

Please keep this paper in a safe place, so you can refer to it throughout the year.



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Kindergarten (But Were Afraid to Ask!)

Welcome to Madeley Ranch Elementary School! Here are some things that we feel you need to know.

PHONE NUMBERS

Madeley Ranch Elementary School 936-276-4600 (Front Desk) 936-276-4601 (Fax)
M.I.S.D. Transportation Dept. 936-276-2300

TIMES TO REMEMBER

Car Rider Drop off begins at 7:50 am
School Day is 8:15 – 3:40
Students arriving after 8:15 will be considered tardy.

Daily Schedule:

Recess: 10:10 - 10:40 pm
Lunch: 10:40 – 11:10 am

There will also be an extra Kindergarten recess towards the end of the day to serve as a ‘brain break’.

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICES

Child Lunch \$2.50 Child Breakfast \$1.25

You may pay for lunches by the week or month if you prefer. If you are going to pay daily, please send the money in an envelope labeled for the cafeteria with your child’s name on the front. Checks should be made payable to: Madeley Ranch Elementary. You can set up a lunch account for your child and add money to it online at www.MySchoolBucks.com.

PARENT LUNCH VISITS

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their child from time to time if they would like. There is a Parent Table separate from the class tables, and it is reserved especially for parent and child lunch dates. Please make sure you do not leave the cafeteria with your child without asking one of the teachers on duty. It is their responsibility to care for the safety of all students in the cafeteria. Due to testing in the older grades there will be some days that are designated as “Closed Campus.” Parents may not have lunch with their child on those days.

SNACKS

Please send individually packaged snacks at the beginning of each month. Send enough for at least 22 students. You are welcome to send snacks in bulk. Please do not send snacks having minimal nutritional value. (This

includes chips, cookies, Little Debbie's, etc.) Some healthy suggestions include: goldfish, teddy grahams, cheez-its, pretzels, etc. For other ideas, please visit www.squaremeals.org. **PLEASE LET THE CLASSROOM TEACHER AND SCHOOL NURSE KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SPECIAL FOOD ALLERGIES OR REQUIREMENTS.**

TRANSPORTATION NOTES

Per the MRE Student Handbook, anytime a student's primary mode of transportation is to be different, the parent MUST write a note informing the FRONT OFFICE and CLASSROOM TEACHER of the change. *An example: If your child is always a car rider, and you want to change them to a bus rider for a few days, you have to write a change EVERY DAY since the bus is not their primary mode of transportation. We cannot accept a verbal request over the telephone. All changes need to be made in ONE of the following ways by no later than 2:00pm:*

- Send a handwritten note to your child's teacher
- Or send an email to madeleytransit@misd.org and copy it to your child's teacher (please include a picture of your driver's license)

Your notification needs to include:

- Your child's first and last name
- Grade
- Teacher's Name
- Date of change

If you have questions concerning buses, contact the MISD Transportation Dept. at 936-276-2300.

TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

Your child will have a transportation label attached to his/her backpack, indicating his/her PRIMARY MODE of transportation. **We ask that you keep this tag on your child's backpack all year.** This transportation tag greatly helps our school staff when taking care of your child during dismissal.

If your child is a **CAR RIDER** in the afternoon, you should have picked up a YELLOW CAR RIDER sign to show our staff when you come through the car rider line. This sign needs to be displayed the entire time that you are in line until you have picked up your child.

DAILY FOLDER

A Daily Folder will be sent home with your child. **Remove the "Wonderful Work" papers daily. This is a good opportunity to talk with your child about what they are learning at school. Please be sure to check the "Ranch News" pocket every Tuesday and look over important announcements and information coming home from school.**

HOMEWORK

There will be a homework pocket in your child's folder. A homework packet will be sent home at the beginning of each month to reinforce skills being taught. We will include a list of sight words as well as other ideas for working with your child at home. Occasionally we may send an at home project in the pocket. Your child's homework packet will be due at the end of the month.

BIRTHDAYS

Teachers will recognize each child's birthday with a Birthday Crown and treat. The PTO will also recognize birthdays monthly with a treat bag.

Another opportunity to celebrate your child's birthday is by signing them up for the Birthday Book Club offered in the library.

MUSTANG MONDAYS

Mondays at The Ranch will be Mustang Monday! Students are encouraged to wear their school spirit shirt, which can be purchased/ordered at Meet The Teacher or the beginning of the year!

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering for your child's classroom, please let your child's teacher know in writing or by email. In addition, you will need to submit the volunteer request paperwork to MISD before being approved to volunteer at MRE. This must be updated each year. We LOVE our volunteers!

STAR OF THE WEEK

You will receive a letter in the daily folder when it is your child's turn to be "Star of the Week."

TOYS

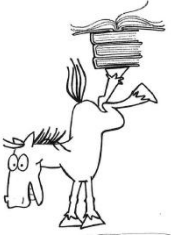
Toys are not allowed at school. Please help us make our students responsible for following this school rule.

CONCERNS, QUESTIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have a concern or question regarding anything happening in our classrooms or at the school please email, call, or schedule a conference with us. We want to work with you to make your child's school year the best it can possibly be. Please refrain from posting your concerns on social media.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Find us on Facebook by searching 'Madeley Ranch Mustangs' and Instagram by searching 'Madeley Ranch'!



Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to a great school year with your kindergartener!

Sincerely,
Madeley Ranch Elementary Kindergarten Teachers