

# *November 2021 Newsletter*

# Mark Denman Elementary



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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MS. SOLLARS

HELLO MDE FAMILY!

WE ARE ROLLING RIGHT ALONG WITH THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND HAVING AN AMAZING TIME DOING IT! IT WAS AWESOME HAVING SO MANY FAMILIES OUT FOR OUR READING SPOOKTACULAR EVENT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE FAMILY EVENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

AS WE HEAD INTO FALL, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES AND STARTING OUR FAMILY COUNCIL MEETINGS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL LIMITED WITH PARENT INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE BUILDING, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES. ALSO, BE SURE THAT YOU ARE CONNECTED TO OUR SCHOOL CLASS DOJO PAGE, MDE FACEBOOK PAGE AND TEACHER EASE.

OUR STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A FEW ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH. THE DANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HERE TO FINISH UP THEIR FIRE SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS WITH OUR KIDDOS THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. WE HAVE PICTURE RETAKE DAY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16TH FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO STILL NEED THEIR PICTURES TAKEN. ON THE 18TH WE WILL HOST A VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY CALLED NED'S MINDSET MISSION. THIS PRESENTATION WILL ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS TO DISCOVER HOW TO ACTIVATE THEIR GROWTH MINDSET TO OVERCOME SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND ACADEMIC CHALLENGES. ON THE 19TH OUR STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ALICE ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING WITH THE DPD SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THANKSGIVING BREAK BEFORE FINISHING OUT THE MONTH.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT SO FAR THIS SCHOOL YEAR! OUR STUDENTS ARE MAKING POSITIVE GROWTH BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT THEY RECEIVE FROM PARENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS WORKING TOGETHER FOR THEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO BUILDING EVEN MORE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS AS WE WORK THROUGH THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

# MDE Rockets

Kindergarten

1st Grade

Coat season is upon us!! Please label your child's COAT, HAT AND GLOVES with their first and last name. Coats tend to be left in the lunchroom or on the playground. If items are labeled, they are less likely to be picked up by others and easier to be returned to their rightful owner if left behind or misplaced. Encourage your child to place their hats, gloves, and scarves inside their coat sleeves or inside their book bag. Please dress your child for the changing weather!!! As long as the weather is nice, we do go out for recess every day!!!

We are working on the letters Nn, li and Ff. Our new sight words this month are: she, can, a, and is. We will be finishing our theme "Every Story Has Characters and beginning our new theme "Plants and Animals Have Needs". Your child should be reading the sight words and CVC words with the letters we have taught. Rereading all books and papers that come home will help your child be a successful reader. Your child is growing and beginning to read!!! Thank you for your help at home. It makes a difference!!!

In Math, we will be working on comparing 0 - 10 and learning about shapes!!!

Conferences will be coming up November 9 & 10. Those days will be 1:15 dismissal days. Please look for information from your child's teacher regarding conferences. Please fill out the information needed and return to school as quickly as possible!!!!

Welcome to Fall and the beautiful colors it brings. It is the time of year when it starts to get colder. Remember to bundle up your children. We spend 30 minutes a day outside, and want everyone's heads, fingers and toes to be kept warm.

Right now, your child is learning to identify numbers, add +0 and +1 to numbers and counting to 120. In Reading we are working on letter recognition, learning letter sounds and increasing word recognition for those who are reading.

There just isn't enough time during the school day for your student to get all of the practice they need to build their comprehension, and confidence. Each week homework is placed in your child's green folder. It is their responsibility to make sure it is completed and their weekly calendar has your signature.

Helping your child learn is a partnership between your child's teacher, the school and you as parents. Parent / Teacher Conferences are a place where we can discuss their progress, concerns and answer any questions. They are set for Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Conference notes with the appointment time will be sent home. Your child's teacher will let you know if they will be in person or over the phone.

Be sure to get in the habit of checking Class Dojo on a daily basis. We post events, special announcements there and you just might see a picture of your child in class.

# MDE Rockets

## 2nd Grade

*Thankful Thoughts from Second Grade...*

*We are looking forward to seeing all of you at parent/teacher conferences. If you prefer to meet virtually we can arrange for that, we can do a phone conference, or you can arrange a time to come in person. We appreciate you taking the time to come in and discuss your child's success with us. We make a great team! Please continue to make sure your child is practicing their spelling, reading, and math facts for at least 20 minutes each night. In order to be successful, we need to practice at school and at home. We are looking forward to seeing the animal habitat dioramas you and your child create. They need to be here by Friday, November 5th and then the students will present on them on Monday, November 8th. If you take any pictures or videos of you working as a family on the project, we would love to have you send them on Class Dojo. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let your child's teacher know.*



## 3rd Grade

*November is here already and third grade continues to work hard. Thanks to all the parents who will attend parent/teacher conferences. We appreciate your support in your child's education. Open communication between home and school is a wonderful opportunity for students to get the support that they need. The third-grade team works very hard to ensure success for all our students.*

