

Mark Denman Elementary

May 2022

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From the Principal: Mr. Hightower

Greetings Families,

We are nearing the end of the school year; we have 28 days of school remaining in the 2021-22 school year. We want to thank all the presenters who came out to College and Career Day, it was a huge success. We had over 30 presenters from the community come speak with our students. We would also like to thank the University of Illinois Engineering Department for hosting an awesome stem night. I hope our families enjoyed the events. Check our Facebook for pictures.

As we enter the month of May, I would like to inform everyone of some important dates and events. On Wednesday, May 4, we will have 4th Grade boys and girls track at Danville High School. The online registration portal will open on May 9, for returning students. We encourage everyone to register students early to be prepared for next school year. On Wednesday, May 11, we will have a McTeachers Night at the Bowman McDonalds, please come out and support our teachers and administrators as they raise funds for our school. We will wrap up the year with a Family Council Bingo Night on May 24. Please continue to check Clasdojo and Facebook for important announcements. Grade level honors information will be announced soon.

Thank you, families, for a wonderful school year. We look forward to seeing many of you this month and appreciate your involvement and support for our school family.

Mission Statement:

MDE will provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all individuals will be actively engaged in personal and academic growth.



MDE Rockets

Kindergarten

Our school year is coming to a fast end!!! Your child has grown, matured and learned many new things in Kindergarten!!! Most children are beginning to read and sound out words. We can now count to 100 and we know our letters and sounds!!!

This month we are working on long vowel sounds with a silent "e" at the end of the word. Our final sight words are: to, my, of, what, put, want, this and saw. Our Topics this month are: Meeting Our Needs and Wants and Forces & Motion.

We will be finishing up Math with Analyze, Compare & Create Shapes and Describe & Compare Measurable Attributes. We will also begin doing some 1st Grade math problems!!!

We will have a Field Trip on Friday, June 3rd at Winter Park from 9 am - 1:00 pm. Please sign and return the permission slip!!!

We have enjoyed working with your child this year and we appreciate your help and support. Education takes place at home as well as school. Continue to work and read with your child over the summer. Good luck in 1st Grade and have a great summer!!!!

1st Grade

The school year is quickly coming to a close and we have much learning to do! The students had a great time and displayed excellent manners on our PBIS bowling field trip! We have one final field trip planned for this school year.

Please check your child's green AVID daily for your child's schoolwork, information from our school office, and the field trip permission slip. Also, don't forget to keep practicing on the sight words and math facts. Please make every effort to see that your child is at school and on time every day. When your child isn't at school on time, and or absent they are missing out on academic instruction. If a summer school permission slip was sent home with your child, please return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We will continue to post events and send messages to you as needed via the Class Dojo app. We would appreciate it if you can check it at least once a day to see if there is something new, and or if we need to communicate with you.

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2nd Grade

Making May Memories in 2nd Grade!

This month we will be finishing up our Benchmark Reading series with some fun reading about weather and volcanoes. We will be sending home a letter about a home-school project where you and your child can make a volcano together at home. Then when we finish up our unit we will activate them at school. We also plan to study the planets and then take a trip to the Planetarium. If you haven't turned in your child's permission slip and money, please get that taken care of as soon as possible. In math, we are working on adding and subtracting within 1,000. We still have a lot of learning left to do to prepare for 3rd grade. Please make sure your child is here on time and at school every day unless they are sick. We have a lot of fun planned and we don't want anyone missing out! If you have any questions, contact your child's teacher.

3rd Grade

Welcome May! We look forward to nice weather and sunshine!

Our third-grade students have been working on our Communities unit in our Benchmark reading series. We are focusing on "What makes a community". The main standards we are focusing on are being able to "recount or retell" a story and identifying the main idea and details. During this unit, we study Vermilion County history while focusing on important people and places located in Danville. Along with this unit, we will take one of our favorite field trips to visit the Vermilion County Museum.

Fractions it is!! We are currently learning about fractions in Math across the grade level. The focus is identifying equivalent fractions, ordering fractions on a number line, identifying unit fractions, fractions greater than 1, and parts of a whole. This unit is engaging for all third-grade students because it is a future skill they will use!

