

# Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School



December 2020

#MLRPROUD

## Schedule of Events

- 12/10
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program
  - Music programs will be posted on Google Classroom

- 12/21 – 1/4
- NO SCHOOL

- 1/5
- Classes Resume

- Next Month:
- 1/7 - Site Council and PTO
  - 1/18 – NO SCHOOL

## Veteran's Day Celebrations

MLR did not get to have our annual Veteran's Day assembly but we still celebrated. Students worked on grade level projects during their music class. A video of their projects was created and combined into a Virtual Veteran's Day Celebration and was posted on the music Google Classroom page. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students created projects which were shared with local veteran's at our local Brookdale Senior Home.



## Wanted: PTO Vice President and Treasurer for 2021-22

We need you!

As vice president, you will play a role in monthly operations of the PTO, help formulate the group's long-range plan, work out issues as they arise, and participate in executive board discussions and decision making.

The PTO Treasurer is the custodian of the parent group's funds. The treasurer helps develop the budget, collects fundraising money, writes checks for purchases and reimbursements, tracks income and spending, makes financial reports, and organizes the books for annual audit. Meadowlark Ridge PTO meets the first Thursday of each month during the school year with the exception of December.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

If you are interested please contact Karon Budhatkori at [peacebuilding@gmail.com](mailto:peacebuilding@gmail.com).



Please make sure students are wearing the appropriate clothing to school. The weather is starting to get chilly. It would be best to send a jacket or coat with your child each day. You also may want to include a hat and gloves as winter quickly approaches. Doors will open @ 8:05am daily.



# Reading News

## iReady Reading



We have been learning about and preparing to start using the iReady reading resources. Students started taking the Diagnostic Assessment last week. The information gained from this diagnostic will provide individual strengths and needs for our students in Reading. It will provide an individual path of instruction for each student to work on skills that students need to be stronger, more accurate readers. We are looking forward to discovering how this can work along side our current Reading instruction .



## Snap Word Activities

Looking for new ways to practice snap words with your K-2 students? Try these fun variations:

- ❖ Use two different colors of blank notecards or small pieces of paper to make a memory game with Snap Words. As your child learns a new Snap Word at school, record that Snap Word on a notecard or piece of paper that is one color and then write a word that rhymes with that Snap Word on a notecard or slip of paper that is the second color. You can place these cards face down on a table and then flip over one card of each color, read the words, and see if they rhyme with one another. If the words rhyme, ask your child to use each one in a sentence. He will then get to keep the cards. If the words do not rhyme, flip them back over and the next player gets a turn. Play in this way until all pairs have been found.
- ❖ Students can also sort their Snap Word cards by different attributes. How many of them are 3 letter words? Four letter words? How many of them contain a short vowel? A long vowel? How many of them start with a vowel instead of a consonant?
- ❖ When reading a book with your child, play a game of "Snap Word Eye Spy."

# Character Trait of the Month

## Integrity



Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

People with integrity tell the truth and act in a sincere way. They treat people equally and take responsibility for their own feelings and actions. Integrity is more than just being honest; it's acting ethically, consistently, and in a trustworthy manner.

## Giving Thanks



Students in Mrs. Oliver's classroom created placemats for their Thanksgiving dinners. Each student brainstormed a list of ideas they were thankful for. When they were finished with their list they picked out the most important ideas and put them on fall leaves.

## Important Information

Meadowlark Ridge phone number—  
785- 309-4300  
School starts @ 8:30  
School ends @ 3:25



# The 12 Days of Holiday Spirit

The 20-21 year has been a year like no other, and the holidays are no exception. Many of the traditions we usually share at MLR are not possible due to safety restrictions. This year, we have come up with a fun new idea, The 12 Days of Holiday Spirit. We will kick things off with a festive read aloud and celebrate each day with a different theme! MLR staff will provide treats for students on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Let's make this new MLR tradition one that is full of Holiday Spirit!



**12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT**  
MRS. HILBIG WILL KICK OFF THE CELEBRATION WITH A READ ALOUD VIA ZOOM ON DECEMBER 2ND

3 <b>WEAR RED DAY</b> 	4 <b>WEAR GREEN DAY</b> 	7 <b>CANDY CANE DAY</b> 
8 <b>WEAR SPARKLES DAY</b> 	9 <b>SPECIAL DRINK DAY</b> 	10 <b>COMFY CLOTHES</b> 
11 <b>WEAR HOLIDAY SOCKS</b> 	14 <b>SNACK DAY</b> 	15 <b>SANTA HAT DAY</b> 
16 <b>UGLY SWEATER DAY</b> 	17 <b>MOVIE &amp; POPCORN</b> 	18 <b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b> 

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## Dyslexia: Part I



Having a child diagnosed with dyslexia can be a traumatic experience. While dyslexia can make reading more difficult, with the right instruction, almost all individuals with dyslexia can learn to read. Many people with dyslexia have gone on to accomplish great things. Among the many dyslexia success stories are Thomas Edison, Stephen Spielberg, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Charles Schwab.

Dyslexia is a neurological condition caused by a different wiring of the brain. There is no cure for dyslexia and individuals with this condition must learn coping strategies. Research indicates that dyslexia has no relationship to intelligence. Individuals with dyslexia are neither more nor less intelligent than the general population. But some say the way individuals with dyslexia think can actually be an asset in achieving success.

Next month, our school psychologist will share some myths and facts about dyslexia.