

MCES Pirate News

Miller County Elementary School

November 2, 2020

Much to Be Thankful For

Welcome to November at Miller County Elementary! Of course, this month we take time to focus on being thankful, and I think we all realize just how much we have to be thankful for this year.

Certainly, all of us have faced various challenges over the past several months. Some experienced more hardships than others, but all of us can and should be thankful that we have survived all of the challenges that have come our way. I hope that you and your family will certainly take time together to count your many numerous blessings in the days ahead.

Always remember that even when you are experiencing difficulties and challenges in life that there is always someone somewhere that is worse off than you. This will help keep you humble and thankful for what you do have!



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Important Dates for November

11/5: School Council Meeting @ 8:15

11/6, 11/13, and 11/20: PRP Hat Days (\$1 to wear a hat)

11/23 - 11/27: Thanksgiving Break

NOTES REGARDING CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

If your child has a change in the way he or she goes home in the afternoon, please send a note to the classroom teacher. **Your child's safety and well-being is of great importance to us, so we will only accept phone calls changing transportation in the case of an absolute emergency. This should NOT be a daily occurrence. If we do not get a note and/or an e-mail we will send your child home the way he or she normally goes home.** We will not take a child's word for how he or she will go home.

Keeping Contact Information Updated

It is absolutely crucial and necessary for you to please keep your contact information updated because we need to be able to contact parents quickly and efficiently. We ask that you please contact the school every time that you have a change in phone number, and please update us when and if your address changes. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

PRP NEWS

The PRP would like to thank everyone who participated in the mask fundraiser! Your support is greatly appreciated.

The PRP has plans for fun filled activities for the students at Miller County Elementary. Stay tuned for more details to come.

PRP is sponsoring "Hat Day" on 11/6, 11/13 and 11/20. For \$1, students may wear a hat on these days.

PRP has been providing prizes for our Student of the Week award winners. Thank you to our parent and business sponsors for making this possible!

We welcome and encourage parental participation in the Miller County Elementary PRP. If you would like to volunteer to help us, please email Ms. Michelle Henry at mwhenry.rdh@gmail.com. Thank you for all of your support!

Nurse News

LET'S FIGHT FLU TOGETHER!!

Your decision whether to receive the flu vaccination touches many more lives than just yours!

Influenza, commonly known as "the flu", is an infectious disease caused by an influenza virus. It is a very contagious disease of the respiratory tract (nose, throat & lungs). Symptoms can be mild to severe. The most common symptoms include: high fever, runny nose, sore throat, muscle and joint pain, headache, coughing, and feeling tired. **The best way to protect your family from "the flu" is to get vaccinated each year.**

Drop Off and Pick-Up Guidelines

For your child's safety, please do not drop students off at school prior to 7:35. Please contact Mr. Ard in writing or through e-mail regarding any circumstances (i.e. work hours) that would create a need for you to drop your child prior to 7:35. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If your child is late you must come into the front office. **PLEASE DO NOT JUST DROP OFF YOUR CHILD!**



Please abide by the following pick-up guidelines each day:

- * Please never walk up to pick up your student. Please remain in your car and allow staff members to load.
- * No early sign-outs after 2:30 p.m.
- * Please do not use your cell phone while waiting to pick up. That creates an unsafe situation for the students, staff, and other drivers.
- * Be courteous to other drivers in the line. Please treat others as you wish to be treated.
- * Please put your child's name on paper on the dash of your vehicle.
- * Tobacco usage on campus is not allowed at any time (including during pick-up).

Grade Level News

Kindergarten News

This year is moving right along. Please remember to help your child with letter, letter sounds, sight words and number recognition daily. We have now begun to learn the CAT sight words. Please review all 30 words each night. The CAT test will be given on November 11th and the ANT-CAT test will be on Friday, November 13th.

1st Grade News

It is hard to believe that we are already into the 2nd 9 weeks with Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner. We have a lot to learn in this short period of time. We are working hard on addition and subtraction word problems in math. We have started Unit 2 in Wonders and we will be learning about nouns, commas in sentences and learning to write stories. In social studies we will talk about American heroes and different types of landforms. In science we will be learning about light, shadows and sound. We are looking forward to another productive 9 weeks and as always we are here to help.

2nd Grade News

This month in Reading and Language Arts we will be covering common and proper nouns, plural nouns, irregular plural nouns, and possessive nouns. In Math, students will add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and the relationship between addition and subtraction. They then use what they know to solve story problems. Students will begin to measure and estimate lengths in standard units and solve measurement story problems within 100. In Science, as we learn about forces and motion, we will also be learning about pushes and pulls and energy transfer. In Social Studies, we will be starting the units about Georgia's location, rivers, and regions

3rd Grade News

Social Studies: We have spent a lot of time talking about the American Indians of the East, also known as the Woodland People. We talked about the importance of Pocahontas and her importance to the settlers of Jamestown. We will now focus on important wars of that time period. Specifically, The Anglo-Powhatan War and what that meant for the established tribes.

ELA: We will be learning about biographies and dig into the lives of many famous Americans through computer based research. We will be researching their lives and using our knowledge of sequencing to put important events about our researched individuals in a time order. We will be writing expository texts to help inform our peers

4th Grade News

In Reading/ELA we will be focusing on improving our

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about our research. We will be learning about the different types of nouns, simple and compound sentences!

Lexile levels and fluency rates. We will also be working on skills and strategies to help students' comprehension.

In math we are continuing Unit 2: Fraction Equivalence and Comparison. Students will be working with a variety of materials to explore fractions. We are also continuing to work on math fact fluency.

In Science, we are finishing up with balanced and unbalanced forces. We are going to extend our knowledge a little further into outer space and learn the role gravity plays.

For Social Studies, we have been learning about the road to the Revolution and what events lead up to causing the Revolutionary War. We will continue to learn more about the Revolutionary War and build from it. BUT, for now, since the election is growing closer by the day, I would like to introduce the process of voting to our young Americans.

Math: We will continue working with scaled graphs and transition into multiplication and equal groups. I can see the math fact fluency grades improving in addition and subtraction as well as multiplication! Keep practicing these facts!

Science: We will begin talking about People and the Planet. We will be studying about our environment and things we can do to help our environment, like recycling.

5th Grade News

We are excited about the great things happening in 5th Grade at Miller County Elementary School. We encourage you to allow at least twenty minutes each night for your child to read. This will help increase their fluency level as well as their Lexile score. We also encourage you to review basic multiplication facts with your child each night. In Math, we will continue to be working with volume and multiplication. Reading, Social Studies, and Science readers may be found on your child's Google Classroom. Weekly review games for Reading can also be found in your child's Google Classroom.

5th Grade News

We will continue to utilize Class Dojo on a daily basis. If you have not already, please connect to Class Dojo.

PE REMINDER

Please remember: No dresses or skirts, sandals, boots, or anything with a heel on P.E. days. Please wear tennis shoes on P.E. days!

“He who thanks but with the lips Thanks but in part; The full, the true Thanksgiving Comes from the heart.”

– J.A. Shedd