

Happy New Year, Mustang Families!

I am happy to welcome you to the 2016-17 School Year! Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare an excellent year for your student. Our school has been cleaned and readied, with the addition of another portable for our second grade students. The books have arrived and we are ready to begin teaching. Teachers have prepared their classrooms and they are ready to inspire the love of learning with your child!

This year we have a few things that are new that I want to take a moment and make sure you know:

- 1) Our **student times** are 8:45-3:20, which is 10 minutes earlier than last year. We are working hard to be sure all students are on time every day!
~ Please note that **early dismissal Wednesdays** will now be a 1:50 dismissal.
- 2) Our **homework policy** has changed. Our staff is united in asking for only 3 things for homework...
 1. **Reading at home** (20 minutes per night)
 2. **Practicing Math Facts** (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)
 3. **Finishing work** that should be completed in class
- 3) We are **communicating more through PeachJar and our Sunday Night phone call**. Our Midland Messenger newsletter will be smaller and go home electronically. Please be sure the office has your updated email address.

You are receiving many things in our first day packet. Thank you in advance for reading through it, signing important information and **sending back the following papers by Thursday, September 1:**

- Family Income Survey (both sides)
- Student Housing Questionnaire
- Health History
- Permission to receive Auto Dialer and Text Messages
 - If you like receiving the Sunday Night call, please be sure to sign!
- Military Status

I recognize the time that it takes to go through these items, but they are important for us to serve your child in the best ways possible.

At Midland we are **Achieving Success and Inspiring Hope!** I welcome your calls, emails and visits at the school. I can be reached at 253-298-4501 and by email at paula.dawson@fpschools.org.

Have a great year,

Paula Dawson, Principal