From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Happy Spring to everyone! We are loving this weather at M.I.S. and it is refreshing to look out my window and see our kids enjoying recess...makes me want to be a kid again!

As we welcome March & get to spend some much-needed downtime during Spring Break, please know that this is a tough time of the school year for our 5th graders...a time when they are “losing steam” and need to be rejuvenated and encouraged! Convince them to spend some time doing something they really enjoy and to let their bodies & minds rest before their return on March 21st. 5th grade is definitely much more challenging than it used to be, and we require a whole lot from them during the school day. They have really earned some time to just be kids!

This may also be a good time to do some “Spring Cleaning” in their binders & backpacks so they can come back organized and clutter-free...and if your child is like most, they may be missing something that you have asked them about multiple times. Remind them to check our “Lost & Found,” which is currently right outside our cafeteria. There are many jackets, lunch kits, & library books waiting to be claimed by their owners.

As you all know, the MIS student body and staff had a very rough week last week, losing student, Lizzy Hoppe, and dealing with this, as a campus family, for the first time ever. I cannot say enough about our 5th graders and the way they handled this challenging time...I was so proud of each of them and touched by their heartfelt thoughts, words, & actions. They emptied their pockets and piggy banks and donated almost $2000.00 to Lizzy’s family, giving unselfishly and generously. Thank you parents for your phone calls, donations, and visits. You rallied around MIS, as always, and it will not be forgotten. In response to many questions, suggestions & inquiries, MIS will be planting a tree and setting up a type of “memorial” in honor of this student so that her classmates, and those classes yet to come, will know what a special little girl Lizzy was to all of us at Montgomery Intermediate School.

Enjoy this Spring season with your 5th graders...they will be heading off to MMS before we know it!

Proud Principal of M.I.S.
Jada Mullins

MIS Happenings...

**March**

3/9 Bear Brigade 9:00 & Book Character Dress-up Day
3/12-16 Spring Break...enjoy!
3/21 CAC Mtg. 7:45
3/22 College Thursday
3/23 “CLUTCH” w/Houston Rockets here @ 1:45
3/24 U.I.L. Competition @ MIS...Good Luck to All!
3/27 STAAR Math test/Progress Reports go home
3/28 STAAR Reading

**April**

4/3 PTO Mtg. @ 8:45...come join us!
4/4 “Happy Paraprofessionals Day!”
4/5 Field Day @ MIS...fun in the sun!
4/6 “Good Friday” Holiday
4/11 “Happy Librarian’s Day Mrs. T!”
4/16-20 Volunteer Appreciation Week...Thank you to All!!!
4/19 College Thursday
4/20 Fun Friday!

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**March/April 2012**

Where 5th Graders are our Specialty!
Daily Learning Planner

Ideas parents can use to help students do better in school.

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"Where 5th graders are our specialty!"

April 2012

1. Talk with your child about the qualities you both look for in a friend.
2. Make regular “appointments” to spend time with your child. Don’t allow yourself to cancel.
3. Keep a bowl of crunchy vegetables in the refrigerator. If you make it easy, your child may eat more healthy foods.
4. Find a book of sayings. Read and discuss one a day with your child.
5. Let your child build imagination by daydreaming.
6. Show your child how to make an outline. This will help with studying and writing.
7. Show your child your baby book if you have one.
8. Find a place for your child to display things she’s proud of, such as awards and good grades.
9. Spend a few minutes thinking of things to thank each other for. Then write each other thank you notes.
10. Before allowing your child to see a movie, read reviews of it.
11. Encourage your child to try a new sport.
12. Ask your child, “What’s the most interesting thing you learned today?”
13. Help your child make a time line of his life.
14. Tell your child why you are so happy to be her parent.
15. Have all family members name their heroes.
17. Spend the afternoon reading the newspaper with your child.
18. Teach your child to type correctly. This can build interest in writing.
19. With your child, think of as many city nicknames as you can: Windy City (Chicago), Mile High City (Denver).
20. Limit interruptions during your child’s homework time. (Snack breaks are okay, though!)
22. Make a “world time” display with several clocks. Set them to times in different countries.
23. Make a household rule as a family. Write it down, along with the consequence for breaking it.
24. It’s TV Turnoff Week. Think of fun activities you can do to replace TV.
25. Check out a book on simple science experiments and your child can try at home.
26. When is your child’s next test? Plan a good-luck breakfast for that day.
27. Tell your child a joke today.
28. Think of ways you and your child waste time. How could you improve?
29. Give your child the facts about sex and discuss how values relate to the facts.
30. Say “I love you,” to your child today.

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