you love your Shady Lane teachers? Applications are open for the [2021 Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards](#), a program hosted by [First Up](#) in collaboration with the [Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation](#) to recognize and reward exemplary child care teachers. You can fill out an application [here](#) for a chance to win the Helene Marks Award, a \$1,000 cash prize, and more!

7 Books to Help Address and Discuss Tough Topics with Kids

<https://www.npr.org/2020/12/31/952445588/books-to-share-with-kids-during-tough-times>



Creating Memorization Skills Through Play

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/creating-memorization-skills-through-play>

Fund My Future Information Session

**Thursday, January 21, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm -
Free**

Attend this online information session to learn about [Fund My Future](#), a savings program that offers chances to win prizes and cash in monthly raffle drawings by depositing small amounts into your child's savings account.

About

With the support from the Pennsylvania State Treasurer, Fund My Future is now available to all families in Pennsylvania to save for college and other post-secondary goals. Fund My Future provides a prize pool that makes the saving experience fun. This program is open to Pennsylvania residents who have children or grandchildren between the ages of birth to 18. Your child will benefit from the savings, and you benefit from the fun! Participants will have the chance to win a door prize.

Registration

To register, [complete the online registration form](#).

Are You Still Looking for a Kindergarten Program?

Here's another option:

Kentucky Avenue School is a small, progressive, independent school located in Shadyside. They offer a hands-on, experiential, creative approach to our curriculum. KAS specializes in small classes and differentiated instruction to students through both traditional and innovative teaching methods. The kindergarten program is one where the students can explore, build, and play as they learn through social interactions with their classmates. KAS recognizes that a child's social/emotional development is as important as their academic growth. As a result, their kindergarten class is taught through a balance of play and academic work.

For more information, email Luci Regrut at admissions@kentuckyavenueschool.org.

"Human relationships are primary in all of living. When the gusty winds blow and shake our lives, if we know that people care about us, we may bend with the wind...but we won't break." – Fred Rogers

Talking with Children About Elections, Violence and Current Events

Friday, January 08, 2021



by Children's Services



<https://www.carnegielibrary.org/staff-picks/talking-with-children-about-elections-violence-and-current-events/>

A Guide to Age-Appropriate Responsibilities for Toddlers to Teens

by Dr. Laura Markham

(Remember that this is a guide and will not apply to every child)

<https://www.mother.ly/child/guide-age-appropriate-responsibilities-for-toddlers-to-teens>

How to Make “No” Mean “No”

by Janet Lansbury

<https://www.janetlansbury.com/2020/07/how-to-make-no-mean-no/>

Kids and Wearing Masks

The Superhero Mask Song by Laurie Berkner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wr8QIbfNI-4&t=20s>

The Mask Song by Laura Lind

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eslfpn_FjVE

Why Do People Wear Masks? by Jack Hartmann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE6L-4tO-rs>



On the Importance of Slowing Down

by The Fred Rogers Center

<https://www.fredrogerscenter.org/2020/12/on-the-importance-of-slowing-down/>

Celebrating Winter with Easy Ice Experiments

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/celebrating-winter>

ACTIVITIES

Book BINGO – a Reading Challenge!!

<https://team-cartwright.com/book-bingo-free-reading-challenge/>

Print a Copy Here:



book-bingo-pretty.pdf

Outdoor Literacy Walk

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/kids-activities-and-printables/printables/writing-worksheets/take-outdoors-literacy-walk.html>

Receive a Critical Thinking Puzzle of the Week

www.CriticalThinking.com

Cool, Color-Changing Drink

Refresh your youngsters with this cool, color-changing drink. In advance prepare blue or red ice cubes and a pitcher of lemonade. Add yellow food coloring to the lemonade to brighten the color if desired. Pour each child a serving of lemonade in a clear plastic cup. Give him a colored ice cube to put in his drink. Have the child stir his drink with a spoon or stirring stick. As he stirs, the blue or red will mix with the yellow to create a color change. Cool!

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