Towards the end of the year, we have many incentives that could be fun or educational. These activities could be in the form of a field trip, field day, or classroom lesson. Participation may be limited due to behavior or academic performance. We encourage all our students to do their best and finish the fourth quarter strong.

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4th Grade

It's so wild how quickly this year has gone! It's been a year to remember for sure! We are working to get your child as ready for 5th grade as possible! Please continue to send your child each day on time and ready to learn! We have a lot to teach the kids!

In Reading, we will study the power of electricity and in Math, we will continue to review our basic operations as well as fractions and geometry!

Please remind your child of school expectations and great behavior! We want to end the year on a positive note, enjoying the time left with our 4th graders! Thank you so much for all of your support this year! We appreciate it!

Specials

The Music Department is proud to be attending the Danville Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert at the Fisher Theater on May 3rd. Fourth grade students will be starting their modern music projects in the coming weeks, and will continue to exploring musical experiences through the school year.

Birth to 3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Group- Routines and Transitions- May 26th
End of Year Bash- Bounce Fun-
for existing D118 igrow families- June 3rd

Birth-3 Screenings
May 31st
Scan QR code to schedule



Pre-K Screenings
May 12-New Life Church of Faith-Danville
Call- 217-444-3525 to schedule

Interested in becoming a part of igrow home
visiting or know someone who would?
Complete referral @
<https://www.facebook.com/igrowvercounty>
or call 217-483-2229

MEET Jennifer Wright **Parent Educator/Early Childhood Coordinator**



Jenn started with us this school year and has taken off running in building relationships with families in our community and being a part of the dynamic team doing FUN groups for our families. In her spare time you can find her spending time with her children.

Jenn is very knowledgeable about the resources in our community and is excited about working with new families who want to join our D118 igrow family. She loves getting to know and supporting the families she serves.

AVID Monthly Updates



Costa's Levels of Questioning



Level 1: Gathering

Level 1: questions mainly require students to work with information 'on the page'. "Right there" questions. Answers to level 1 questions are typically literal; meaning, a student can literally point to the answer on the page.

Level 2: Processing

Level 2 questions go a step further than level 1, prompting students to process information by 'reading between the lines'. While students may need to use literal information to formulate their responses, Level 2 requires them to process that information with what they already know in order to make new connections.

Level 3: Applying

Level 3 asks students to engage in the highest-level thinking skills to create an output. This could result from making evaluations and analyses, testing solutions to various problems, or making predictions.

Our MDE Rockets are learning how to be KIND!

Social Work: Miss Mehegan



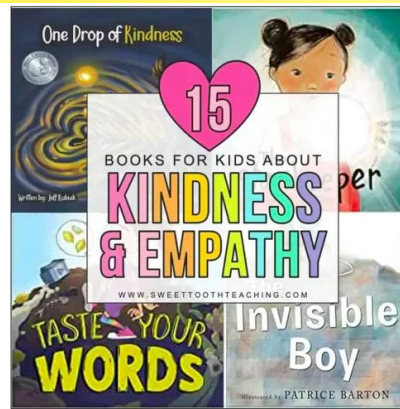
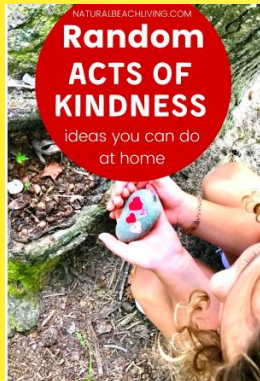
Hello families!!

Happy May! We are nearing the end of the school year, woo-hoo! We have had such a fun year watching our students grow in their academic skills, as well as their social emotional skills.

For the remainder of the school year, our students are working on being KIND to others, and doing kind acts for others around them. Parents, we need your help! Our hope is for you to model and encourage kindness in your homes as well, so our students have a great example set for them.

Here you will find ideas of activities you can do at home with your student to facilitate kindness! Click on each picture to check out websites full of fun suggestions!

"In a world where you can be anything, be KIND."



kid's kindness CHALLENGE

PICK UP LITTER IN THE PARK	SMILE AT EVERYONE YOU SEE TODAY	PICK A FEW TOYS TO DONATE	COMPLIMENT 5 PEOPLE TODAY
SAY THANK YOU TO YOUR TEACHERS	LET SOMEONE GO AHEAD OF YOU IN LINE	PLAY WITH SOMEONE NEW	HOLD THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE
GIVE SOMEONE A FLOWER	GIVE SOMEONE A HUG	CLEAN UP WITHOUT BEING ASKED	WRITE A THANK YOU LETTER
DO A SIBLING'S CHORE	CREATE A CARE PACKAGE	DONATE A CAN OF FOOD	OFFER TO HELP A FRIEND



CONTACT ME

Need help? Contact me!
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NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH



#MOVEINMAY

Number Check

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

10

The number of minutes you can break up your daily exercise into throughout your day and week. Breaking up exercise into smaller chunks of time may fit the schedule better and still counts for the daily exercise goal.

Source: CardioSmart

1 IN 3

The number of adults who get the recommended 150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity each week. Less than 5% of adults participate in 30 minutes of physical activity every day.

Source: U.S. Health and Human Services

60

The number of minutes of strength training a week associated with a 40-70% reduction in cardiovascular disease events.

Source: Liu Y, Lee D-C, Li Y, et al. *Med Sci Sports Exerc* 2019;51:499-508.

3-4

The number of minutes of light intensity physical movement, such as walking or stretching, that can ease muscles and improve blood circulation and muscle activity while staying safe at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: World Health Organization

73%

The percentage of healthy, middle-aged adults with poor fitness who have a greater risk of death than those with good fitness.

Source: CardioSmart

0.45

The number of points the average person's systolic blood pressure is lowered for every 1,000 daily steps taken. A person taking 10,000 steps daily would have a systolic blood pressure 2.25 points lower than a person taking just 5,000 steps daily, on average.



Scan the QR code to learn more about stepping it up.

Source: St-Maurice PF, Troiano RP, Bassett Jr Dr, et al. *JAMA* 2020;323:1151-1160



Care of the Athletic Heart Virtual

Register today for this one-day virtual course on June 20. Join Course Director Jonathan Kim, MD, MSc, FACC, and expand your knowledge about guideline-driven, practical, cardiovascular care strategies for the professional, recreational, occupational or tactical athlete.

MDE Rockets

Academic Support for Parents & Students

When: Every Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
What: Tutoring, Skills Practice
Where: MDE Cafeteria

RSVP on Class Dojo!

DISTRICT 118

Extending services outside the walls of a classroom

Helping fight hunger in our schools, homes and community!

Welcomes
Eastern Illinois FOODBank

WHERE | Mark Denman Elementary School
930 Colfax Street, Danville IL 61832

FROM | 9:30AM to 11:00AM

DATE: | Saturdays,
February 26th
March 19th,
April 30th
May 21st



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MAY DATES:

- May 2-6: **Teacher Appreciation week**
- May 3: 4th grade fieldtrip to DSO-Fischer Theater
- May 4: 4th grade Track Meet-DHS
BoE Meeting 630
- May 6: **School Lunch Hero Day**
- May 11: McTeacher Night @ Bowman McDonalds 5-7
School Nurse Day
3rd grade fieldtrip to VC Museum
- May 12: 3rd grade fieldtrip to VC Museum
- May 13: 3rd grade fieldtrip to VC Museum
- May 17: Bus Evacuation Drills @ MDE
- May 18: BoE Meeting @ 630
- May 20: 2nd grade Fieldtrip to Staerke Planetarium
- May 24: Foodmobile @ MDE
- May 24: **Family Bingo Night @ MDE & Family Council Meeting**
- May 27: 3rd grade fieldtrip to Winter Park
- May 30: **NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day**

