



Glover Elementary “Excellence to Eminence”



Parent Reminders

The year is off to an awesome start! The faculty and staff at Glover has been diligently been working with our students. Our Fall open house is already behind us, and we truly appreciate all the wonderful support we received on that night. The Fall book fair was also a great success. Mrs. Williams was truly pleased to see Glover parents positively impacting their child’s literacy development. We also would like to thank all the grandparents who came out for “Grandparents Day.” This experience was truly enjoyed by all.

- *Students will not be released after 2:30.*
- *Adhere to dismissal guidelines for car riders listed in Tuesday Folder.*
- *Cupcakes and cookies may be brought to lunch for the class on birthdays. No pizza.*
- *Please be on time to pick up students, dismissal is at 3.*

October/November dates to remember. Mark your calendars!

- Oct. 15—Early release/Parent Teacher conference
- Oct. 23 — End of the 1st nine week grading period
- Oct 29 — Report cards go home / Curriculum Night
- Nov 25 thru Nov 27 — Thanksgiving Break

Special points of interest:

- *Please have a valid driver’s license to enter the building at all times. Check in is at the front desk.*
- *The school day begins at 8:00. Breakfast starts at 7:30. Any student coming to school after 8:00 is counted as tardy.*
- *Update all contact info. We have a new call-out system. This system automatically calls your home to inform you of Glover happenings!*

Pre-K/Kindergarten News

Pre-K

Hooray for Pre-K! The letters on the door of the Pre-K classroom spells out Welcome to Pre-K. The students can read these words as they enter. The classroom is inviting to the student and it shows in their enthusiasm and willingness to begin their daily routine. The students are learning to listen for various purposes. To mention a few, they are listening to receive instruction, listening to engage in an exchange of conversation with adults and peers. In addition they are learning to share ideas through taking turns listening and speaking. Pre-K students are in great voice since this is an effective method used to have fun while learning and repeating songs, rhymes, beginning sounds and colors. Also, the time spent in our learning centers teaches cooperation with others during a joint activity. Pre-K students have much to explore and learn and they are excited about each school day.

Kindergarten

Ready, Set, Go! The Kindergarten is off to a running start. The children have been learning about school rules and the importance of following them. Officer Johns from the Houston Police Department visited us and highlighted some of our most important rules. We are focusing on beginning phonemic awareness skills, like counting syllables, beginning and ending sounds, and rhyming words. We have also introduced a few sight words and several shared reading books. In math we spent the first few weeks working on counting and sorting by different attributes. We have moved on to positional words. We had a great time exploring our five senses and are now focusing on using measurement in science. We are very excited to announce that the kindergarten has tentatively scheduled a field trip to the Dewberry Farm on November 6. If you would like to chaperone, the cost is six dollars and please complete the online background check form prior to October 16. We look forward to seeing you!

First Grade News

Glover's First Graders are on their way to having an excellence school year. Our First Graders are immersed in literacy. As you continue to read to or with your child for at least 20 minutes daily, you will see first-hand the enormous impact this will have on their literacy growth. In Science, we have been learning about using our senses as tools to discover our world. Our excitement is rising as we are about to embark upon

an up close and in-depth exploration of the life cycle of butterflies. In Health, some of the key concepts we have been discussing are good health, being good citizens, and making wise decisions. We will continue with these topics and more as we each strive to be the best possible "me" that we can be. Lastly, we are using manipulatives in Math to compare and order numbers to 99, solve addition and subtraction problems to 18, and create sets of tens and ones. Please take

every opportunity that you can to help your child discover number patterns and relations in the world around them. With your continued help and support, anything is possible as we continue our journey from excellence to eminence across the first grade curriculum.

Second Grade News

Second grade is swiftly soaring towards eminence! We are currently working on an array of activities in all academic areas! In language, students are learning about the different types of sentences, and in reading students are working on making connections and comprehension using the UNRAVEL strategies. Meanwhile, in

math students are practicing their addition and subtraction facts, and in science, students are learning all about habitats. Furthermore, in social studies, students are learning about maps and communities. As you can see, second grade is off to an EXCELLENT start, and EMINENCE is only a step away!



Third Grade News

The third graders have been working diligently across the entire curriculum. Thus far in reading, we have covered story elements and context clues. We are currently covering main idea, and instilling the UNRAVEL STRATEGIES. In math we are working on number operation and problem solving. Tutorials have begun and teachers as well as students are striving for Eminence.

In the area of science, students are working on discovering the important role plants play in our world. They have planted Wisconsin Fast Growing Plants in order to learn the life cycle of a plant (going from seed to seed).

In social studies students are learning about communities and the roles individuals play in the community. We are off to a fantastic start.

Fourth Grade News

The 4th grade team is excited to have your child with us this school year! We have begun our work to get from excellence to eminence. In math, we are learning about decimals, multiplication and division. In social studies, we are learning about Texas, starting with the Texas regions. In Science, it's all about the animals, how they live and adapt, and please be on the lookout for the upcoming Animal Studies project that will be due in November. In language, we are learning all our grammar rules for those excellent papers that we will begin writing. The 4th grade is off to a great start this year!

