

Mark Denman Elementary

September 2017

Theme:

Focus on collaborating about student learning for substantial results.



Mission:

Mark Denman will provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all individuals will be actively engaged in personal and academic growth.

Special Events:

- ◆ No School - Sept. 4
- ◆ CogAT Testing - Sept. 1
- ◆ Project Success - Sept. 11
- ◆ Early Out - Sept. 13
- ◆ Board Mtg - Sept. 13
- ◆ Ronald McDonalds - Sept. 20
- ◆ Ronald McDonalds - Sept. 21
- ◆ Early Out - Sept. 27
- ◆ Board Mtg - Sept. 27
- ◆ Birthday Party Day - Sept. 29

Welcome Back, Mark Denman Families!



Mark Denman Families,

Welcome Back! We are off and running with a smooth and successful start to the year! Our Open House's were a success and we thank each and every family for coming and support your child(ren) and our staff!

We are kicking off this school with just a couple changes. We are asking all visitors to use the front entrance only. This is for the safety of both students and staff. Birthday celebrations are

now one time a month. Dates were sent home in registration folders. If you need another copy, just let us know. One of the most exciting changes is that MDE is now an AVID school! AVID provides a comprehensive model of success for all students from elementary through higher education. Get ready - AVID Family Nights are being scheduled for the is year!

Benchmark testing begins this month. Kindergarten and 1st grades complete AIMSweb and 2nd – 4th grades will complete STAR360. The results from these assessments will provide teachers and parents a quick look at where each student is working academically.

Welcome Back, MDE Family!

Mrs. Pabst, Ms. Richardson, and
Mr. Day

Danville Public Schools Presents:

“Nutrition & Cooking”

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 - 12:30—1:30 p.m.

Green Meadows Community Room

For all District 118 Families!

Come join the fun and get free giveaways!

RSVP by calling 444-1092; Educational Support



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KINDERGARTEN:

Wow! What a wonderful start to a new year! Thank you for all of your cooperation and help on the first day of Kindergarten. Thank you for coming to our Kindergarten open house. It was a huge success! We are getting to know each other and learning our way around this large building. We are also learning how to recognize our name.

Feel free to call us anytime or come visit, but please remember to stop and check in at the office to get a visitor's pass. Please call your child's teacher ahead of time to let them know you are coming. Remember to check and empty your child's book bag each night and to send back any important papers and file all others.

It is important to have a set bedtime for your child at night. Many of the kids are tired in the mornings. A good night's rest makes for a great school day!

Our themes for September are Colors, Getting To Know You, Apples, Fall and Fire Safety. We will continue to review the alphabet. Please have your child practice writing his/her name and letters each night. Thanks for your help and support.

SECOND GRADE:

The second grade teachers would like to welcome students and parents back to school for the 2017-2018 school year! We are looking forward to an exciting and educational year. It is very important that teachers and parents work together to make our children successful.

The main goal for second grade this year is to improve the reading skills of all students. As a part of this goal, we are asking parents to be sure that their child reads their Accelerated Reader book or a book from home for 10 minutes each evening. Each 2nd grade student will also have homework Monday through Thursday nights. It is very important for students to complete the homework each night as it will reinforce concepts and skills that they have learned in the classroom.

For the first few weeks, we are really focusing on procedures and expectations. It can be hard for students to get back into the swing of things after summer break. We really appreciate your support and we are excited about working with you and your child this year!

We will be going on a field trip in early October. Please watch for a permission slip and remind students about good behavior on field trips.

FIRST GRADE:

We have a wonderful and exciting new year planned for your child. First Grade is all about **READING** and **MATH**. And we need your help! Please make sure you check your child's green Communication Folder daily for information from the office and your child's teacher. It is extremely important that they take care of this folder and their calendar. We are trying to teach them organizational skills that will help prepare them for college.

Homework is Practice! We want parents to help their children with their Reading, Spelling, and Math homework. It's important that your child practices their homework the correct way. Please help them and check their work. This will only help them succeed! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. We enjoyed seeing everyone at our Open House!

First Grade Team



THIRD GRADE:

Hello! Just a few things to help your child be successful and ready to learn this year:

AGENDAS: students will begin to use an agenda for their assignments. It is important that you are reading and signing it daily.

READING: Students should be reading at least 20 min. a day at home. Once the library re-opens, your child should have an AR book every night. Newspapers, comic books, magazine articles—anything your child loves with print is still reading, so finding something they enjoy in the meantime is appreciated.

MATH: This year we are starting with multiplication strategies and facts.

ANY QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? Please feel free to contact us if you have a need or concern.

We are looking forward to great things this year!

Thanks for your help!

