



# Marlin Tales



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**"Machananao Elementary School will create a safe, trendsetting, community of life-long learners striving for success."**

## ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS

Although Thanksgiving will be behind us, we must continue to be thankful for the many blessings we have throughout the years. December is here and with it are all the joys of Christmas. The COVID-19 pandemic has been stressful and isolating for many of us. The upcoming holidays can be opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. This holiday season, consider how your holiday plans can be modified to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to keep your families, friends, and our community healthy and safe. As we prepare for the holidays we are mindful of our good fortune. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for being part of our Marlin Family and the blessings you have given us by being involve in your child's education. Most of all, your untiring support and cooperation to ensure we continue our partnership in education. As part of our partnership, is the preparation of our school's budget. GDOE has begun the process of preparing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget and is seeking input from the community. GDOE would like to invite the community to participate in the FY 2022 Budget Stakeholder Survey. Parents, guardians, students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to share their thoughts on the budget process by filling out the survey before the December 16, 2020 deadline. The survey seeks stakeholder feedback and suggestions in areas including capital improvement, equipment, supplies and personnel. Additionally, participants are able to provide other comments or suggestions they feel will be helpful to the budget process. The survey is available online at [www.gdoe.net](http://www.gdoe.net), under "FY2022 Budget Stakeholder Survey". In addition to the GDOE budget survey, our school also created a stakeholder input budget online survey, the link is <https://forms.gle/ArbKUm3Mk3FxyKhB6> to provide your input. We also provided a hard copy survey for stakeholders who do not have internet access. You may submit to the school once completed. Our school's budget presentation will be uploaded on our website on Thursday, December 3, 2020. This presentation will include stakeholders' input. On behalf of the Marlin Family, we would like to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope, and the warmth of Christmas grant you love. Stay safe and healthy. We miss you all!

## SAFETY REMINDERS

The following points are guidance to safely send and receive resources between school and home during COVID-19. Also, please continue to wear a face mask over your nose and mouth, wash your hands often, and do not exit your vehicles when dropping off and/or picking up hard copy learning packets.

### Families returning materials and/or assignments back to school:

- Instruct families that if they have an ill family member, not to participate, notify the school, and send a replacement such as a neighbor or a friend.
- Schedule pick-up times to spread out the number of people present at any given time to less than 10 persons.
- Clean and disinfect tables and other equipment used in the drop-off.
- Allow materials to sit for 24 hours before they are accessed by staff of paper materials, and 72 hours for electronic devices.
- Staff should use gloves for moving the materials to an interior location.

### Sending resources and/or assignments from school to families:

- Paper documents can be placed in large envelopes and/or folders. Use envelopes that have a tie or use tape/labels to secure. Do not use envelopes that require moisture to secure.
- Plastics, including electronic devices, should be disinfected according to manufacturer recommendations.
- Backpacks or cloth bags should be new or laundered if used.
- Materials should be prepared at least 24 hours in advance for paper materials, and 72 hours in advance for plastic materials.

## ATTENDANCE

Although MES is teaching remotely, please be reminded that attendance will still be taken and documented. Your child's homeroom teacher will be taking attendance on days they are providing online and hard copy instruction to your child. Teachers will also be documenting students that pick up Hard Copy Learning Packets and submitting assignments during their scheduled day. Therefore, please ensure you are aware of your child's schedule throughout the school week so that he/she will be ready to learn! Feel free to communicate with your child's teacher/s should you need clarification regarding your child's attendance and/or schedule.



## PreK-GATE

Happy Holidays, Mini-Marlin Families!

This month, our mini-Marlins will be learning and having fun with winter and holiday themed activities! We will continue to integrate all standards within the activities such as communication, creative thinking, and independent learning... and we'll sprinkle in a little magic in there as well! As a reminder, please "focus on the process, rather than the product" when working with your child in completing their activities. This could be accomplished by allowing children to complete assignments with their own two little hands while following your guidance. The lines may not be cut "perfectly", they may get some glue on the table, and it may not be what we, as adults, were visualizing, but this will allow your child to feel confident in practicing new skills, expressing his/her creativity, and truly engage in learning. Here's a great blog about focusing on process in education <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/focus-process-results-will-follow-nathan-barber>. Have a wonderful holiday season and please feel free to reach out to me for any support!

