

Medinah Primary School

Medinah Intermediate School



September 2020 Newsletter



Upcoming Dates:

- 9/25 Affy Tapple Orders Due
- 9/28 PTO Meeting @ MMS/B.O.E. Meeting
- 9/30 10:00pm PTC Wizard Closes
- 10/1 MIS Remote Supply Pick-Up
- 10/1 PTO Virtual Reptile Show
- 10/6 (Zoom) Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/7 Early Dismissal/Picture Day
- 10/8 (Zoom) Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/9 No School
- 10/12 No School
- 10/14 PTO Dine to Donate/Lou Malnati's
- 10/15 Affy Tapple Pick-Up @ MPD
- 10/22 6:00pm PTO Meeting (Zoom)
- 10/22 7:00pm B.O.E. Meeting @ MMS
- 10/28 Early Dismissal

Dear Families,

What a wonderful month of September! It has been great to see students back at school, engaged in their learning and having fun with their friends. We are so proud of our in person learners for adjusting to changes in their school day, and of our remote learners for tackling the challenges of learning at home. We reflect every day on how fortunate we are to be part of such a strong and supportive school community. WE ARE MEDINAH STRONG!

We are looking forward to all of our families attending Parent-Teacher Conferences coming up on the evenings of Tuesday, October 6th and Thursday, October 8th. These conferences will be through zoom. If you have not signed up already, please make sure you do! Your child's teacher will send out a zoom link for the conference. Please sign on five minutes early. You will be in a waiting room until your teacher finishes up their previous conference. MAP reports and conference forms will be coming home ahead of time, so be on the look-out for those documents that will be discussed during the conference. Your classroom teachers will also be sharing how they are differentiating to meet the needs of your child in the classroom. In order to enforce small class sizes, our specialists have returned to the classroom and are grade level teachers this year. They continue to serve as a support to other classroom teachers as they plan to meet the academic needs of each child. We are looking forward to setting goals for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year! There will be no school on October 9th or 12th.

The state has provided school districts with five planning days to use throughout this school year. Some districts took their five days at the beginning of the year. We have not taken any days yet. Our first planning day will take place on Monday, November 2nd. There will be no school for students on that day.

Finally, we would like to thank our fantastic PTO for their dedication to our schools and community. They work hard every day to support students and teachers by involving families. Even though it may look different this year, the PTO is always looking for volunteers.

We greatly value the relationships we build with you and recognize that you are your child's most important teacher! Thank you for all you do to support the school and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time throughout the year.

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Preschool has been busy with the start of the school year and all the changes this year brought!

Units of Study - All About Me and Space! - We spent a lot of time exploring our centers! We discussed how to use the different toys and materials. In the art center the students made a self-portrait, a family picture, an Earth, and our solar system. Our remote preschool friends also did the same art projects! Both in person and remote also learned about vocabulary around space! We focused on the Earth and what parts are land, clouds or water.

Second Step - How do we listen in school? Eyes are Watching, Ears are Listening, Voices Quiet, Bodies Calm

K

The kindergarten students are doing a great job adjusting to school. They are getting better each day at practicing social distancing and wearing their mask. In class, we are working on learning...

- our letter sounds in Jolly Phonics.
- the school rules and routines.
- nursery rhymes and the letters in our names and the alphabet.
- how to properly write, compare and count the numbers 0-10 in different arrangements.

We are off to a great start in kindergarten and have really enjoyed getting to know your child! Please be sure to empty your child's folder daily and look for any important notes or information being sent home each day.

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First grade is off to a wonderful start! All of the first grade teachers are so proud of how hard all the students are working!

Reading: Our text set is all about the importance of friendship. We have read lots of great books on friendship and the students have been sharing so many great ways to show friendship to others.

Writing: We are working on writing a complete sentence with a capital letter and the beginning and punctuation at the end.

Math: In math, we are working on understanding how addition works and writing addition number sentences to 10.

Social Science: Community workers have been our focus these last weeks. The students have learned how they are important to the community and how they can help keep us safe and healthy.



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Second grade is off to a great start! We are proud of how well the students are adjusting to the changes.