*As the first quarter comes to an end, the third graders are getting more comfortable writing in their daily agendas. Please remember to check agendas and folders daily for homework.*

*In November we are going to continue practicing multiplication and division facts. If your child understands their basic multiplication, division will be easier.*

*Remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather as we will continue to go outside for recess. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

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## 4th Grade

Hello, Families! We are so thankful for a good start to the school year! We've been working hard in both Reading and Math! We are working on understanding different points of view in Reading and continuing to work on using our knowledge of place value to round and add/subtract. Please continue to check your child's agenda book each night. Make sure your child is completing his/her homework and returning it to class the next day! Continue to check Class Dojo for updates and messages from your child's teacher!

We look forward to meeting with you during Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 9th and 10th! We can meet with you in person or we can do a phone conference with you! We appreciate you taking the time to come meet with us! We are a team, working together to see your child achieve wonderful things this year in the 4th grade! As always, thank you for your continued support! Happy Thanksgiving!

## Specials

**Greetings from the music teachers at Mark Denman Elementary.**

**It is a wonderful time of year for our music students. They have been very busy exploring world music of Asian forest percussion. Discovering idiophones and how they can add to our understanding of culture, and learning the new song, Pumpkin Bones.**

**As we progress through November our attention will turn towards the holidays and the Winter Concert. It has returned and will be a virtual event this December. We look forward to the adventures and discoveries our students make daily.**



# Birth to 3

## Upcoming Events

**November 18th:** Literacy Group -Family Traditions/Attachment

Where: Facebook Room (Virtual)

Time: 12:30p-1:30p

**November 30th:** B-3 Screenings (Scan QR code at the bottom

for Appointment times

Where: 516 N. Jackson

Time: 10, 11, 12, 1 and 2



### Pre-K Screening Dates for November and December

- November 4th-Danville TBD
- December 9th, Laura Lee, 212 E. Williams Danville

## Vermilion County Home Visiting

D118 igrow program provides home visiting services that offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3. Our Early Childhood Coordinators Brandye Kizer (LEAD), Brenda Hays, Shannon Roberts and Jennifer Wright help families locate needed resources, host fun family events, provide education, support, and free books at each home visit! In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our family store helps supply baby items and household items for D118 igrow participants.

If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please contact

Niah Hamilton or Katie Gibson, our very own Intake Workers @ 217-483-BABY (2229), so they can help you find the best program for your needs.

### What exciting things did we do in October?

Halloween Event was on October 28, where our families got a free meal, goody bag and pumpkins to decorate.



**Discussed Halloween Safety Tips:** Place strips of reflective tape on the back and front of costumes, so that drivers can better see your child. Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls. Avoid items such as oversized shoes, high heels, long dresses and long capes. Dress your child for the weather.

# AVID Monthly Updates

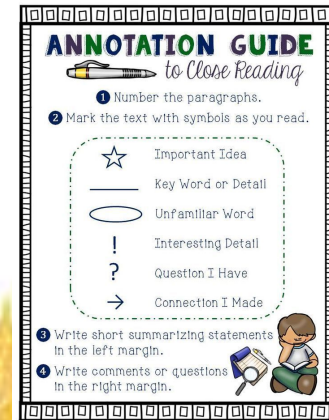
## Organization

We **organize** our materials and our time by having our supply boxes ready, being on time, using our binders, and updating our agendas.

We **organize** what we learn with note-taking!

- ★ Two & Three Column notes
- ★ Graphic organizers
- ★ Annotating in our reading books

## Organized Notes



# MDE Rockets

*Hello MDE Families!!*

Happy November to you! Our MDE rockets have been doing a wonderful job of being kind, safe, and responsible this school year. During the month of November, I would like to challenge our students to focus on being **Thankful**.

The goal of the challenge is to focus on something different every day, using the prompts given to help you feel more appreciative. These prompts are just suggestions, so feel free to be creative and make your own!

As you focus on gratitude this month, I encourage you to send a picture of your student doing this challenge, and send it to their teacher via class DOJO. We are so thankful for our MDE Rockets, and can't wait to see what they are thankful for!

