



Mustang Messenger

February 2017

Milam Elementary

Important Dates In February

- February 2: Honor Choir Concert
February 3: Book Orders for Author
Visit Due Today
February 7: Progress Reports Go
Home Today
February 10: Aaron Reynolds -
Author Visit
February 20: Student Holiday
February 21: Math Night (5:30 - 7:00)
February 27 - March 3: Spring
Scholastic Book Fair

Assistant Principal Shawn Brieden

It is hard to believe it is already February! Take a minute every night to ask your child about what they learned at school each day. They are learning new and exciting things every day, which is why it is important for them to be at school. If you see your child is struggling with a concept, contact your child's teacher, to see how you can work together to help them succeed.

Principal – Gilberto Lozano

Thank you to all our parents who attended our STAAR Information Night Meeting. We were excited to have our parents learn about the STAAR test. We heard many complimentary remarks about the night!

At Milam we encourage reading at home and school because it increases the literacy rates of our students along with exposing them to extensive vocabulary. We encourage our students to read their guided reading books at home, to read their library books, and to gain information from texts. Our district and Title I funds support our reading initiative through our guided reading books and instructional materials. Our goal at Milam is for our students to have a love for reading that will last a lifetime. Thank you for giving your child time to read at home!

Counselor - Maureen Nelson

Conversations About School: "Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what he/she would like to read tonight. Encourage his/her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to him/her and letting him/her read to you. This conversation with your child will help you stay involved with your child's school related activities and personal interests of your child.

Nurse - Brandi Sandefer

February is dental health month and a healthy mouth is very important for a healthy body! Help keep your kids' mouths in tip-top shape by:

- Brushing twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.
 - Flossing daily.
 - Limiting sugary drinks.
 - Replacing your toothbrush every 3-4 months or when bristles become frayed and worn.
 - Visiting the dentist 2 times a year for a cleaning and checkup.
- We love seeing happy, healthy smiles! If you need any assistance with dental supplies or finding a dentist please contact the clinic.

Specials

- In the month of February our 3rd and 4th grade students will be working on the Fitness Gram Test. We will also be learning how to play Golf. Please remember to wear tennis shoes every day to PE.
- It is going to be a great second semester in art class! All grade levels will be starting new projects in the coming weeks!
- Great job Milam Honor Choir students! The Honor Choir Concert was outstanding! This month, 3rd graders will continue learning to play the recorder. The 4th Grade Program is approaching quickly! Please make sure all 4th graders have black pants/skirts and a white shirt for their performances! Thank you!

1st Grade

This month first grade is showing their love of learning and their love of school for this February Valentine month. For reading the students will be focusing on traditional literature, for example fables and folktales. In writing we are focusing on expository, informational, and procedural text. We will be writing how-to's and all about books. Throughout math the students will be focusing on numeration, addition and subtraction to 15, and place value to 100. During science the students will explore soil, water, earth science, and living-nonliving things. For social studies we will be studying about presidents, civil leaders, different cultures, folktales, legends and fables.

3rd Grade

Our third grade students are already half-way done with the year! We are working on problem solving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with one or two steps. We are also working on learning times tables. We will be starting our fractions unit. In reading, we are learning about famous people that made a difference in the world. Through reading biographies and autobiographies. This is a good time to sit with your child and ask them what they have learned from these famous people.

Kindergarten

Our Kinder students have been doing a great job this year, and are excited for all the great activities we have coming up. We will be celebrating the 100th day of school with many fun activities for them on Wednesday February 2nd. Also, we will be celebrating Valentine's day with our class. In math we will continue learning about our shapes and move into measurements. Remember to keep practicing your numbers and counting at home. In reading we will be moving into fiction. We will also be learning about our nation's presidents, patriots and Black History Month. Remember that February 20th is a student holiday. Thank you parents for all your support.

2nd Grade

Hello Parents! February is here. Some of our coldest days are in February. In Science, we will begin studying the weather. We are continuing our unit in Civil Rights for Social Studies which is perfect as we focus more on famous people like Ruby Bridges and Martin Luther King, Jr. As we progress through math class, our numbers are getting BIGGER! We are working with numbers all the way into the thousands place. Please continue to practice telling time and regrouping with subtraction and addition. Have a great month!

4th Grade

This semester is flying by, and February is full of exciting things in Fourth. In Language Arts, the students are revising and editing their essays as we continue to prepare for the Writing STAAR. During Reading, we are learning about dramatic literature and having fun reading plays in class. In Math, we are continuing to develop our skills in division and multiplication. Please keep working with your child on fact families for division and multiplication. In Science, we are studying shadows, tides and changes in the patterns of the Earth. Thank you for continuing to support your students and make sure they are completing their homework each week.