Social Studies: What do you find in a community (places to live, work & play), and three types of communities (rural, suburban & urban)

Writing: Writing a narrative story

Literacy: Focus on friendship and family while using the interactive read aloud and shared reading components

Math: Addition and subtraction with a focus on problem solving

Science: What Plants Need and Animal & Plant Dependence

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What a great start to third grade! The third grade team is so proud of how hard our students are working to make the challenging transition from MPS to Intermediate School! Here's what we're up to:

Reading: "Government for the People"—nonfiction texts, identifying main idea and details, cause and effect relationships

Writing: Letter Writing—parts of a friendly letter, using a text to support ideas

Math: Meanings of Multiplication—interpret products of whole numbers

Social Studies: Geography—finding our place in the world

Science: Life Cycles—observing mealworms, planting seeds

As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher!

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We are excited to be back to school with all of our 4th graders, and we are very proud of how they have adjusted to our new routines and changes!

- **Reading**: "Government in Action": Summarizing the Text, Interpreting Graphic Features, Making Inferences, Key Details and Main Ideas, and Using Context Clues
- **Writing**: Writing a Personal Letter and understanding how to incorporate facts and details into your writing
- **Math**: The Meaning of Multiplication/Strategies, Multiplication Fact Fluency, Geometry Skills
- **Social Studies**: Map Skills, Continents and Oceans
- **Science**: Plant and Animal Parts & Sense Receptors

We enjoyed seeing everyone at our Curriculum Night presentations, and we look forward to meeting with each of you at our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences.

We are so proud of how our 5th Graders have adjusted to being back in school, both in person and remotely! Our classrooms have all established our routines, adjusted to new schedules, and are into full learning mode now.

- **Reading:** "The U.S. Constitution: Then and Now"- main idea/details, explain chronological events, compare text structure
- **Writing:** Personal Letters- writing from a first person point of view about the Constitutional Convention
- **Math:** Place Value/Adding & Subtracting Decimals
- **Social Studies:** Native American Cultural Groups
- **Science:** Basic Needs, Food Webs, Ecosystems & Matter and Energy in Plants

Please make sure to sign up for a parent-teacher conference. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at conferences thru Zoom in October!



MPS LMTC with Mrs. Pickren

Students are enjoying their library time with fun back-to-school stories and Digital Citizenship lessons. The lessons have focused on being connected to the internet, thus, the world; and that we must have rules to keep us safe, just like in the "real" world. Ask your child to tell you what they know about internet safety.

Students are able to check out one book per week. Please remind your child to bring them back on time in order to check out another!

Remote students are able to check out books as well, by emailing Mrs. Pickren. The books will be added to the packet of materials that are picked up on material pick up days. A two week check out time will be in effect for those books.

MIS LMTC with Mrs. Jasper and Mrs. Mouser

MIS is so proud to have students using the library again. All classrooms, including the remote sections, have learned how to put books on hold through Destiny Discover. This system allows for the LMTC team to pull books for the students therefore keeping book checkout contactless for all students. All books when returned are "quarantined" for one week before being put back out for circulation. Using the online library management system, Destiny Discover, has also helped students learn techniques of best using search filters to refine their search results. This skill is an invaluable tool for helping students search for books as well as searching the web.

The students have also been reviewing Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship. They are using their knowledge to create presentations to share with their classmates. These presentations are also great opportunities for the students to practice their Google Drive and Google Classroom skills.

If you have not gotten your free Roselle Public Library Card yet, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. All you have to do is call the library and they will help get you your card. With this card, your child will have access to over 18,000 ebooks, digital programming and much more.



Art: Ms. Martin

Adventures in Art

What a great start to the school year! I've been enjoying getting to know all of the Medinah students both in person and virtually during my first year here in District 11. The weather has been beautiful and we've had art outside in the tent with the exception of one rainy day. In addition to their art projects, all grade levels read the book "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds and created a type of dot in celebration of International Dot Day on September 15th.

Kindergarten - Created "Behind the mask emotion faces" by creating different facial expressions of what they look like behind their masks. They also created blended color dots using markers, water and coffee filters.