## KINDERGARTEN

Seasons Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

Our thematic units for this month will be on Weather and Seasons. In English Language Arts (ELA), we will continue to focus on identifying letter names and sounds, writing, reading sight words, rhyming words, and the initial and final sounds in words. In Math, we will focus on comparing numbers between 0-20, number sense for numbers 0-20, and rote counting to 50. We will be contacting parents/guardians to conduct the 2nd Quarter ELA and Math Common Assessment with students from December 1-11, 2020. Visit the following website to view helpful videos on what we are learning this quarter:

<https://youtu.be/YtNskityAOE>

<https://youtu.be/Fftpep-09Zl>

<https://youtu.be/uQx-MJVUlc>

*Together In Education, The Kindergarten Team*

## FIRST GRADE

Hafa Adai Marlins! Your child will continue learning about nouns (1.L.1b), math fact fluency (1.OA.6), community/government officials, and growth and change (plants/animals). First grade teachers would like to remind parents/guardians to make sure you are following the lesson instructions and completing all assignments and activities in the Hard Copy lesson plans.

**YouTube video titles to check out:**

What is a Noun? | Parts of Speech Song | Jack Hartmann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cu7C07pNbA>

Let's Learn Our Addition Facts 1 | Addition Song for Kids | Math for Children | Jack Hartmann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRoJ5E-Xx9s>

Punctuation in English | Punctuation At The End Of A Sentence | 1st Grade - Kids Academy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWhUnt3Mm4k>

## SECOND GRADE

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, contact your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Please practice these skills at home:

**Reading:** Practice vocabulary words 3x.

Read for 75+ minutes daily.

**Math:** Add and subtract 2 columns with regrouping. For more worksheets, visit [math-aids.com](http://math-aids.com)

**LA:** Write 5 telling sentences about a given picture. Make sure to include a capital letter in the beginning and period at the end.

## THIRD GRADE

Happy Holidays Mighty Mighty 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders! We would like to continue to thank our parents for their support this school year! In Reading, students will continue to answer and ask their own questions. In Math, we will continue adding and subtracting with regrouping. We will also be working on addition and subtraction word problems. In Social Studies, the students will be learning the purpose of the government and the three branches of government. In Science, we will be learning about food webs. Please continue to pick up packets or log on to your online sessions. Please visit this website <https://www.storylineonline.net/> where students can access different stories to read. We will continue to check on your progress with phone calls and messages, but if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email us. Stay safe, wear a mask and practice social distancing!

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Mrs. Maluwelmeng: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-10:00am

## FOURTH GRADE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! We are learning the following skills for this month:

**Reading:** Your child will continue to learn about Drawing Inferences and Problem and Solution.

**English:** Verbs: Irregular Verbs and Special Verbs. Practice writing paragraph with correct format.

**Math:** We will be working on Patterns: Find the Rule and Addition Properties. We kindly ask that you encourage your child to do the Extra Practice or Drill activities provided in Math Lessons.

Recommended websites: [www.math-aids.com](http://www.math-aids.com),

[www.education.com](http://www.education.com), [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com)

**Thanks for your continued support! Stay safe!**

*Fourth Grade Team: Mrs. Limtuatco, Mrs. Quilit, & Mrs..Fuimaono*

## FIFTH GRADE

We would like to thank you for your continued support for your child's education and we are excited for all the new things we will learn in December!

