



McDermott Elementary School

**Informational Packet
2013 - 2014
Parents make a difference!**

McDermott Mission Statement

At McDermott, educating children is our number 1 priority. As a staff we are dedicated to providing the academic, emotional, social, and technological tools that our students need to be successful in achieving their dreams. We are committed to providing a nurturing and engaging environment that instills confidence, demands responsibility, and models standards of excellence. As a staff, we will work together with parents, and our community to do whatever it takes for our students to become life-long learners, pursue opportunities, and to become contributing members of society.

“Dedicated to Providing the Tools They Need to Succeed.”

Arkansas Code of 1987, Title 6 - Each public school district and each public school in collaboration with parents shall establish a parental involvement program plan.

McDermott Elementary – Parent Involvement Plan
2013- 2014

- 1. Conduct “Parents Make a Difference” sessions during Open House to report on the state of the school, give an overview of what students will be learning, discuss how students will be assessed, discuss what parents should expect for their child’s education, and how parents can assist.**
- 2. Host a “Parents Make a Difference” Literacy/Math event to teach parents strategies to assist their child/children with literacy and math skills. Teachers will provide parents literacy/math family activity kits.**
- 3. Teachers will schedule a minimum of two parent /teacher conferences during the school year to discuss academic achievement.**
- 4. Parenting books, magazines, and other parenting materials will be available in the media center and parent center. These materials are available for check-out.**
- 5. Communicate regularly with parents in writing and post parental involvement information on a bulletin board located near the office.**
- 6. Utilize the services of the Little Rock School District’s parent facilitator.**
- 7. Recruit mentors or tutors to work with targeted students.**
- 8. Arkansas State Standards for Pre-K – 5th grades are found on the Arkansas Department of Education web-site.**
- 9. Implement the use of School – Wide Title I learning compacts for all students as a means of communicating the importance of parent/student/teacher and administrator involvement in the education process.**
- 10. Provide workshops for parents and families to include but not limited to the following:**
 - a. Back to School Bash**
 - b. Parent Involvement**
 - c. Communication**
 - d. Student Learning**
 - e. Volunteering**
 - f. Decision Making**
 - g. Community Involvement**
 - h. Testing**
 - i. Homework Skills**

Please visit our Parent Center located in room number 9.

There are parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials available for you to review and/or checkout!

Millie Jones/Pauletta Lyles

Parent Facilitators

Ways to Communicate with Your Child's Teacher:

Read and sign your child's agenda daily. Look for daily assignments and notes from his or her teacher. This is a great place to write the teacher a short note!

Call your child's teacher at school. The staff telephone list is included in this informational packet. If the teacher is unavailable, leave a message. If you do not hear from the teacher within 24 hours, please call again.

If you have contacted your child's teacher and still have concerns, please call Mr. Scott Morgan at 447-5502.

**McDermott Elementary School
Upcoming Events
2013 – 2014
August Back To School Bash
Open House
PTA Membership Drive
PTA Meetings
Magnificent McDermott Fundraisers
Appreciation Celebrations
Awards Programs
Bahama Mama's Day
Dogs for Dads Day
Grandparent's Day
Spruce Up Day
Red Ribbon Week
Book Fair
Fall Festival
Literacy/Math Night
Field Day**

Ways for Parents to Become Involved

Attend conferences
Read, make comments, and sign agenda
Discuss the school day
Ensure that homework is complete
Visit parent center in room #9
Get child/children to school on time
No early checkouts
Encourage appropriate behavior
Join PTA and attend
Literacy/Math Night
Mentoring/Tutoring
Room Parent
Assist in the computer lab
Campus leadership team
ACSIP committee
Playground volunteers

We Need You!