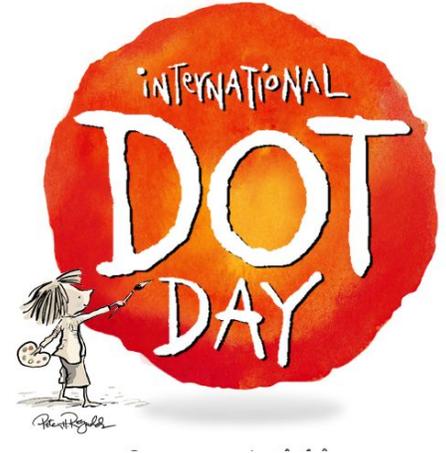
1st grade - Created pattern dots using at least six different patterns while learning about contrast, line and pattern.

2nd Grade - Created radial designs while learning about contrast, repetition, radial symmetry, line and pattern.

3rd Grade - Created self-portraits that showed what they look like behind their masks and included expressive words to describe themselves. Created pattern dots using at least six different patterns while learning about contrast, line and pattern.

4th Grade - Created self-portraits that include what they look like behind their masks and expressive words to describe themselves. Created radial designs while learning about contrast, repetition, radial symmetry, line and pattern.

5th Grade - Created self-portraits that include what they look like behind their masks and expressive words to describe themselves. They also created zentangle dots, teaching them patience and care with overlapping patterns.





MUSIC AT MEDINAH

Music: Miss O'Donnell

I've been having such a great time getting to know all of the students and learning about what makes music special in Medinah as I take over for Mrs. Bender this year!

These are some of the things we've been working on as we start the school year:

K- Moving our bodies fast and slow and being able to use our 4 voices!

1st- Reviewing high vs. low sounds and learning all about beat!

2nd- Recognizing rests in music and reviewing high vs. low sounds.

3rd- Learning the pitch *do* and reviewing half notes in rhythm.

4th- Practicing use of the pitch *re* and learning the rhythm ti-tika.

5th- Reviewing the rhythm ti-tika and reviewing the pitch *low la* before moving into our new concepts!





PE: Mr. Boeing

Gems from the Gym

Welcome back to school! IT has been so great seeing everyone in person and virtually. Medinah is truly a special community to be a part of. At both schools we have been utilizing our outstanding greenspaces everyday. We have only had to have P.E. in the gym ONE time. Masks are always worn inside. The students have been giving their best effort and have a blast getting healthy. Here is a run down on our focus topics at each school.

MPS

- Learning how to work in large and small groups
- Different ways to stay healthy including washing heads and social distancing
- Personal space and general space
- Skipping, galloping, leaping, hopping, walking, running, jogging, and shuffling
- High, medium, low levels, fast, medium, and slow tempos, strait, curved, and zig zag lines
- understanding directional concepts: Over, under, around, under, next to, in front of, behind

MIS

- Reviewing sportsmanship, teamwork, and understanding how to work with others
- Goal setting during out fitness testing: Curl-ups, push-ups, and the mile run
- Modified kickball games.
- Pitching with no bounce, kicking a moving target, pitchers mound, fielders, and kickers

Mr. B's Kitchen

In a rush in the mornings for breakfast? Try making a fruit smoothie in the morning for the family. This snack is packed with vitamin c, protein, and potassium getting your brain and body ready for school.

The prep time for this snack is 90 seconds. 45 seconds prep and then a 45 second blend.

1 cup frozen strawberries

1 medium banana

1 cup of milk (sub for greek yogurt, or almond milk)





Notes From Nurse Edwards

What a year to cover for maternity leave!! Actually it's been fun to see the students again and how they have grown. Welcome to the new Health Clerk, Mikayla Kibby. She has been a great asset to the health office. Nurse Molly will be returning in November after giving birth to a baby girl.

Big reminder: Preschool and kindergarten physicals are due by October 1, 2020. Also eye exam and dental for kindergarteners and dental for 2nd graders. This is required by the State of Illinois.

Any preschool or kindergartener without a physical by October 15th will be excluded from school. Please don't let that happen to your child.

