



Mustang Messenger

December 2017

Milam Elementary

Important Dates In December:

- December 5 - Mustang Academy
- December 6 - Mustang Academy
- December 7 - 3rd Grade Music Academy
- December 12 - Mustang Academy
- December 13 - Mustang Academy
- December 20 - End of 2nd Grade Period & Early Release Day
- December 21-January 8 - Winter Holiday

Principal – Gilberto Lozano

I would like to wish all Milam Elementary School families a wonderful start to the holiday season. December is a busy month and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight one of the major events. On December 7, our third graders will be performing their Winter Program for all our parents at 6:00 p.m. Please join us to enjoy their hard work and beautiful voices.

In the next couple of weeks, our first semester will end. During this past semester, our teachers have assisted every student to reach their maximum academic achievement especially in math and language arts. We know that the academic success of our students would not be possible without the support from our parents. Therefore, we thank you for your support.

As this semester ends and is followed by December's Winter Break, we hope that this time will be a special season for each person and family. We look forward to helping you and your child(ren) in 2018.

Nurse - Brandi Sandefer

Is it a cold or the flu?

It can be hard to tell if you or your loved one is suffering from a common cold or the flu. These are some differences that can help you decide if it is time to seek a physician's help.

Cold: Gradual onset with common symptoms such as stuffy nose, sneezing, dry mild- moderate cough, and sore throat. You may be a little more tired than usual or have mild body aches. Fever and headache are rare.

Flu: Sudden onset with common symptoms such as high fever, headache, exhaustion, severe body aches, and moist severe cough. Sneezing, stuffy nose, and sore throat are not common but do occur sometimes.

If you think you have the flu it is important to get to doctor as soon as symptoms start as medication is most effective if started in the first 48 hours. Wash your hands often and avoid contact with anyone that is sick. Stay home if you are sick to prevent spreading the illness.

Counselor - Maureen Nelson

The weather is getting cold quickly!! I hope you and your family have plans to stay warm and find time to relax and enjoy each other's company this holiday season.

In this newsletter you will find ideas for Helping with Homework.

How to Help: Show that you think education and homework are important, set a regular time for homework, pick a place, remove distractions, provide supplies and identify resources, set a good example, and be interested and interesting.

How to Help Monitor Assignments: Ask about the school's homework policy, be available, look over completed assignments, monitor time spent viewing television and playing video games

How to help provide guidance: Help your child get organized, encourage good study habits, talk about the assignments, watch for frustration, give praise

How to Help: Talk with the teacher to resolve problems, work with the teacher, tell the teacher about your concerns

Specials

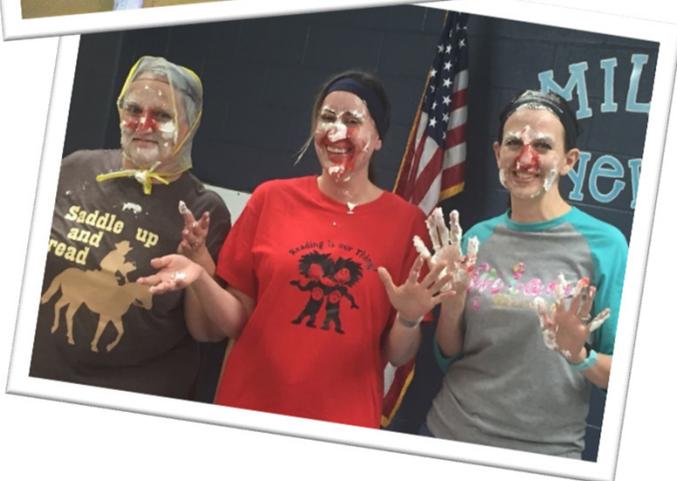
- Fitness Gram testing will be happening for all 3rd and 4th Grade students. Students will be tested on the following skills: CurHups, Shoulder Stretch, Pacer, Push-Ups, and Trunk left. All other grade levels will be working on soccer, basketball, and stations. Please always remember to wear tennis shoes!
- Happy Holidays to our Milam family. Please stay safe and enjoy the break. See you in January.
- You are invited to the 3rd Grade Winter production of "Catch the Holiday Spirit" on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 pm! Students will need to wear a white shirt or blouse with black pants or skirt and black shoes. 3rd graders, please look for a letter about purchasing a recorder in January! The 4th grade choir members will audition on December 18 for a place in the CCHS Honor Choir. The Honor Choir Concert will be February 1. Each Monday's choir rehearsal is very important! During class, students are enjoying learning holiday songs from all around the world! Happy Holidays!

Kindergarten

It is so hard to believe that 2017 is almost over, but we have been very busy in Kindergarten! We have been working really hard on learning our letters, sounds and sight words to begin to read. In math we are working on our teen numbers, introducing addition and subtraction and working on counting to 100! In science we have been exploring with magnets and talking about how objects move. In social studies we have been studying about families and how they celebrate different kinds of holidays. So much exciting learning is taking place in our classes! Please make sure you are doing homework and reading every night! Happy Holidays from the Kindergarten Team!

1st Grade

Our fabulous first graders will be learning to write letters this month, just in time for Santa! In Social Studies we will focus on concepts of time as well as holidays, celebrations and traditions. During math we will be working on Place Value to 99. In Science we will discover the phases of the moon, as well as the characteristics of day and night. Language arts will be all about media literacy, so let your first grader look at all those holiday sale ads and watch the fun commercials. Our field trip to Caney Creek High school to watch "The Elves and the Shoemaker" will be on December 6th. Class parties will be on December 20th, which is a half day.



2nd Grade

Parents! We had such a busy November! Second graders are now approaching that middle-of-the-year mark when things will become more challenging. They are responsible for reading more on their own. Math is more challenging now that we've accomplished addition and subtraction with regrouping. Before students complete the computations, they must first recognize information in a word problem. They are using their K-W-P-S organization chart to help them solve these word problems. Please ask your student to explain to you how to use this chart. When they can become the teacher, you know they have truly learned! Please continue to read through the holidays! What a special time of year to pull those holiday favorites. Enjoy!

3rd Grade

Third Grade will be going on a field trip December 1st, to the Heritage Museum and will enjoy a picnic lunch at Candy Cane Park. For reading the students will be focusing on Drama, which includes reading, performing drama, inferring and summarizing plot in drama. For writing the students will be writing imaginative stories/fiction. In mathematics the students will be working on multiplication word problems and division. During science the students will be learning about earth's natural resources, soil formation, and landforms. During social studies the students will be discussing culture: customs, celebrations and traditions.

4th Grade

Our fourth graders have been working hard!! In Math, the students are learning about lines and angles in Geometry. This will be a fun unit!

We have also started an exciting unit in Writing!! They are learning to write poetry and to see things through the "poet's eyes". In reading, we are starting our Traditional Literature unit. Please make sure that your child is reading at least 20 minutes at home.

In Science, our students are focusing on circuits and electricity. In Social Studies, our students are learning about the Texas Revolution.

Library

Milam-Opoly is still going on for third grade and fourth grade. We have had a huge response so far and we can't wait to see a lot of students complete their boards and attend our reward party at the end of the year. Students need to finish reading their 6 new Bluebonnet books by January 19th, so make sure you ask your child how many they have read so far! Thank you for encouraging your child to read every day!

