



Midway Elementary School of the Arts

Our Mission:

"Through reflective and collaborative practices, we provide a positive academic and arts-linked experience, where all students reach their highest potential and become life-long learners."

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Issue #1

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! This year's theme is all about ACCEPTANCE. Acceptance of others, accepting challenges, accepting that we learn from failure, and accepting ourselves for who we are! "This is ME!" Midway Elementary!

We began our year by introducing our students to Color Squads! Each Color Team will work together to earn points for their team. They earn points for a variety of things, like cheering on another squad, or helping our school keep clean, showing kindness to others, etc.

We kicked off the year with a rally that determined what color squad each student belonged to, and just last week we had our very first Color Squad Games, Circles, and Rallies!

6 Squads = One School!



Each Color Squad represents a different virtue.

Our students will be learning about each one as the year proceeds and making personal connections to each of them.

We are truly 6 Squads = 1 School! Cheering each other on!

Caring



Integrity

Responsibility



Inclusiveness

Courage



Respect



**Meet Midway's Newest
Family Member...Our
Roadrunner!**

The students will be voting for a
name....so keep a look out!

Important School Information

School Hours

8:35 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
Wednesday 2:05 p.m.

Attendance Matters!



Attendance Field Trips!

Be sure your student is in school every day so they can participate!

If a student is absent, a parent/doctor's note should be sent in the same day your child returns.

If a student is tardy, a parent **MUST** sign in their child at the front office upon arrival



August 28 – DIVIDEND Breakfast @ 9:00 am

August 29 – K – 5 Curriculum Night 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

August 30 – Fall Student Pictures

September 4 – General PTA Meeting & Grandparents Breakfast @ 7:30 am

September 6 – End of the Cookie Dough Fundraiser

September 16 – PINK OUT T-Shirt Sale Begins

September 17 – School Advisory Committee Meeting – Come see what goes on and become a Member of this Dynamic Decision Making Team! @ 6 pm

September 24 – Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse 4 – 8 pm

September 26 – Science Night @ 6:30 pm

September 30 – Book Fair Begins!

Ask questions to help your child find the right book

Learning how to choose a book is an important step for readers. When your child is deciding on a book to read, ask her:

- Does the title sound interesting?
- Is the text easy to read?
- Do you like the pictures?
- Are you "hooked" after reading the first few lines?

Helpful Tips

Reread to boost fluency

Fluency is the ability to read quickly and easily. A fluent reader doesn't pause to decode words.

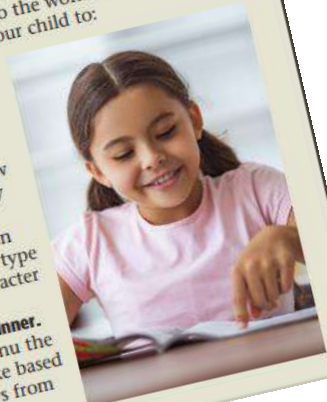
You can help your child become a fluent reader by encouraging him to read and reread favorite books. When he is familiar with the text—and when the reading gets a little easy—he doesn't have to focus on figuring out each word. Instead, he can focus on reading with speed and expression.



Immerse your child in reading

To show your child just how much fun reading can be, suggest that she put herself into the world in which her book takes place. Encourage your child to:

- **Get into character.** Have her read some exciting dialogue from the book out loud. Remind her to be dramatic!
- **Draw a map.** She can draw the area where the story takes place.
- **Design costumes.** She can sketch pictures of the type of clothing each character might wear.
- **Invite a character to dinner.** Help her plan a menu the character would like based on what she knows from the book.





Artful Learning®

Initiated by American music icon Leonard Bernstein and realized by thousands of people around the nation, Artful Learning is changing the landscape of teaching and learning. Bernstein's vision was to use music and the other visual and performing arts as a means of instilling a lifelong love of learning in students. Artful Learning embeds the arts within the learning process through a carefully researched, concept-based, interdisciplinary model that has proven to increase comprehension in students as well as improve academic achievement.

Our students are so excited to be learning about their grade level's first masterwork and concept:

Kindergarten - "Untitled" (1987) by Keith Haring, Concept: Community

First Grade - Petit Fleurs by Pablo Picasso, Concept: Relationships

Second Grade - Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin, Concept: Perspective

Third Grade - The Firebird Suite by Igor Stravinsky, Concept: Transformation

Fourth Grade - Self-Portrait by Jacob Lawrence, Concept: Identity

Fifth Grade - Yellow - Red - Blue by Wassily Kandinsky, Concept: Relationships



Get Your Midway Multiplication License!

Students are encouraged to practice their multiplication facts 2-12 until fluent. A recommended practice tool is www.coolmath4kids.com or the use of flash cards.

Students will let their teacher know when they are ready to apply for the license. The teacher will test the student using a timed test.

If the student passes the test, they will be issued a multiplication license.

you can make a
DIFFERENCE.

A safe and secure campus is our number one priority!

Together we can keep our students safe! Please adhere to the following rules and procedures to ensure your child's safety:

- Due to the lack of supervision prior to 8:00 am, students **MUST NOT** arrive on campus prior to 8:00 am, unless they attend the Extended Day Before School Program.
- When dropping children off in the morning, please have them exit the car on the passenger side closest to the school's sidewalk.
- All visitors must report to the Front Office to sign in and receive a visitor's sticker. Please bring a state issued ID or Driver's License in order for us to properly check you in.
- A state issued ID or Driver's License must be provided when checking in and when signing a child out.
- If your child's dismissal arrangements change, please send a note to your child's teacher. In the case of an emergency, please call the school before 2:00 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; and by 1:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our students SAFE!

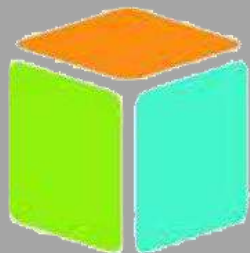


iReady Information

Our students demonstrated huge successes last year by completing their weekly lessons and minutes...THANK YOU for supporting them!

Our goal for this school year remains the same. We would like our students to complete 45 minutes in Math and 45 minutes in Reading each week.

Students should also maintain at least a 75% passing rate on their



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