



THE MUSTANG TIMES

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We are so excited to kick off the new year with you! You should have recently received report cards for your child. As we were reviewing them, we were so impressed with many of the milestones our students have reached during this quarter. Our SEL theme for January was Responsible Decision Making. I hope all of our families feel very accomplished knowing that together we've had to all make responsible decisions in order to make the most out of this unusual school year and provide the best possible educational experience for our students even though we are not able to be together in person.

School choice week was January 24th-January 30th. Rylee in Kindergarten says, "I don't like McCartney Ranch...I LOVE it!" We are so fortunate to have such wonderful families be a part of the ranch. Thank you all for your support and for choosing us for your child's education and well-being. We are honored by your choice.

February 2nd is the 100th day of school. Despite all the challenges and changes recently, it still feels as though the school year is flying by. Our teachers have some fun activities planned to celebrate this milestone.

As we look back on 2020 many of us are filled with negative emotions and uncertainty. However, we have much to be thankful for. While we all struggled at certain points, it also brought many of us closer together. While it was very stressful, it also made us appreciate a "normal" school year more. We are so proud of our Mustangs and are truly grateful for each and every one of you.



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GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

Kinder

Dear Kindergarten Families,
Can you believe we're at 100 days of school?! Our students have learned so much this school year. We'll continue working very hard to learn all we can before the end of the school year. As always, thank you for all the support we have received from our families. Your continued support will help us to reach our kindergarten goals!!

With much love,
Kindergarten Team

1st Grade

Dear families and first graders,
Your teachers want you to know that we are proud of what ROCK STAR students you have been through this whole Distance Learning experience!! Even so, we are really looking forward to being back in person next month to finish out the year. For reading this month, our focus is reading and writing words with long vowel sounds. Our math focus is place value and measurement. Keep up all the good work!

2nd Grade

We hope everyone had a wonderful Winter Break. We are excited to be back together and learning. As we continue with online learning, please remember to get on at your scheduled times and to do all of your assignments in a timely manner. This month we will be working on adding and subtracting within 100, main idea and details, and will be starting author's purpose. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's teacher.

4TH GRADE

We are sad that our return to in person instruction has moved to March 1st but we are making the best of it by continuing our instruction with fractions in math and learning about government and leadership in English. Please make sure your student joins your teacher for their morning and afternoon meetings to be marked present for attendance. Thank you for your continued support.

3RD GRADE

Happy February 3rd grade! It is difficult to believe that we are halfway through the 3rd quarter already. Thank you to all parents and guardians for ensuring that your student is on Zoom on time and has their materials ready. This really helps keep the students organized and maximizes their learning time. Please make sure that your child goes to their small groups and is on time. The small groups are designed to teach skills that your child needs to be successful. If you are unsure when their small group is please ask. Finally please double check that your student has completed their work for the day. Students should be working on school work from 8am-2pm with one hour for lunch at 12. As always you are the most important teacher your child has. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for being awesome!!

5th Grade

Everything is going well in 5th grade! We are so excited to have students on and participating. Please continue to have students reading every night to complete their book report. In addition make sure they are getting on ST Math and iReady!

NURSE'S CORNER



National Dental Health Month

February is National Dental Health Month. It is important to teach children proper oral care at a young age so they create healthy lifelong dental habits. Parents can promote these tips by setting the example and making teeth care fun for children. To help prevent oral-health-related absences, teach your child to:

- Floss once a day.
- Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.
- Encourage eating a well-balanced meal that limits foods that are very starchy and sugary as these increase the risk of cavities.
- Visit the dentist for regular check-ups; twice a year is the recommended amount.



SEL Tips

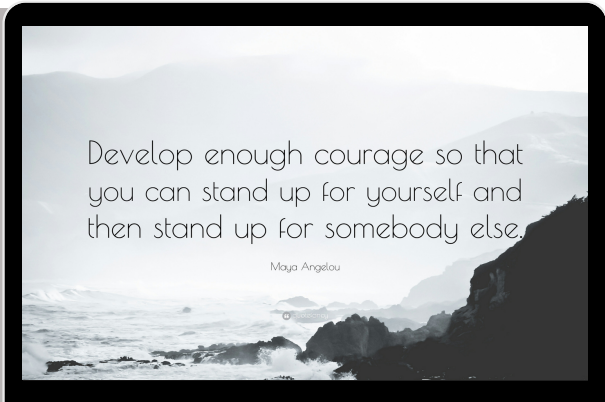
social emotional learning

...quiet isn't always peace, and the norms and notions of what just is, isn't always justice.

Amanda Gorman, The Hill We Climb

Howdy Mustangs! This is Mrs. Andres, your school counselor. The SEL topic for February is Social Awareness. This month, everyday I encourage you to write or draw one event/experience you observed during your day in your SEL journal. Let's use our 5 senses: What did you see? What did you hear? What did you smell? What did you taste? What did you feel? Practicing these skills will help you become a better person and help you for your future. Have a peaceful day.

The SEL Theme for February is Social Awareness: Social Awareness is defined as the ability to identify and recognize emotions in other people to understand how those emotions can influence social situations. It is the ability to take perspective of and empathize with others, including those from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Understand social and ethical norms for behavior. Recognize family, school, and community resources.



OFFICE UPDATES



Happy February Mustangs! As a reminder, we do not have school on February 15th in celebration of President's Day. Also, please view the school calendar on the district website or in the packet provided at the beginning of the school year to see upcoming half days. As always, feel free to call the office anytime from 7am-3:30pm Monday through Friday with any questions.

PTO NEWS

Please make sure to join our PTO email list by emailing mccartneypto@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook @mcrpto to stay up-to-date on ways to support our school and any upcoming activities!



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