Welcome to Back to School Night!

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# Classroom Schedule

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**M:** Music & SEARCH  
**Tu:** PE & Guidance  
**W:** Music & PE  
**Th:** PE & Library  
**F:** Art
Homework

• Nightly reading homework begins in September. Word Study and Sight Word homework will begin in October.

• More information about homework and a link to the reading log can be found on the First Grade page on the MTE website.
Word Study & Sight Words

• Teachers will administer the DSA (Diagnostic Spelling Assessment). This will determine where your child is as a speller.

• Their sorts may alternate between pictures and words. This does not indicate the level of difficulty of their word sort, but rather are different ways to practice the spelling patterns that they are working on.

• Each quarter your child is expected to learn/master how to READ and SPELL 25 sight words.
Dreambox Math

• Computer adaptive math program that students use in school

• Students may use Dreambox at home for extra practice, but it is not required

• To log in at home, go to LCPSGo, click on Dreambox Math, type in Class Code: 81801.
Take Home Folders

• Students will have a yellow take home folder that should be checked daily.

• One side of the folder will contain student work or other items that can remain at home. The other side will have information that needs to be returned to the school (forms, permission slips, etc.).

• Folders should be taken home each night and returned to school each day.
Communication

• Newsletters:
  • A weekly update will be emailed on Fridays. It will contain a summary of the week and a preview of the coming week and other important items.

• Twitter
  • Please follow me
  • I will be posting updates and pictures throughout the year so you can stay connected to your children.
Parent Macaw Report

Please check the Parent Macaw Report - sent out on Friday and Sunday
PBIS
POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT
MIGHTY MACAWS
Madison’s Trust
Elementary School
Est. 2016
PBIS at MTE

POM POM JARS

New

QUIET SIGNAL

CHARACTER COUNTS

RED ZONE SIGNS

MIGHTY & MARVELOUS

KUDOS BOARD

POSTERS

In the Classroom
A Mighty Macaw is:
Respectful
Responsible
Ready to Learn!
PBIS Behavior Contracts

➢ A contract for BOTH students and parents to sign
➢ Indicates that students will follow our three “R’s”
  ○ Respectful
  ○ Responsible
  ○ Ready
➢ Was sent home in last Thursday’s folder, please return!

K - 2 Contract  3 - 5 Contract
Grading

- Students in first grade have the following grading scale on their report cards:
  - E = Exceeds Standard
  - M = Meet Standard
  - P = Progressing Toward Standard
  - B = Performing Below Standard

- These grades should not be translated into A’s, B’s, or C’s. The goals grow more rigorous throughout the year and students continue to fine tune their skills as the year progresses.

- We do not do class rankings in first grade. All students will be supported and challenged to make progress.
Grading Continued

• Students will complete a lot of hands on work in first grade. Not all work done in the classroom will come home in the form of a paper-pencil assignment or worksheet.

• Assignments that come home with a letter are put into Phoenix. Other assignments with a check were reviewed but not placed into Phoenix.

• Work completed in centers is done independent of the teacher and may be done with the cooperation of other students. Not all center work will be graded.
DRA/PALS

• DRA = Developmental Reading Assessment

• The independent DRA benchmark goals for first grade are as follows:
  • Beginning of the year: 4
  • Middle of the year: 10
  • End of the year: 16

• PALS = Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening
  • Given in the Fall and the Spring
Lunch Procedures

• Lunch money must be placed in an **envelope or baggie with your child’s name and ID number**.

• **Lunches can be paid for online!**
  • Go to MTE website
  • Near the right towards the top is a button that says “School Menu”
  • This will take you to Nutrition Services where you can make payments

• Students must memorize their lunch numbers. They will be expected to enter their own numbers each day for lunch and to log in to school computers.
Snack

• Students are permitted to bring a small, healthy snack each day.
• Please pack independent snacks (they can open themselves).
  • ie: fruit, chips, pretzels, goldfish, carrots...etc.

• You may bring a water bottle with a tight lid. Water only please!

• First grade classrooms are all “Allergy Aware”; please be mindful of what you send.

• Snacks may not be shared.

• Bringing snacks is voluntary. Students may choose not to bring one. Snacks will not be provided by the teacher.
The Health Office

• It is a county policy that any student who has a fever of 100.0 must be sent home. Students cannot return to school until they are **fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication**.

• Please advise your child to cover their mouth when they cough and sneeze and wash hands when necessary. Please consider keeping your child home if they are ill to avoid infecting other students and staff.

• We will teach and encourage proper hand washing. Please reinforce this at home.
Birthdays

• Invitations for birthday parties cannot be given out at school unless every child in the class is invited.

• If you wish, you may send a small, non-edible treat. Examples include pencils, erasers, stickers, or a classroom book.
Toys

• Toys are not allowed at school- this includes Pokemon cards

• Trading toys is also not permitted

• If your child brings toys to school, they will be taken away.
Please Help Your Child Learn To:

1. Tie his or her own shoes
2. Type his or her lunch number and password (birthday = MMDD)
3. Button and zip clothing
4. Proper bathroom procedures (hygiene)
5. Be responsible for themselves and their belongings
6. Be respectful of adults and others
Other Important Info.

- Conferences
  - At the end of the First Quarter
  - Sign ups will be sent out in early October

- Scholastic News
  - We will be using Scholastic News to enhance our Shared Reading in the classroom.
  - We are collecting $7.00 per child.
    - Please pay online, if possible.
How to Pay Online at MTES

Madison’s Trust Website ->
Top left-hand icon -> Click Link
-> First Grade Scholastic News
Questions?
Let’s Have a Great Year!