

DRAGON DAYS

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FROM THE DRAGON'S DEN

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. Love, laughter, and learning have been in abundance at SME with the start of the new year. As evidenced by the pictures I have posted on Instagram and our web page, as well as by the comments made by our students, staff, and parents, everyone has joined our quest to "shoot for the moon" and to land among the SME stars! We would like to extend a special welcome to those who are new to SME. We have a kindergarten class of 88 students and 65 new grade 1-5 students. Due to the committed staff we have at SME and the wonderful support of our families and the community of Mebane, we will undoubtedly continue to achieve our academic, social, and emotional goals in an environment of love, laughter, and learning! Thank you for the support you have always provided and the positive energy you bring to our world each day!

With Respect,

Mrs. Royal and Mrs. Yeatts

SHOOT FOR THE MOON

Our theme this year is, "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you will land among the stars!" Our students are being challenged to set big goals for their learning as they prepare themselves to be college and career ready. We will recognize their accomplishments each day during our afternoon announcements and those recognized, will move their grade level rocket towards the moon. Once every grade level reaches the moon, we will conduct a school wide celebration. Be sure to ask your child about this special school wide incentive and encourage your child to "shoot for the moon and be an SME star"!



PARENT HANDBOOK

You should have received the South Mebane Parent Handbook on the first day of school. Please be sure to review it carefully in order to be fully aware of the policies and procedures that help to ensure a safe and orderly environment for everyone. Policies to make special note of include:

- * Student birthdays are recognized by the teacher during the school day. Cupcakes, cakes, or treats for birthday celebrations are not permitted.
- * When dining in the cafeteria, outside restaurant food is not allowed.
- * If your child's transportation is to change for the day, send a signed note to the teacher. For safety reasons, written notification is required except in the case of a true emergency. Calls to change a child's transportation will only be accepted in the case of an emergency and prior to 2:00.
- * Students leaving early must be checked out from the office prior to 2:20. If you are picking up your child and it is past 2:20, we ask that you wait in the car rider line for your child. Doctor and dentist notes must be provided to verify the early check out and to be counted as an excused tardy.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework provides the opportunity for students to practice previously taught skills and to develop strong study habits. While homework is not graded, it is an essential component of your child's learning. Due to this, we will continue to apply our homework policy in the coming year along with additional support where applicable. As previously enforced, if a child misses 3 homework assignments, he/she will be sent to the office for a 30 minute detention to complete the missed assignments. If the student is referred to the office a second time for 3 additional missed homework assignments, the student will be required to complete homework in our Homework Lab. Our Homework Lab will operate from 3:00-4:00 each day with the parent being responsible for pick up at 4:00. With your support, this additional step can be avoided. Thanks for helping your child develop the needed study habits to be on a successful college and career pathway!

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NCEd CLOUD IAM

The NC Department of Public Instruction provides school districts a dashboard to access multiple instructional resources using one login. The Dashboard is the NCEd Cloud IAM. Your child will be using the NCEd Cloud IAM to access PowerSchool and Study Island. Additional resources will be added to the dashboard over time. Your child will be provided a user name and password with instructions to log in. PowerSchool access for parents has not changed.

HEALTHY SNACKS

Please make sure you are adhering to the request in the Parent Handbook to only send healthy snacks to school. Our school policy concerning snack has been copied below for your review.

To assist in establishing healthy eating habits among our students we only allow healthy snacks for the daily snack time. Healthy snacks include, but are not limited to, carrots, grapes, apple slices, orange slices, bananas, peanuts, butter free popcorn, yogurts, and raisins. Unhealthy snacks such as chips, cupcakes, and chocolates are not permitted.

MEBANE ON THE MOVE

The Mebane Women's Club will be hosting the 10th Annual Mebane On the Move on Saturday, September 10. Sign-in starts at 7:00 am on Clay Street and the Mad Dash race will begin at 9:30 am. More information will be coming home with your child soon. Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan to support SME and Mebane On the Move!

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- 9 PTO Back To School Dance, 7-9:00
- 10 Mebane on the Move Mad Dash Event. 9:30 am Downtown Mebane
- 14 11:30 Dismissal
- 15 Grade 3 Beginning of Grade Reading Test
6:00 3-5 FYI Night
- 20 Ident-A-Kid
- 22 6:00 K-2 FYI Night
- 30 Picture Day
Progress Reports

