

5th Grade News ~ November 13-17, 2017

Mableton Elementary School

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Mableton School Goals

- Students will demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in math.
- The staff will increase opportunities for parents to be active participants in their child's education.

Parent Tips!

- Please practice multiplication facts!
- Please ensure your child reads a minimum of 20-30 minutes a day. **Check iStation.com.**
- Please assist your child by reviewing their homework.

Dates to Remember

- **November 16th:** Progress reports go home
- **November 20-24th – School Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **December 7th- PTA Meeting, Parent University: Cultural Arts Night**
- **December 19th:** Early release; students dismissed at 12:10
- **December 20th:** Early release; students dismissed at 12:10
- **December 21st-January 3rd:** Winter Break
- **January 5th:** 2nd Quarter report cards go home
- **May 4, 2018 – Fifth Grade Field Trip**

Friday Folders - Your child will bring home a folder every Friday. Please look through the folder and return it on Monday.

Agendas - Each fifth grade student has an agenda that can be used for communication between parent and teacher. **Make sure your child gives their teacher the agenda and informs them if communication is inside. Spelling words will be written in the agenda each week.**

Homework must be completed **MONDAY Night through THURSDAY Night.** Projects may be assigned at times.

Be PUNCTUAL, please! You will be marked tardy if you arrive after 7:50 a.m.

Mableton Mission:

Engage! Empower! Excel!

Mableton Vision:

To have a peaceful, productive, and engaging learning environment that guarantees the academic, social-emotional, and developmental needs of all of our students.

We Need Your Help

Clinic Supplies –Needed: Gently used pants and underwear.

Field Trip – We have obtained approval and will begin the paperwork for our Fifth Grade Field Trip. We will be going to Pigeon Forge, TN on May 4th. Students will be visiting WonderWorks, Ripley's Believe It or Not, and the Dixies Stampede. Candy sales are underway. If you have not spoken with your child's teacher about ordering more chocolates, please do so as soon as possible.

Mableton News/Reminders!

Communication: For updates and information from our Parent Facilitator visit www.mabletonelem.wix.com/familyblog and from Mableton PTA-Make sure to download the new Mableton Elementary App

Bus Area - Please do not park in the bus area. This is for buses only.

Car Pool area - All cars in the car pool area are for **drop-off/pick-up only**. This will allow car pool to flow freely and provide safety for the students.

Walkers - Must enter through the front door. Walkers will exit through the tunnel at 2:20 AFTER buses are dismissed.

Visitors in the School - Please make sure you always check into the office. All visitors must always wear a visitor sticker. **It is very important to the teachers and students to protect instructional time.** Please make sure that if you decide to eat breakfast/lunch with your child to say your goodbyes in the cafeteria and not follow the class back to the room. This helps monitor adults in the building and protect instructional time. We believe that every second counts at Mableton, and our learning takes top priority.

What We Are Learning...

- **Math: NF-1-** Students will add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators by finding a common denominator and equivalent fractions to produce like denominators.
How to help: Practice math facts with students using flashcards.
- **Literacy:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes. **How to help:** Read a variety of texts from different genres and ask students questions, having them show text evidence to support answers. Have your child read aloud to practice fluency. Please ensure that they read a minimum of 20-30 minutes every day.
- **Writing Focus:** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. **How to help:** Discuss the structure of narrative essays and provide experiences for students to write about.
- **Social Studies: Turn of the Century** – Students will identify events at the turn of the century including cattle trails, Black Cowboys of Texas, Panama Canal, Spanish American War, and famous Americans.
How to help: Read nonfiction text about these topics and answer short constructed responses using the RACE strategy.
- **Science:** Students will learn about mixtures, solutions, properties of matter, physical changes, and chemical changes.
How to help: Watch videos/try some at-home experiments for physical and chemical changes.