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

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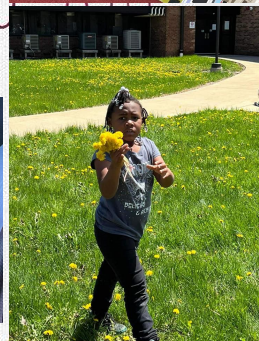
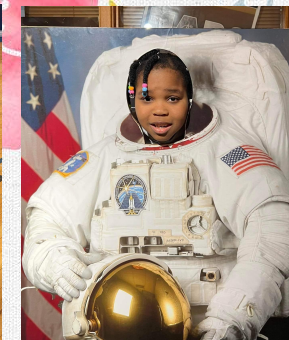
Grades K-4

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MDE Moments



April Students of the Month

Breighton Lane

Olivia Martin

Hayden Lomax Powell

Aaron Graham

JaLiyah Ross

Keyonna Davis

Mia Trimble

D'Mani Rose

Ray'Miah Thompson-Hopson

TaLiyah Addison

DeAndre Allison

Carson Barrett

Ariel Don Juan

LeNora Barrett

NaRiah Luster

Temya Faulkner

Kenzley Modest

DeAria Allison

Zakhyia Robinson

Lillian Hackworth

Jason Crippin

Camdyn Twigg

Alexxah Morse

Dallas Hess

MaChai Merriweather



Spread
Kindness

MDE Kindness Goals

Kindergarten: I will use kind words during the school day!
(50 positive referrals)

1st Grade: I will use kind words during the school day!
(60 positive referrals)

2nd Grade: I will use kind words and actions!
(100 positive referrals)

3rd Grade: I will use kind words and actions!
(100 positive referrals)

4th Grade: I will show kindness to staff and students by saying “please” and “thank you”!
(100 positive referrals)





Mark Denman Elementary – School-Wide Expectation and Settings Matrix



***Ask for help if you are unsafe**

***Follow directions/Be an active listener**

***Keep hands/feet/objects to self**

Expectations	Classroom	Hallway	Playground/Gym	Library	Lunchroom	Restroom	Bus	Technology/Devices
We are Kind	Share and wait your turn Collaborate with others Raise your hand	Be courteous Keep hands to yourself	Include others Take Turns Share equipment Play fair	Use Level 1 voices Handle books carefully	Use Manners Use Level 2 voices	Use level 1 Voices Use Manners Respect yours and other privacy	Speak kindly Be Courteous Be a friend	Use nice words Take turns
We are Responsible	Be on time Be organized Persevere/ Complete work	Walk in a single file line Stay with your class	Use equipment properly Dress for the weather Take care of yourself Line up when your class is called	Return books when finished Use a shelf marker Be ready to take your AR test	Take Care of yourself first Keep up your area Wait your turn Eat your own food	Use restroom correctly Be Quick Keep bathroom clean	Be on time Listen to bus driver and bus monitor Keep food in book bag	Complete schoolwork first Stay on safe websites Charge and bring your device daily
We are Safe	Clean up your area Respect the space of others Keep feet on the floor – walk	Walk on the correct side of the hallway Give others space	Stay clear of moving swings Use the slides correctly Report problems immediately	Sit in chair correctly Keep your area clean Respect the space of others	Clean up your area Take tray to the garbage Stay seated until dismissed	Wash hands with soap Respect Privacy	Face forward and stay seated w/feet on the floor Quiet at railroad crossings Keep aisle clear	Take care of your device Only talk with people you know there Stay on safe websites Report any problems
Conditions for Learning (Social Skills)	Post visual schedule and “I Can” statements Lesson plans on desk Have a complete sub tub	Stay with students	Walk around and observe students	Actively assist students in finding appropriate level books	Pick up and drop off students on time	Monitor students Check bathrooms after your class finishes	Keep updated transportation lists Walk all students to their appropriate buses Monitor buses until buses leave	Monitor student activity Teach students best ways to use and care for devices Allow students explore the technology

Early Start, Bright Future
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Comienzo Temprano, Futuro Brillante



[igrow Birth to 3 Facebook Page](#)

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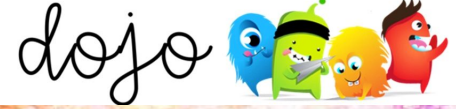


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Software for Standards-based Learning

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