

Purpose: KIDS FIRST! Working with families to get the job done!

Mission: Growing Life-Long Learners, One Child at a Time

Vision: *ALL Mesa students will be reading and computing at or above grade level by the end of third grade and maintaining that level of proficiency throughout their school careers!*

All students will receive free lunches throughout the entire 2021-22 school year per the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dates to Remember

- 2/28/22- Movement Extravaganza
 - 3/1/22-3/14/22- Book Fair
 - 3/3/22 & 3/4/22- Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 3/28/22-4/1/22- Spring Break
- There will be a regular day of school on 3/3/22 with Conferences to follow.

We will be offering free Breakfast/Lunch for students on Friday's. Please notify Deb Hager in the kitchen by Wednesdays for this.

Please Remember there is to be NO unnatural colored hair. Per Policy!

Starting next Thursday, (2-10-22), we will be selling Popsicles and Pickles. This is to support AR Rewards and will happen every other Thursday. The next one would be 2-24-22.

Popsicles- \$.50

Pickles- \$1.00

We will be acknowledging School Counseling Week the 7th-11th. Candiss White is our amazing Social Worker. She works close with our Principals and Teachers every day to make sure our student's needs are met! The theme this year is Better Together.

Piglet, of Winnie the Pooh, said, "The things that make me different are the things that make me ME."

Random Acts of Kindness Week (14th-18th)

Encourage your child to-

- * **Make a wish for a child in another country**
- * **Thank someone who has helped you**
 - * **Create your own Kind deed**
 - * **Step up for someone in need**
 - * **Make and display a "KINDNESS MATTERS" sign**
- * **Compliment 5 people**
- * **Be Kind to Yourself**



"No Act of Kindness, No Matter How Small, is Ever Wasted."-AESOP

Reading at Home!

A great way to help your child improve their reading skills is through daily reading at home. Here are some tips and tidbits that will help your child become a superstar reader!

Choosing the Right Book:

When it comes to choosing a book that's perfect for your child to read independently, try the five finger rule! Before they start reading a book, have them turn to a random page and read. For every word they are unsure of, they hold up a finger.

- * 0-1 fingers = too easy peasy!
- * 2-3 fingers = a perfect choice
- * 4 fingers = up for a challenge
- * 5+ fingers = too tough!

If you're ever unsure, ASK ME! :) I have plenty of suggestions, or I can guide you and your child to the right book for them!

Make it Interesting:

There are plenty of ways to make reading extra fun and interesting for your child!

Take turns reading a page

Look at the cover and pictures first and predict what the book might be about

Read a book, then come up with a new ending for it

Try reading a chapter book over a longer span of time

Practice Makes Perfect!

Don't forget to practice sight words every week! Those are words your child will see often in books. Knowing these words will improve their reading! Try finding them in books you read together and keep track of how many you see!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"
- Dr. Seuss