



## MILES SCHOOL

*Dream Big, then work hard to  
make that dream a reality.*

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*“We are committed to making each day better than the last.”*

# MILES NEWS

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## Upcoming Events >>>

- 2/14/20: No School for Students (PD Day)
- 2/17/20: Presidents’ Day - No School
- 3/13/20: No School for Preschool Students
- 3/18/20: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
No School for Students
- 3/23-3/27: Spring Break – No School



Can you believe that it’s February already? We are in the thick of the instructional period. We need every scholar here, every day and on time!

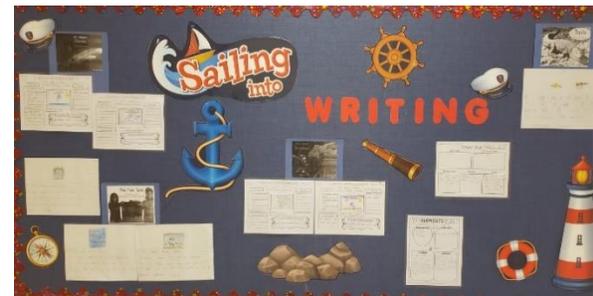
We earned a C on our report card for last year and though a C is not the ultimate goal, it is as well as Miles School has done in the Report Card era. We are looking to strengthen our academics by reducing the “noise” that sometimes gets in our way. We need you to continue to support us by helping us to eliminate the noise. What is noise you ask. Noise is any and everything that cause our scholars to focus on things unrelated to their academics. Help us to keep the focus on learning!

Principal James

## February is here and Miles’ scholars are hard at work!

### Sailing into Writing

First and second grade students have been “Sailing into Writing” in Mrs. Huggins’ classroom. The students have been reading and focusing on nonfiction texts in LLI. They have practiced organizing their thoughts with graphic organizers and continue to work on appropriate sentence structure in their writing.



They have learned all about snakes, sharks, animals that have tails, and what is needed to put in a fish tank. This awesome bulletin board showcases their writing for all to see!

### Learning & Exploring Outside of the Classroom

At Miles School, learning takes place in and outside of the classroom. Be sure to engage your student in conversations about field trips that they participate in. Here is a glimpse of where we’ve been and where we are going!

**Kinder – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** Patterson Farm

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Art Museum (December 13th)

REvolution @ Cleveland History Center (March 17th)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Art Museum (Oct 8th)

Raising the Dough @ Cleveland History Center (Feb 11th) learning about local economics by doing research on the Hough Bakery.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Art Museum (Nov. 14th) Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>)

## Exploring and New Learning!

1<sup>st</sup> graders in room 131 have been learning about animal habitats during science. To show our learning, we are creating animal habitat dioramas. Students are taking a plain box and turning them into a scenic representation of a specific habitat with animals and their surroundings. Student chose between the ocean, forest, arctic and desert habitats. Once our dioramas are finished, we will complete a writing project on one animal that lives in our habitat.



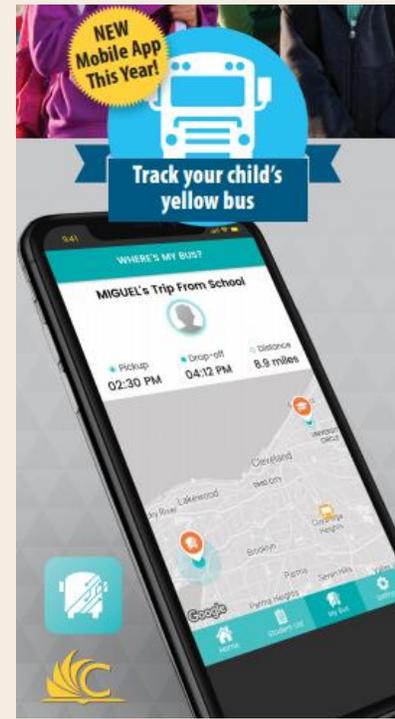
In second grade our focus is geometry. Additionally, students are focusing on rectangle prisms. In ELA our focus are compound sentences. On February 13th we will have a friendship day. Students will use the last 15 to 20 minutes to share treats with fellow classmates.

**Mr. James & Mrs. Curry are looking for students that are always on their best behavior!**

### Good Behavior Pledge

I pledge to be the best I can be,  
in school and to those around me.  
I will not say something hurtful  
or do anything that's unacceptable.  
I am responsible for what I do  
and the well-being of others, too.  
I am here to learn and work hard.  
If I try, I can succeed and go far.

Teaching students to meet the school behavior expectations continues to be a priority. We are working to build our skills in raising behavior expectations and teaching students to meet them. Behavior is closely linked with academic success so giving behavior expectations our full priority will enable students to learn more in the long run. Student's displaying positive behavior will be celebrated each week by the administrative team. We hope to see your scholar at the celebration!



Track your child's yellow bus on your phone with the **Edulog Parent Portal!**

Download the app at [ClevelandMetroSchools.org/EdulogPP](http://ClevelandMetroSchools.org/EdulogPP)

Transportation Hotline  
216.838.4BUS

**IMPORTANT:** When entering your child's information, type his/her CMSD student ID number in the District ID field



Starting in kindergarten, the kids who show up strong are more likely to grow up strong, reaching their academic goals and high-school graduation.

According to the campaign, children missing 10 or more days of school in Cleveland can experience negative consequences, like:

- reading scores reduced by 12 points
- math scores reduced by 15 points
- their chances of passing Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee reduced by 9 points

At Miles School, students are celebrated for perfect attendance each week!