*Miss Mehegan, Social Worker 😊*

SOCIAL WORK: MS. MEHEGAN



## GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

- |               |                |                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. WORDS      | 11. SEASONS    | 21. HOME       |
| 2. OPTIMISM   | 12. MUSIC      | 22. ANIMALS    |
| 3. COLOR      | 13. KINDNESS   | 23. KNOWLEDGE  |
| 4. LAUGHTER   | 14. ROUTINE    | 24. ART        |
| 5. HEALTH     | 15. WORK       | 25. FAMILY     |
| 6. COURAGE    | 16. GROWTH     | 26. WEATHER    |
| 7. LOVE       | 17. FOOD       | 27. BEAUTY     |
| 8. NATURE     | 18. SELF-LOVE  | 28. TECHNOLOGY |
| 9. FRIENDSHIP | 19. FUN        | 29. TRUTH      |
| 10. CHANGE    | 20. CREATIVITY | 30. MEMORIES   |

MORE DETAILS ON [POSITIVELYPRESENT.COM](https://www.positivelypresent.com) ✦ #GRATITUDE30

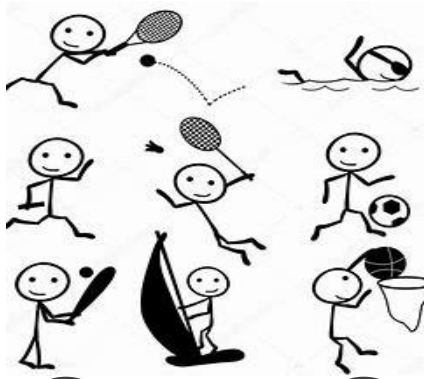
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# LET'S



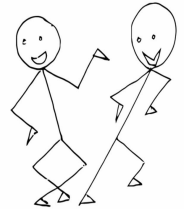
# GET MOVING

**WHEN**

**60 MINUTES A DAY/ EVERY DAY**

**WHERE**

**AT HOME, SCHOOL,  
OUTSIDE OR  
ANYWHERE**



## WHY EXERCISE?

Exercise keeps your body and mind in shape. Exercise also helps you build strong muscles and bones.

## WHO SHOULD EXERCISE?

EVERYONE- young or old & boy or girl!

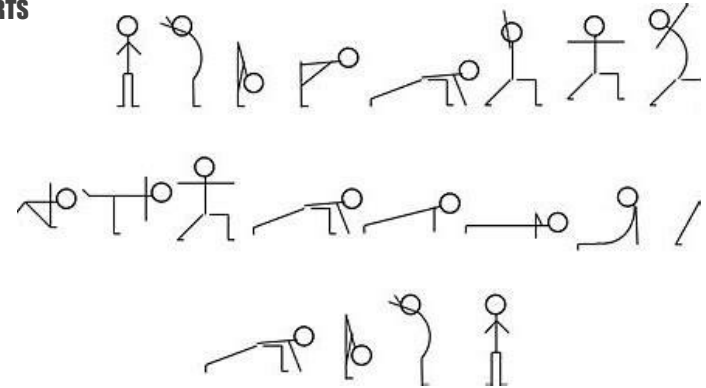
## HOW TO EXERCISE

Exercise is any activity and movement that has your body up and working! It does not have to look like lifting weights and such.

## BENEFITS

Students who exercise regularly are more likely to have good grades in school, healthier hearts, and less stress and anxiety

FEATURING · **DANCING** · STRETCHING · **YOGA** · RUNNING · **SWIMMING** · PLAYING SPORTS



# MDE Rockets

## NOVEMBER DATES:

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 11/3     | DFD FIRE SAFETY                                    |
| 11/9-10  | PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES                         |
| 11/11-12 | NO SCHOOL-VETERANS' DAY                            |
| 11/16    | PICTURE RETAKE DAY                                 |
| 11/18    | NED MINDSET PRESENTATION<br>FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING |
| 11/24-26 | NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING BREAK                       |
| 11/29    | RETURN TO SCHOOL                                   |

## Attendance Counts!

BE ON TIME EVERYDAY!

- Breakfast starts at 7:25
- In-class Instruction starts at 7:45
- Students are considered Tardy at 7:50.

### Mark Denman Elementary School

Grades K-4

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# OCTOBER ROCKETTS OF THE MONTH

Aziyon Amison

Ari Fletcher

Fender Green

Leland Trussel

Olivia Place

Eastynn Stewart

Juleah Robinson

KaMaya Phillips

Irelynn Bryant

Kalleah Jackson

Gabriella Pickett

Naivee Knight

Kaleb Wilson

Cruz Bowman

Brandon Cox

Ma'Chai Merriweather

Jason DeLair

Juhana

Garcia-Ramirez

Haylee Miller

Samari Williams

Elizabeth Ellis

Trey Kelley

Miguel Rounds

Jimmie Walker

Reese White Anding

Telvin Addison

Adamas Hutchinson

DaVaeh Harris

J'Seus Gomez

Jaylin Jackson

Jacob Parrish

Temya Faulkner

Erwin Watson

Austin Duprey

KaLis Wright

Jordan Jones

Jackel Dumas

Journey DeLine

Faith Evans

**Our Current Goal:**

**I CAN SPEAK KINDLY TO STAFF  
AND PEERS IN THE BUILDING**

**Goal: 200 Positive Referrals**

**Earned so far: 105**



# MDE Moments





Mark Denman Facebook



Mark Denman website



igRow Birth to 3 Facebook Page

Click the pictures for direct links!



TeacherEase



Class Dojo