



Mustang Messenger

March 2018

Milam Elementary

Important Dates In March:

- March 6 - Spring Picture Day
- March 6 - STAAR Information Night
- March 9 - End of Third Grading Period
- March 9 - Early Release Day
- March 10 - March 18 - Spring Break
No School
- March 20 - Mustang Academy
- March 21 - Mustang Academy
- March 27 - Report Cards Go Home
- March 27 - Mustang Academy
- March 28 - Mustang Academy
- March 30 - Holiday, No School

Nurse - Brandi Sandefur

Lice are insects that can be found in the hair of a person. They are spread through direct head-to-head contact or the sharing of personal items such as brushes, hats, etc... There are over-the-counter and prescription treatments that may be used. Most treatments do not kill eggs, therefore, it is extremely important to continue to comb to remove the eggs so they do not hatch. It is recommended that you check your child's hair at least once a week and treat if live lice are found. You can find more information on the Milam website. Please contact the clinic for further information or with any questions.

Principal - Gilberto Lozano

Spring is approaching and learning is in full swing here at Milam Elementary. As you may know, this is a time of year that students make the most academic and social learning improvements. Make school a priority. Very soon the weather will change with spring right around the corner. It can be challenging to keep our children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your child?

Keep these ideas in mind:

- Make attendance your number one priority. Let your child know that unless they are sick, they must attend school (and be on time). Make an effort to schedule appointments after school hours.
- Show you care. Talk about school activities and projects. Make an effort to attend as many school events as you can.
- Remain positive. Try to set a positive example for your child, even when your own day has been challenging. If you show a positive attitude about your work, your child may feel better about their own.

Counselor - Maureen Nelson

The next time everyday pressures build up to the point where you feel like lashing out — STOP! Try any of these simple alternatives. You'll feel better and so will your child.

- Take a deep breath, and another. Then remember you are the adult.
- Close your eyes and imagine hearing what your child is about to hear.
- Press your lips together and count to 10, or better yet, to 20.
- Put your child in a time-out chair (remember this rule: one time-out minute for each year of age).
- Phone a friend.
- If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.
- Take a hot bath, shower or splash cold water on your face.
- Hug a pillow.
- Turn on some music. Maybe even sing along.
- Write down as many helpful words as you can think of. Save the list.

Specials

- Thanks to the First Tee Golf Program all grade levels had the opportunity to play Golf this month. Two of our fourth grade students have been chosen to represent Milam at the Golf Tournament. Congratulations to Audrey Baeza and Jaxon Ochoa. Please continue to wear tennis shoes to PE every day!
- March is Youth Art Month(YAM)! We will be having student artwork displayed at the North County Library during the month of March.
- The Milam 4th grade students are preparing for their 4th Grade Program which will be Thursday, April 26 at 2:00 pm and Thursday April 26 at 6:00 pm. Please make sure all 4th graders have black pants/skirts and a white shirt for their performances! Thank you! This month, 3rd graders will continue learning to play the recorder. 4th Grade Instrument preview and placement for Band and Orchestra at Grangerland Intermediate is coming soon!



Kindergarten

We cannot believe it is already March! We are so proud of your children and all of the growth that they have made this year. Please continue to work on sight words, counting higher than 100, and reading every night to meet our district goal of a level D or higher. In Social Studies, we will be learning this month about Texas heroes and culture. In Writing, we will be writing "All About" papers, and in Science we will be learning about plants. This part of the year is exciting because the children are changing and growing so much. Please continue this momentum by making sure they come to school everyday and practice reading as much as possible. We appreciate all the support you give your child to help ensure their success. Teaching is a team effort and we are grateful to be working with wonderful parents like you.

1st Grade

March will be a busy month for First Grade! We will be learning more about Fairy Tales, Fables, and Folk Tales for Language Arts. For Writing we will continue working on developing All-About Chapter Books and Poetry while using correct capitalization and punctuation when writing. For Math First Grade is working on place value to 120 as well as geometry and fractions of shapes. We will continue counting forward and backward up to 120. For Science, we will begin learning more about Living and Nonliving. Then we will begin studying animal characteristics and pet care. In Social Studies our focus will be about Texas History & Culture. We will then begin our unit on Landforms & Bodies of Water.

2nd Grade

As March comes in like a lion, we look forward to it going out like a lamb. Spring is a favorite time of year as we say hello to beautiful weather. In our Reading and Writing classes, we will be focusing on reading about how to fly a kite, bake a cake, play a sport, plant a garden, make a pinata! Students will be reading nonfiction books and writing how-to papers. In Math we will be delving into Geometry. Working with 2D and 3D shapes is a lot of fun for second grade. So throughout the month of March, ask your second grader about cubes and spheres and what their latest how-to paper is about. Second graders will also be observing the moon and other objects in the sky. Our focus in Social Studies has been on biographies around Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, George Washington Carver. Ask your student what they know about these courageous people. Thank you so much for your efforts as we work together, growing your student's mind and character.

3rd Grade

There are many amazing things happening in third grade! In writer's workshop we are working on Literary Essays. In math we are exploring 2D and 3d shapes for Geometry and will soon begin measurement. The students have been reading about informational expository text, and soon we will begin reading procedural text. Our social studies unit is focused on Texas culture and economics. In science, we are learning about characteristics of freshwater and saltwater. Please continue to read every day with your student.

4th Grade

This semester is flying by, and March is full of exciting things in Fourth grade. In Language Arts, the students are revising and editing their essays as we continue to prepare for the Writing STAAR. During Reading, we are revisiting Fiction and learning about summarizing. In Math, we are continuing to develop our skills by doing fractions. We are also starting our Measurement unit this month. Please keep working with your child on fact families for division and multiplication. In Science, we are studying about Weathering, Erosion, & Deposition. In Texas History, we are learning about the Civil War. Thank you for continuing to support your students and make sure they are completing their homework each week.

Library

Second grade has started working on their Milam-Opoly boards. They will read a variety of fiction and nonfiction books as well as several Texas 2x2 books. 2x2 books are chosen by Texas as the top 20 picture books written in the past year for 2-year-olds through 2nd graders. Ask your child how many books they have read so far!

We have some third and fourth graders who are finishing up their Milam-Opoly boards to be able to attend our movie party at the end of the school year. We are also happy to announce that the winner of the Texas Bluebonnet Award was announced a few weeks ago. The book voted by the most students all across the state of Texas as their favorite Bluebonnet book is The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier.