

# MCES Pirate News

Miller County Elementary School

April 2023

## GA Milestones Schedule

**3rd - 5th Grade ELA: Thursday, April 20th and Friday, April 21st**

**3rd - 5th Grade Math: Tuesday, April 25th**

**5th Grade Science: Wednesday, April 26th**

- Please have your child at school on time each day.
- Please be sure your child gets a good night of rest prior to testing.
- Please encourage your child to do his or her best.
- Please strive to provide a calm environment at home and on the way to school each morning so students can be relaxed and focused on the assessment for the day.
- Encourage your student to eat a good breakfast each morning of testing. If your student eats breakfast at school, please get them to school by 7:45 each day.



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### Important Dates for April

**Spring Break** - April 3<sup>rd</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**GA Milestones (3rd- 5th Graders):** Thursday, April 20th; Friday, April 21st; Tuesday, April 25th; Wednesday, April 26th (5th Grade Only - Science)

**Wendy Martin Student of the Month Awards:** Friday, April 28th

# 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 Board would like to wish all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders good luck with testing!

Don't forget to get a good night's sleep before each test day. We appreciate all the continued support.

We always welcome new volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or helping in any way, please contact us at [millercountyprpevents@gmail.com](mailto:millercountyprpevents@gmail.com).

Be sure to join our Facebook group: Miller County Elementary Pirates Reaching Potential Organization.

### **Nurse News**

#### **Healthy Minds**

Children are learning and playing more and more online. Keeping your child safe online can be a daunting task, especially when the internet and technology are developing at such a fast pace.

The following are some points to follow to help keep your child safe online:

- Set up parental controls – These controls can be used to block harmful or upsetting content.
- Control your search engine.
- Block all pop-ups.
- Do your research – Find good sites that your child can access.
- Manage their use and access.
- Encourage your child to speak to you if they have concerns and remind them that not everyone is who they say they are online.
- Turn off all devices at least 1 hour before bedtime – Children need their rest to be their best selves. A lack of rest can bring on medical concerns and behavior problems while at school.



## 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

Spring Fever is Among Us!

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. We are all very excited. However, please remind your child about the importance of following all school and classroom rules at all times.

Please encourage your child to always be kind to everyone. In order to succeed as a classroom, students need to understand the importance of cooperation.

End of the year readiness testing will soon begin. As some parts of the tests are given individually, please remind your student to respect other students' individual testing sessions.

We have learned a lot this year, but we will continue to challenge your child to ensure their success next year in first grade!

Each night, please review:

- ALL 100 Sight Words
- Addition and subtraction math facts with sums and differences within 10
- Doubles addition facts with sums to 10.

Jack Hartmann videos are a fun way to reinforce math and reading skills.

It would be a great idea to make flashcards for review!

### 1st Grade News

Hello.

We are getting closer to the end of the year, but we still have lots of work to do. We want to remind you that the students are working independently to complete their work in class, which includes reading their own tests.

We are working on Unit 6 in Wonders. We are learning about cause and effect and point of view. Please continue to study those sight words and read nightly. Also, please encourage your child to read their AR book and test every week. This will help your child become a better reader and reach their AR goal.

In science, we are learning about magnets. In social studies, we will be working on learning about saving and spending money.

In math, we will continue working on addition, subtraction, and we will start geometry and time. Thank you for all you do to support your child.

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### 2nd Grade News

This month in Language Arts we will be covering contractions – not, is, had, would, have; pronouns – I, me, we, us; and possessive pronouns.

In Math, students will add and subtract within 1,000 using place value understanding, the relationship between addition and subtraction, and properties of operations. Students will also work with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication.

In Science, we will begin to study plants and the parts of a plant. We will also learn how a seed becomes a plant. We will learn about the parts of a flower and learn how pollination is the process of transferring pollen from one flower to another.

In Social Studies, we will be studying about Jackie Robinson, who was a native of Georgia, and how he showed courage and good sportsmanship. By the end of the month, we will begin to study about Martin Luther King, Jr., how he dreamed of equal rights for people of all races, and how he worked hard to make that dream come true.

### 3rd Grade News

ELA/READING: This month, we will focus on cause and effect, expository texts, context clues, complex sentences, theme, word choice, and irregular verbs. Please continue to read at least 20 minutes every day! This will help students work toward AR goals.

MATH: This month, we will be reviewing for the upcoming Georgia Milestones Test. Students will also have practice homework to help them review. We will be focusing on fractions, measuring, and geometry in illustrative math.

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES: This month, we will use maps to locate and identify major rivers and mountain ranges of the United States of America. We will also learn about the equator, prime meridian, and lines of latitude and longitude on a globe, as well as how to locate them. Next, we will begin our study on the three branches of government in the United States and Georgia.

### 4th Grade News

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes each day. Students should bring home an AR book daily. This will help increase your child's fluency as well as their Lexile. Students are required to take a minimum of 5 AR tests each month and are expected to maintain an 80% or higher average each week.

**Reading/ELA:** We are continuing Unit 4 in Wonders. The skills and strategies that we will be learning are: ask and answer questions, cause and effect, make predictions, and point of view. Also, we will be reviewing previously taught standards and skills to help better prepare for the Georgia Milestones. Reading/ELA study guides are sent home in your child's red folder. Test dates, vocabulary, strategies, and skills are listed on each study guide.

**Math:** We are continuing Unit 6 in Illustrative Mathematics. We are learning about numerical and shape patterns that follow specific rules, multi-digit multiplication and division, and solving word problems using the four operations. We will also begin reviewing previously taught standards in preparation for the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Please continue to practice multiplication and division facts each night.

**Social Studies/Science:** Students will be learning about the Civil War. Students will be working on an informational essay over the causes and effects of the Civil War to prepare for the writing portion of the GA Milestones. We will continue into science reviewing writing and reading skills for GA Milestones.

### 5th Grade News

Please encourage your child to read at least twenty minutes each day. We make weekly visits to the library as a class every Monday. They should be bringing home two AR books daily. Reading each night will help increase your child's fluency level, as well as their Lexile score. Students are encouraged to read and test on at least 5 books per month and maintain at least an 80% average.

Please check your child's red communication folder each night for important information and weekly study guides. Important information is also posted on Class DoJo. We will continue to utilize Class Dojo on a daily basis. If you have not already, please make sure that you have connected to Class Dojo and check it daily.

We will be starting our fourth class novel, *Shiloh*, after Georgia Milestones. We also encourage you to review basic multiplication facts with your child each night.

The following units will be covered this month:

**Reading/ELA:** Finishing Unit 4/ Reviewing 5th Grade Standards (Author's Point of View). We will also continue to work on writing using Write Score. Weekly study guides will be sent home and posted on Class Dojo.

**Math:** Reviewing all 5th Grade Math Standards

**Science:** Reviewing all 5th Grade Science Standards

**Social Studies:** We will be focused on Science for the month of April.

**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!**

