



Ready, Set,..... "Test"!

Test Taking Tips

Tests are important because they help the teacher evaluate a student's needs and progress, the student gauge his or her own level of mastery, and the parent monitor his or her child's progress.

Tips to give your child about taking tests:

Relax. Just do the best you can.

Your first choice is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a good reason to do so.

Be aware of key words such as "all," "now," "always," "never," "only," "exactly."

In multiple-choice questions, don't skip the longest answer. It should be considered, since test writers want to be sure the correct answer is accurate—they may add lots of details to insure accuracy.

Watch for negative words like "not," "no," "never."

Look for information in some of the questions. This information may help you answer other questions.

Encourage parents to:

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test, and make sure your child eats properly the day of a test.

Maintain a pleasant home

environment and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.

Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.

Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than at a make-up time).

Get your child to school on time the day of the test.

Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that he/she is special and that you believe in him/her!



Things to Know

The Giving Garden

Turner Landscapes will be here on May 6, 2011 to help us create our garden (YEAH!). Our STAR students (during their special times) will be helpers. I

will place permission slips in your mail box for those students to send home. I have been by the Head Start, Kindergarten, and First Grade Classrooms and have been amazed at how our plants are growing!

Next week, the K.I.N.G.'s Club will be painting the tires for our raised flower beds. This will be a blessing to our school and we hope you can make some time to help make it truly AMAZING!

This Month:

Testing	Thru 5/6
Garden Opening	5/6
5th grade to Pattie's Restaurant	5/13
Primary Spring Sports Day	5/13
Upper Grades Spring Sports Day	5/16
Kindergarten-LBL Nature Station	5/19
5th grade Transition to PMS	5/20

Exciting Events

- Kindergarten to the Berry Patch 5/11
- 1st grade to St. Louis Zoo 5/13
- 4th grade to Seamen's Museum 5/18-20
- 3rd grade to Sports Plex 5/19
- 5th grade to St. Louis City Museum 5/23

Mr. Geco Ross



Mr. R (Geco Ross)

I was born prematurely at Humana Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. I am a middle child of 5 boys. I am a product of the Paducah Public Schools system having attended Whiteside Elementary for Kindergarten, McNabb Elementary for grade school, Paducah Middle School, and graduating from Paducah Tilghman High school in 2003. I served as Drum Major of the Band for two years and started my teacher preparation my senior year enrolling in both WKCTC and Murray State University. I continued my education at Murray state in the fall of 2003 and graduate in the spring

of 2008 (Don't do the math I enjoyed college and sometimes wish I could go back!) While at Murray State I was name one of the top 10 Student leaders by the Vice President for Student Affairs in 2005 and the Marvin D. Mills Scholar of the year in 2008. While at MSU I also pledged Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and have served in a number of capacities. Currently, I serve as the Vice-Polemarch of the Paducah Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and undergraduate chapter advisor for Murray state University. I was so fortunate to have met my lovely wife, Ebone (Jones) Ross while at Murray in 2003 and we

married in 2009. In addition to this involvement I am the director of the youth ministry at Harrison Street Missionary Baptist Church and have served in that capacity for 2 years. I love to have fun with my family and just relax. My favorite thing to do ever is to sit and watch a movie eating junk!



Mrs. Ford's Recipe of the Month

Mexican Dip

1&1/2 pounds of ground beef	2 packs of taco seasoning	
1 can of refried beans	1 cup of mayonnaise	1 cup of sour cream
Large package of mild shredded cheese	2 fresh tomatoes chopped	8 green onions chopped
25 green or black olives chopped	1 bell pepper chopped	Sliced jalapenos

Sauté chopped bell peppers in margarine and set aside. Brown ground beef in Crisco. Add the dry taco seasoning and mix well. Spread the refried beans in bottom of 9x13 pan. Sprinkle the ground beef, sautéed peppers, green onions, cheese and sliced jalapenos on top of beef. Mix mayonnaise and sour cream together and spread on top of cheese. Bake at 350 degrees about 15 minutes or until cheese melts. Top with tomatoes and olives. Serve with Tostitos chips and enjoy.



Meet Ms. Jessie Fox

I was born at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, KY. I have two siblings whom I've grown incredibly close to over the years. My older brother Dan, his wife Kristin, and my two-year-old niece Alexandra live in Seattle, WA. I've gained the privilege of working in the same building this year as my older sister, Amanda. We spend a lot of time together outside of school, including playing walleyball every Tuesday night with a small group of people at the gym. I grew up in Lone Oak and played both basketball and softball since I could practically walk. After graduating from high school in 2004, I enrolled at Murray State University. Upon turning down offers from a few colleges for bas-

ketball, I stayed active at MSU through various intramurals: basketball, softball, volleyball, and flag football. (If it is competitive, sign me up!) I was an active member of the BSU, Baptist Student Union, and Reaching Higher, a sign language ministry team. I graduated from Murray State in the spring of 2008 and accepted my teaching position at Morgan Elementary the following summer. I also regularly attend Heartland Worship Center and work part-time at the Carson Center in Building Services. I spend most of my time away from school with my family. We spend most warm, sunny days on either the river or at the lake in my parents' speedboat. Amanda and I LOVE to wa-

ter ski, wakeboard, and tube! I also love to take my dogs hiking. I have a four-year-old Catahoula / Pit Bull mix named Bodie and a seven-month-old Boxer / Terrier mix named Cooper. I absolutely love spending time with them and miss them terribly when I am out of town! I also take a clogging class once a week with my mom and sister through Parks and Recreation. During the summer, I play church league softball for fun with a great group of girls. One of my favorite things, however, is enjoying a good book while swinging on a porch swing!



Other Things to Consider

Staff Birthdays

March

- 1) Donta Tyler, Temond Jones 5) Lupita Holifield, Deborah Johnson
- 6) Mercedes Matchem-Powers 10) Kim Davidson 13) Doris Hubbard
- 16) Terrie White 20) Curt Stewart
- 21) Amanda Fox 24) Greg Bridges

April

- 3) Mia Carruthers 11) Lynda Wilkins
- 13) Lynn Johnson 14) Andrew Ford
- 18) Jessica Stewart 24) Elizabeth LeNeave

May

- 1) Melissa Suito 5) Barbara Gage

- 11) Penny Husher 12) Neetie Bash
- 19) Kennetha Reed 22) Bobby Ballard

And a host of Summer Birthdays! We hope you all enjoy your birthdays and everyday you are granted life. Life is precious! We must take the time to enjoy every moment,.....even the tough ones.