

Mina Family Star

January 2023

A Note from the Principal

Happy NEW YEAR Mina Families-

WELCOME BACK! On behalf of the entire Mina Elementary Staff, I would like to wish our families a Happy New Year. 2023 starts the spring semester for us. It is jammed packed with events and assessments. This can often cause a lot of emotions from teachers, parents, and students. Please rest assured, we will do our best to communicate all the events, activities, and assessments that would affect your student/students.

As you assess your child's first semester, it would be a great opportunity for you and your child/children to think about what they have learned and set goals for the second semester. There is always room for improvement and growth. We will take time to celebrate the first semester accomplishments on Friday, January 20th with a semester awards celebration. Be on the lookout for a schedule for each grade level. If you have any questions regarding your child's grades, please feel free to contact their classroom teacher to discuss.

We all appreciate the support you have shown us thus far and look forward to continuing working together as we enter 2023. As we all know, you never know what lies ahead, but it is reassuring to that together we can overcome anything.

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District Elementary UIL Events

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2023

WHERE: Cedar Creek High School

TIME: Students should arrive by 7:30 a.m.

EVENTS BEGIN: 8:00 a.m.

UIL Writing Events: *2nd Gr - Creative Writing & 3rd & 4th Gr - Ready Writing*

- Writing events will take place at Mina on Wednesday, January 18th during the school day
- Papers will be graded by district specials
- Parents will be notified if their child places so they may participate in the awards ceremony on January 28th at 12:00 p.m. at CCHS

Any questions, please contact your child's Teacher or UIL Event Coach.

Click Here for the January 2023 Calendar of Events

Discipline is more than Punishments.....

We will be spending a great deal of time 'resetting' and reminding students of the Mina behavior and work expectations during these first two weeks back in school. We could use your support in also reminding your child/children of these expectations.

I have noticed some common patterns in student behaviors. When students are sent to the office for a behavior problem, the behavior usually falls into one of these categories: language related issues, unfavorable behaviors towards others, compliance and doing what is asked of them, or respecting rules and authority.

All of these behavior patterns fall into our **Mina Core Values - SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and KIND**. I believe these values prepare our students to be successful, not only as elementary students but also as adults. [Click here for a YouTube video](#) created by our MTSS dept. at the Service Center describing these expectations and core values.

Please partner with us and help reset/remind your child/children of these simple core values. It will have a profound effect on our campus as well as our future. You can help by using these words and talk about what they mean at home and encourage your child to practice them!

From Mrs. Fiebrich, Library Media Specialist

All students in **2nd through 4th grade** will be participating in **Accelerated Reader program** again this spring. We have lots of fun and exciting events and prizes planned to reward their reading success!

Your child and their teacher will be setting a new **READING GOAL** for this semester. This will determine how many points they are working towards to reach their goal. Students have individual goals based on their reading level and amount of time expected to read.

The spring session will start next week (Jan. 9) and continue through mid-April. It is a 14 week session, so all goals must be met in that time period. Examples of prizes are small things like erasers and glow bracelets to big things like Popsicles with the Principal, Picnic at the Park and playing time on the Game Truck

Please email cfiebrich@bisdtx.org for any questions you have. If you would like to help with anything related to AR we always need volunteers to assist with the many tasks from updating student goals on school bulletin boards, delivering monthly prizes to students, and chaperoning events.

Thank you!

Chris Fiebrich

Important Reminders

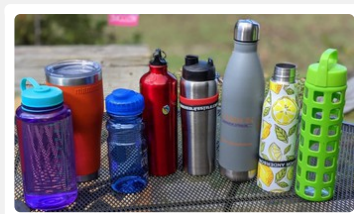
~Please [click here](#) to make transportation changes **BEFORE 2pm** so that we have time to get messages to students and their teachers before we start the dismissal process.

~Students will not be released from school after 2:30pm in order not to cause confusion in our dismissal process. Admin must approve any time after 2:30pm.

~Parents must complete the online form to change transportation and not report to the teachers or students only. This is to ensure that the dismissal process is followed, and your child will get home the way you have communicated with the office.



Don't forget to ask your student to look in the lost and found in the cafe if they are missing anything!



Don't forget to send your student with a water bottle everyday! We all know how important water is to learning!



You can check your student's grades and view progress reports/report cards online through Skyward. If you need help with access, just let us know.



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