

# Mark Denman Elementary

*March 2025*

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# From the Principal: Ms. Sollars



## Mission Statement:

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

Hello MDE Family,

This month we will celebrate Read Across America for Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will celebrate our school social workers this month for National School Social Worker Week. We are so grateful to have Mrs. Hulten and Mrs. Hegg working with our students' and families' social emotional needs. Great job ladies!

Our staff and students have been improving their AVID WICOR strategies by tracking their activities and earning AVID Golden Guys. We will celebrate the top class and post an AVID Classroom of the Month banner to recognize them! Ask your students what WICOR stands for and the ways they use it in the classroom.

Congratulations to our Basketball Teams for having a successful season and a lot of fun! They did a great job at their basketball games against Northeast, both with their skills and sportsmanship. Way to go Rockets! Good luck to our Scholastic Bowl Teams as they start their season this month.

We look forward to starting our track season soon so be on the lookout for 4th grade permission slips.

We will take a much needed and well deserved break the week of March 17-March 21 for Spring Break. The district will be closed for the week. We will return to school on Monday, March 24th..

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at parent teacher conferences next month!

# MDE Rockets

## Kindergarten

Thank you for all of the 100 day projects!!! We appreciate you taking the time to complete them at home!!! We have passed the halfway point in our school year!!! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Card time is near with Parent/Teacher Conferences on April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports are intended to let you know which skills have and have not been mastered. Please use these reports for practicing the skills your child needs to master before going on to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

This month we will be focusing on CVC Words. Your child should be reading sight words and simple CVC words at home!! They should know most of the letters and their sounds.

In Math, we are learning to compose and decompose numbers.

Please go over all work that comes home with your child. Remember, practice makes perfect!!! Our students are doing a wonderful job sounding out new words and recognizing numbers!!! Thank you for the help you provide at home for your child!!!

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!!!!

## 1st Grade

Hello from First Grade! Wow, it is hard to believe that Spring is almost here! March will be a busy month! Spring Break will be here before you know it!

Please make sure that your child is practicing their reading and math every day. This month, we encourage you to continue reading at home with your child. As you read, you can strengthen skills we'll be reviewing by asking your child to use details from the stories to describe characters settings, and major events. We will also be reviewing how to ask and answer questions about key details.

In Math, we are working on addition and subtraction math facts. Please practice these facts at home for memorization. Students will understand that the two digits of a two-digit number represent amounts of tens and ones. We also compare two two-digit numbers based on meaning of the tens and ones digits, recording the results of comparisons with the symbols  $>$ ,  $=$ , and  $<$ .

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming in April. We hope to see you then to discuss your child's progress.

# MDE Rockets

## 2nd Grade

So excited for Spring to arrive this month! We continue to work hard in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with both our reading and math.

We are still working on addition and subtraction within 1,000. This includes regrouping.

We will continue to learn about Westward expansion. Ask your students questions about this!

Please make sure your child is completing their homework each week that they folder comes to school each day. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

## 3rd Grade

Spring is near! During the month of March, we will practice and prepare to take the state tests. This year students will take a test called the IAR. The IAR tests will occur March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 4th. Please make sure that your student eats a good breakfast, gets a good night's sleep, and is at school on time every day.

In Math, we are working on fractions. 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!

In our reading series, we will be starting our unit on Light and Sound. We will study the characteristics of sound and the human voice. We will also learn about light and photography using biographies.

It would also help to please check with your child to see if they are getting low on school supplies. By this time of the year some students are in need of new crayons, pencils, erasers, etc. Classes are out or running low on Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and Clorox Wipes. If you can donate to your child's class, it would be greatly appreciated.

See you at conferences!



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## 4th Grade

Happy Spring! We just want to say how very proud we are of the hard work of the students as they researched and prepared for our Black History Wax Museum.

We are preparing our students for our state testing that will take place in April! We really want to encourage all of our students to show up each day ready to work hard! We still have a lot to teach our kiddos before these important tests!

In Reading, we are working on citing evidence to support our answers.  
In Math, we are reviewing addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! We are working on fractions as well!

Please continue to talk to your child about appropriate behaviors for school and encourage them to be leaders in our classes. We want this month to be full of learning, without any distractions or disruptions. We'd appreciate your help in this as we partner together to ensure your child's success for the remainder of this school year!

## Special Education

Happy Spring!! We are continuing to focus on increasing our independence and increasing our academic growth.

As the warm months are approaching, please make sure you send in an extra pair of clothes in case of a spill or accident. Check with your child's teacher to ensure your child has enough wipes and pull-ups (if needed).

If your child is going to be absent for any reason please make sure you call the attendance office (217.444.3279) and let your child's teacher know. Please also make sure you are checking your child's class dojo as important announcements are posted daily/weekly.