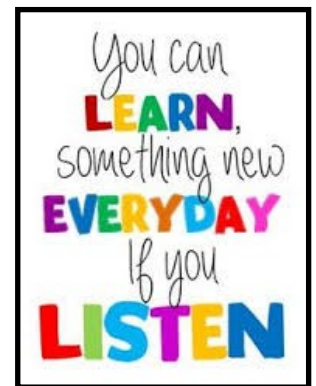
FOURTH GRADE:

Welcome back to another great school year! We are looking forward to working with your child this year and have great things in store for him/her. Fourth grade is a magical year and one that we hope your child will truly enjoy!

We have high expectations and desire the very best for your child, both behaviorally and academically. Our goal is to produce lifelong learners within our students. This goal can be achieved with your help, involvement, and support. It is necessary for you to be a vital part of your child's educational experience. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher throughout the school year. Together, we will make this the most successful school year for your child. Let's have a great year!

MUSIC ROOM:

Greeting Mark Denman Family! As we happily begin a new school year, our children are exploring new musical ideas, and are developing a lifelong appreciation for aesthetics. This looks to be a wonderful year that is full of adventures for our Children. During the summer, the district purchased equipment that will expand the possibilities for each music student. In a final thought, we are happy to add Ms. Sparks to our music department, and hope that everyone extends the warmest of welcomes.



GYM NEWS:

First we want to say that the students are very excited to start a new year. They are ready to play games, learn new skills and get stronger. Also they know that like everywhere else in the school, in the gym we have great expectations of them. We want to remind parents that students first of all need to be safe. This is the reason why we do not allow them to participate without tennis shoes. Also they cannot wear jewelry or chew gum.

In September we will start our fitness test. We do our fitness test twice a year, at the beginning and at the end of the year. Throughout the year we will work on basic skills of soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, dodge ball, juggling, gymnastics, track, roller skating, rock climbing, and more. We will also learn and practice several agility games. We will learn about muscles and bones in the human body and what we can do to stay healthy and fit.

Again, we are very excited to see everybody ready to work hard and have a lot of fun. We believe that each student is destined for success and we do our very best to create an environment where each of our students will flourish.

Jana McKenna, Steven Dale, and Mihai Murineanu



H.O.M.E Birth to Three:

The H.O.M.E. (Hands On Meaningful Experiences) Program provides home visiting services that offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with new babies and young children up to the age of three who reside in District 118. Brandy Kizer and Debbie Plush, Parent Educators enhance family well-being by providing education and support.

We are getting back into the swing of things here in the H.O.M.E program after the summer break. We are so EXCITED about the new school year and some new things we will be doing throughout the year. We are busy planning some WONDERFUL PARENT GROUPS with topics requested by our families. Families participating in our program earn Baby Bucks to shop in our Family Store. We have been busy ordering and stocking up our FAMILY STORE with wonderful new items (again requested by our families) and are excited for it to make its debut.

During the month of September we will be out at Winter Park on September 5th from 11:00pm-12:00pm and on September 19th from 10:00am-11:00am we will be in our playroom at Mark Denman for our back to school parent connections and will be raffling off our 1st ever items for our families! Please join us for our D118 NUTRITION and COOKING event for all families in D118. In the month of September the event will be held at FAIR OAKS on September 12th from 1:00pm-2:00pm and at GREEN MEADOWS on September 26th, 12:30-1:30pm and remember we will be there with giveaways. We cannot wait to get this year started and look forward to meeting new families. If you are interested in Home Visiting services we would love to meet with you and talk about all the wonderful things we can accomplish together. If you would like more information or would like to be a part of our wonderful program please contact: Igrow at (217) 483-BABY (2229).

Happy, Healthy Recipe for September from Birth-3

YOGURT POPS

Ingredients

- 2 cups of low-fat yogurt
- 1 cup assorted berries (rasberries, blueberries, strawberries)
- 5 pretzel rods, halved, or 10 baked snack stick crackers or popsicle sticks

Make It

In large bowl gently stir together the yogurt and fruit. Spoon into 4-ounce ice pops molds or 3-ounce paper cups. Cover molds and cups with foil; use a knife to cut a small hole in the foil and insert cut side of pretzel rod or snack stick. Freeze until firm. Remove foil and mold or cup before serving.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!!!!



IS MY CHILD TOO SICK TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Here are general guidelines to use when determining if your child should stay home from school:

- Temperature over 100 degrees
- Vomiting within the past 12 hours
- Frequent diarrhea stools; 3 or more within the last 24 hours
- Difficulty breathing
- Unexplained rash
- Persistent coughing
- Child acts or looks sick
- Open sores that are draining and oozing
- White part of eye is red and there is draining or oozing



This is a good time to remind your children about good handwashing, coughing into their sleeve, and keeping their hands away from their mouth, nose and eyes. If you have any questions, contact the school nurse at 444-3205