Fifth Grade News

Welcome to the fantastic fifth grade team! Our students have started the 2009-2010 school year on a wonderful accord. The fifth grade teachers have worked closely together to set high expectations that will exude Glover's motto "Excellence to Eminence". This school year our goal is to have exemplary scores on the Math, Reading, and Science TAKS test. All students will be successful because instruction is being differentiated through small groups, thematic planning, and technology.

Students now understand the purpose of our holidays and patriotic symbols. We've also gone the extra mile to expand learning in Social Studies by showing United Streaming Videos. This strategy has definitely enhanced students learning. It has helped them grasp a clear understanding of reading maps and learning about the First Americans.

We all know that math is an important skill to learn. However, our math teachers have shown students that math is essential not only in the classroom but in every day life by introducing "The Problem Solving Chart". This learning tool has revealed to students how to organize and solve problems effectively.

Yes, science can be fun! The fifth grade science teachers have been working extremely hard in presenting the excitement for students to learn about photosynthesis, the nitrogen cycle, the appropriate use and terminology of each science tool, and the importance of knowing the safety procedures. As a team we can agree that students enter with a smile and not a frown.



From the School Nurse

Attention Parents

In our efforts to keep our children healthy, we are asking that you adhere to the FBISD guidelines regarding clinic policy.

It is required that illness/injury occurring at home be taken care of at home and the students not come directly to the clinic upon arrival to school. Please check his/her temperature prior to sending to school if he/she complain of feeling ill. The use of fever reducing medications does not exclude your child from staying home. Students must be fever free, without the use of medication for 24 hours, prior to coming to school.

A student will not be allowed to remain in school if he/she complains of any of the following.

- .temperature of 100.4 or greater
- .vomiting and /or diarrhea
- .an undetermined rash
- .feeling too ill to remain at school

Also, it is the parents responsibility to bring medications to the clinic. **NO CHILD IS ALLOWED TO BRING MEDICATION TO SCHOOL. THIS INCLUDES COUGH DROPS OR NASAL SPRAYS.**

Due to limited space, it is important that your child is picked up promptly

Any students with temporary disabilities must bring a note from parent/guardian or a physician's statement describing ability/modifications needed and for how long.

Lisa McQueen

School Nurse

5th Grade Continued

The reading teachers have created a classroom environment that is friendly to all learning styles. They've incorporated learning centers that reflect the different areas of reading workshop. These learning centers are building our students into independent readers with an attitude of wanting to read intrinsically.

In closing, we encourage parents to light their own fire at home by reiterating what is being taught in the classroom. Also, we love parent volunteers to join us as we soar from "Excellence to Eminence". We're a team that believes in working together to ensure your child's success in the fifth grade and beyond.

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*"Learners Today Leaders
Tomorrow"*



Pictured above, the 5th grade teachers perform a small cheer to kick off the 2009—2010 school year. Pictured from left to right are: Ms. Newton, Ms. Moore, Ms. Mazone, Ms. Briscoe, Ms. Godeau, and Mr. Soders.

[http://
www.fortbend.k12.tx.us/
campuses/ge/default.cfm](http://www.fortbend.k12.tx.us/campuses/ge/default.cfm)

Sixth Grade News

The Sensational Sixth Grade Team

Our sixth graders are off to a great start this year! The students have adjusted to their new sixth grade schedules which have been challenging for both students and teachers!

****Sample Schedule-** The times are correct. Student schedules may vary**

8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	1 st period –Elective
8:50 a.m.-9:35 a.m.	2 nd period-PE
9:40 a.m.-10:25 a.m.	3 rd Period-Social Studies
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	4 th Period-Science
11:20 a.m.-12:05 p.m.	5 th period-ELA
12:10 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	6 th period-ELA
Lunch period-1:00-1:30 p.m.	
1:35 p.m.-2:10 p.m.	7 th period-Math
2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	8 th period-Math

Social Studies and Science classes are 45 minutes and Reading and ELA classes are 90 minutes. Math classes are 60 minutes.

Content Highlights:

ELA-The students are reading, *The Wat-*

sons Go to Birmingham 1963. Students are also learning about the writing process and basic grammar.

Math-The students are learning about integers, graphing, and algebraic expressions. The next concept will be decimals.

Science- The students are learning about safety in the lab, how to conduct experiments, and how to take accurate measurements.

Social Studies- The students are learning about culture, geography, and government. Our next unit will cover economics and Latin America.

Cross-Curricular Concepts:

Similarities/Differences

Note-taking

Measurements

Graphs

Non-linguistic representation of concepts

Sixth Grade All-Star Incentive

On October 30, 2009 at 2:15 p.m., students who meet all criteria will be a part of a celebration of excellence to eminence! This celebration is one of four incentives that will occur during the 2009-2010 school year!