Please make sure you are checking your child's book bag and folder every day. We send home important letters and information weekly and/or daily. IAR Testing will start in April and DLM testing starts in the middle of March.

### Upcoming Dates:

- March 5th: 1 Hour Early Dismissal
- March 12th: DLM Testing Begins
- March 17th-March 21st: Spring Break, NO School

# AVID Monthly Updates.

## Costa's Levels of Thinking

Applying



Level 3 Use your brain and your heart.

Processing



Level 2 Use your book and your brain.

Gathering



Level 1 Look in the book or the text.





# Take a breath, it's springtime!!

Hello families!!

Happy MARCH ! Thank you for hanging in there with us through the snowy winter months. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and spring break this month!

Students have been working on managing their emotions in the building this past month and have done a GREAT job. One of the strategies we have encouraged students to use when calming down is to try fun breathing techniques. Listed are some of the strategies you can try at home with your student this month if they find themselves upset..

Social Work: Mrs. Hulten & Mrs. Hegg

**Flower Candle Breath**

I breathe...

1) Inhale through your nose and smell the flowers!

2) Exhale through your mouth and blow out the candle!

@gozenlove #gozenlove



**Volcano Breath**

I breathe...

@gozenlove #gozenlove

1) Start with your hands at your heart.  
2) Inhale, bringing your arms up.  
3) Exhale, bringing your arms down, like lava erupting!  
4) Bring your hands back to heart. Repeat.



**Bumblebee Breath**

I breathe...

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1) Close your eyes.  
2) Bring your hands to your ears and gently close them.  
3) Inhale through your nose and quietly hum out as you exhale.



**Volcano Breath**

I breathe...

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1) Start with your hands at your heart.  
2) Inhale, bringing your arms up.  
3) Exhale, bringing your arms down, like lava erupting!  
4) Bring your hands back to heart. Repeat.



**Bunny Breath**

I breathe...

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1) Pretend you are a bunny holding a carrot. Take 3 quick sniffs through your nose!  
2) Take one long breath out of your nose and relax.



**Star Breathing**

I breathe...

@gozenlove #gozenlove

START

Hold

Breathe in

Breathe out

Hold

Breathe in

Breathe out

Hold

Breathe in

Breathe out

Hold



"Sometimes the most important thing in a day is the rest we take between two deep breaths."  
-Elly Hillesum

CONTACT ME

Need help? Contact us!  
Mrs. Hulten - (217-444-3209)  
Mrs. Hegg - (217-444-3238)



# MARCH- NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH



Make sure you make this month count! It is getting warmer and is the perfect weather for playing outside!

–Make sure you are feeding your body the fuel you need to keep going!

- ★ Drink lots of water
- ★ Get up and exercise
- ★ Eat healthy snacks like fruits and veggies



# Important Information

**No School: Spring Break  
March 17-21**

## **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



*Family Council/Stakeholder Advisory Meeting*

*Thursday, March 27 @ 5:00*

*MDE Cafeteria*

## MARCH DATES:

March 3-7: National School Social Work Week  
March 5: 1:15 Early Dismissal  
March 6: Scholastic Bowl Meet @ MDE 4:00  
March 13: Scholastic Bowl Meet @ MDE 4:00  
March 14: End of 3rd Quarter  
March 17: Last day to order Yearbooks online  
March 17-21: No School-Spring Break  
March 19: BOE meeting 6:30  
March 26: 4th grade to symphony  
March 27: Scholastic Bowl @ MDE 9:00, Family Council Meeting 5:00  
March 28: 5 Essential Survey closes, Report Cards



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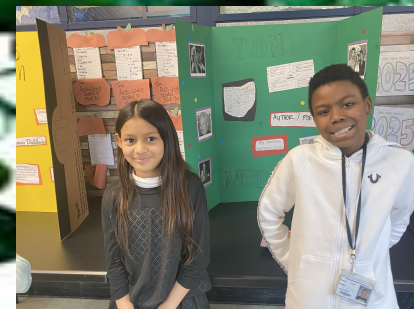
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# MDE Moments





# February Students of the Month



**Damauri Burnett**  
**Tamir Cunningham**  
**Ken'nyah Butler**  
**ErRieannah Smith**  
**Tiyon Dunning**  
**Hannah Roshanlal**  
**Amora Carmona**

**Haeden Farrar**  
**Caharriyon Terry**  
**Kadain Joyner**  
**Jauan Albertha**  
**Jameson Curry**  
**Ma'Khaya Merriweather**  
**Melania Laury**





# March PBIS

focus: physical  
aggression



**Students who  
receive ZERO  
PHYSICAL  
AGGRESSION  
referrals in the  
month of  
March will be  
able to  
participate  
in the  
celebration at  
the end of the  
month!**



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Class Dojo

Click the pictures for direct  
links!



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