Listed below are the main topics for December. We will be learning:

**Math:** Find whole number quotients of whole numbers with up to four-digit dividends and two-digit divisors using different strategies (equations, rectangular arrays, and/or area models)

**ELA:** Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text; Use verb sequence to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions; Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense

Please visit:

<http://www.readwritethink.org/> <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

*Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Team 5th*

## CHAMORU K-5th

Hâfa Adai Parents/Guardians, we thank you for your continued patience and support with distance learning. For the month of December, we will be reviewing past lessons in preparation for our end of the quarter assessments. Please help your child review the following: Patten I Eskuela (Parts of the School), Taotao Eskuela (School Personnel), Fruta Siha (Fruits), and Gollai Siha (Vegetables). Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please visit the following:

Atfabeton CHamoru: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPm96kx5ng>

Tinifong (1-20): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAULEmSwlhw>

Kulot Siha(Colors): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRSWHK\\_3Rzs&t=28s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRSWHK_3Rzs&t=28s)

*Saina Ma'âse, Siñora Santos yan Siñot Quitugua*

## LIBRARIAN'S LINES

Ho! Ho! Ho! 🎵 It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! WOW! We have covered and learned so much in Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter will be ending in January 7, 2021 when we return from Christmas Break, so for the month of December your child will be reviewing what we have accomplished this quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. **K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter- 3Bs; Book Care; Parts of a book- front cover, back cover, spine, title page; Author/Illustrator; 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter-Setting & Characters; Beginning, Middle & End; Fiction/Non-Fiction. **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter- 3Bs; Book Care; questions of Who, What, When Where, Why and How; Parts of a book-Table of Contents, glossary and Index, Fiction, and Non-Fiction. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter- Setting, Characters and Plot; Beginning, Middle, & End; Conflict, Climax, & Resolution.

Parents, although the activities on the Choice Board will not be graded, I highly recommend that you encourage your child to do some of them as it will help with their reading. I would also like to recognize your child's effort in completing some of the activities and making him/her shine by posting on our school website. Some of our Marlins are already shining, log onto our school website, click Curriculum, then click library. I'm looking forward for more sharing. Over the Holidays, if you have access to internet, here are a few sites for your child/ren to read and have fun!



[www.highlightskids.com](http://www.highlightskids.com)

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Mrs. Arriola

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Season Greetings to you all! As we get closer to the end of the year now is the time for us all to reflect on the triumphs and challenges you and your child have experienced either in their personal and/or academic life. This year brought about many unique challenges! Last month we introduced an acts of kindness lesson where students identified one thing they did that made someone else happy that day. If you would like to further establish a regular routine for being thankful you and your family can create a gratitude jar. Your child can add notes every day, every week, or simply when they are feeling grateful. For more ideas of these kinds of activities you can find them online here at:

[\[https://www.centervention.com/social-emotional-learning-activities/\]](https://www.centervention.com/social-emotional-learning-activities/)

**December Virtue "Generosity":** Being careful with what I have so that I can share; giving your time, attention, hard work, patience, kind words, and talents to help and encourage others.

## ESL

Greetings Parents & Guardians!

As 2021 ushers in, the MES ESL Program renews its commitment and takes extra stride in developing academic vocabulary within all HC lessons taught to our ELL students, since it ensures that reading fluency and comprehension expand and that purposeful writing skills are attained. For example, academic vocabulary or content terminology for mathematics include words like parallel, fraction, exponent, or sum. Students traditionally do not use the latter terms in everyday conversation or as part of typical socializing on the playground and around the neighborhood, which are especially challenging for ELLs to acquire. The New York Times offers insight on the subject of building academic vocabulary that can be found at this link: [https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/08/12-ways-to-learnvocabulary-with-the-new-york-times-2/\\_r=3](https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/05/08/12-ways-to-learnvocabulary-with-the-new-york-times-2/_r=3)

Although we continue to struggle through this pandemic and are only halfway through the academic school year, our program remains committed to ensuring progress in all skill areas, particularly with functional writing at the primary grade levels. Certainly, we can accomplish so much more if we work together and prioritize the most important aspects of academic learning. Please continue to help at the home-front by reading to your child for at least 30 minutes each evening and by taking time to relay the meaning of difficult words or concepts that can often cause confusion. Your partnership is necessary and worthwhile, and it will continue to have a positive effect upon your child! Let's continue this cooperation as we move toward ensuring your child's success today, and far into the future!

