



The Top 10 Things You Want to Know About M.I.S.

Notes

*Good morning & welcome!
message from Mallory Kirby, Proud Principal.

We are so excited about the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. This is a special year because this will be the last year for MIS. The 5th grade will move into the elementary campuses next year. We will celebrate MIS all year and I say “We have saved the best for last.” With this group. I love my job! I always look forward to meeting the kids coming to 5th grade.

- I hope you find this very helpful to start the upcoming year.
- Some of you have older children who have attended MIS and for some of you this is the first time and you are nervous about what to expect....this is why I do this to hopefully put your mind at ease. ☺
- We have an elementary feel, but we hope to prepare them for that transition to Middle School.
- This is a year to meet new friends...many are used to familiar faces at elementary and now they have an opportunity to meet new friends. Mrs. Wunderlich says it usually takes 2 weeks to get adjusted.

#10--early morning expectations

- Car rider line open at 7:50 and closes at 8:25 when tardy bell rings. You enter the drive past the playground, and do not drop off in front.
- Bus unloads at cafeteria.
- Students will go to their homeroom.
- Students can eat breakfast at home or grab one from the cafeteria and eat it in the classroom.
- Teachers are available for help or tutoring every morning from 7:50-8:25...math homework too hard, send them in to get help. Time built in for that.

#9—What does my day look like as a 5th grader?

- We have 28 homeroom teachers—2 man teams Reading/Social Studies & Math/Science
- Students will go to PE 3 days a week.
- Rotate through Specials with Music, and Art.
- 30 minute lunch followed by 30 minute recess
- Silver folder (organizational tool and communication)
- Spend equal amount of time with each teacher

#8 – What should I wear and how should I act?

- When school clothes shopping, look for shorts and skirts that are long enough to reach past your child's fingertips.
- This is the last grade-level that allows athletic-type shorts.
- Hair color must be a natural-looking color (if they are growing out the fun, Kool-Aid color from the summer, it's ok)
- Behavior is handled in a similar fashion as our elementary schools.
- Students will attend a behavior assembly during the 1st weeks of school.

#7 – Everyone wants to be a bookworm...what do you expect out of me in Reading and Social Studies?

- Reading will cover many genres.
- Little or no homework.
- Social studies uses a newspaper with various enrichment activities.

#6 – What do I need to know and do to become a Math whiz?

- Expect daily homework.
- Interactive math journals—this is your lifeline! Students are allowed to take these to and from home.
- Do not stress over homework with your child. If it gets to be a struggle, send the teacher an email so they know to expect them, and send your student to the teacher the next morning.

#5 – Being a scientist in 5th grade...what are my expectations?

- Hands-on learning.
- Labs help make it fun.
- Keep lines of communication open.

#4 – I want to be a part of MIS...how can my child and I get involved?

- Vocal Elite Choir –try-outs
- Art Club
- Yearbook Club
- Lego Club
- DI—Destination Imagination (team last year)
- Book Talk Club
- Technology Club
- High Velocity Jump Rope
- Student Council
- UIL
- KFC (Kids for Community)

#3 – SEM...what does this mean?

- Schoolwide Enrichment Model
- Opportunity to explore areas of interest
- Opportunity for community “experts” to share with students
- Each hallway will “Showcase” their projects during the year

#2 – What we do at MIS to build character and create good work habits

- Character Cubs
- Conscious Discipline
- Open door to counselor’s office
- Parent resources on website
- Watch D.O.G.S.
- Mentor program – partnership with Judge Wayne Mack

#1 – “Welcome to Hollywood...Where every 5th grader is a STAR!”

**Don't forget:
Meet the Teacher
August 18th from 4-6 (come and go).**

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