Dr. Quitano & Mrs. Lanada-Toves.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

It's definitely the season for distance learning! This month, your child will continue to be *effective communicators* by creating stories from his/her imagination. December will be such a great time for your child to express his/her imagination! Read some great tips on <https://beneylu.com/pssst/en/creative-writing-for-elementary-students/> on how to help your child write creatively. I would also like to introduce our Math GATE Specialist, Mrs. Lesley Gomez. She will be servicing the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> GATers once a month starting in December. Scheduled online class for Mrs. Gomez will be announced on Google Classroom. The following is our updated GATE schedule: (Tuesday) 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade @ 10am/ (Thursday) 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade @10:40am. Thank you parents for reminding your child to attend online classes regularly and hard copy parents who have been staying in contact with me and turning in assignments for their child. I continue to appreciate you as we learn and teach virtually.

Mrs. Cielito Rivera

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Season's Greetings, Marlins! Although this has not been the year we have expected or anticipated, I applaud you for getting through the past couple of months. Thank you for working with us to ensure learning continues through a pandemic. Over the Christmas Break, it is important to continue to practice skills in ELA and Math. The following link has games for students in the subjects of ELA, Math, and Science:

<https://pbskids.org/games/>

Happy Holidays, Marlins, and stay safe!

-Ms. Tenorio

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## Hard Copy Distribution Schedule

Grade Level	Hard Copy Distribution Day	Time
Kindergarten, Pre-K GATE, Headstart & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Tuesday	8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade & GATE	Wednesday	8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Thursday	8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.
<b>Grab &amp; Go Meal Distribution</b>		
<b>Friday's</b>	<b>9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.</b>	
<b>All vehicle occupants must be wearing a mask upon entry on campus and must not exit their vehicles.</b>		



# December

## 2020




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Online Live Schedule:	
<b>MONTHLY VIRTUE: GENEROSITY</b> Being careful with what I have so that I can share; giving your time, attention, hard work, patience, kind words, and talents to help and encourage others.	Session C	Session C	Session A <small>Focus Group A Meeting</small>	Session B <small>Focus Group B Meeting</small>	Session C <small>Focus Group C Meeting</small>	4 <b>Grab &amp; Go Meal Distribution</b> 9:00am-12:00pm	<small>Pre-K GATE: Mondays/Wednesdays                      Group 1 9:00-9:30                      Group 2 10:00-10:30                      Optional: Friday Fun                      Kindergarten: F104                      Session A - 8:45-9:45 &amp; 11:45-12:45                      Session B - 8:45-9:45 &amp; 11:45-12:45                      1st Grade: E102                      Mondays/Wednesdays - 12:45-1:45                      2nd Grade: D102                      Session A, B, C - 8:30am-9:30am                      3rd Grade:                      H104: Tuesday/Thursdays                      9:30-10:30                      H103: Tuesday/Thursdays                      9:00-10:00                      4th Grade:                      C102: Session A - 8:45-10:45                      C103: Session A&amp;B - 8:30am-9:45am                      5th Grade:                      B101: Monday through Wednesday                      9:00-10:00 &amp; 11:00-12:00                      C101: Mondays                      10:00-12:00 &amp; 1:00-3:00                      GATE:                      Tuesdays: Grades 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>                      10:00am                      Thursdays: Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>                      10:40am</small>
6	7	8 <b>Our Lady of Kamalen Holiday</b>	9 <small>Focus Group BCD Meeting</small>	10 <small>Focus Group E Meeting</small>	11 <b>Grab &amp; Go Meal Distribution</b> 9:00am-12:00pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Grab &amp; Go Meal Distribution</b> 9:00am-12:00pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25		
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>							
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Hard Copy Instruction:</b> Teachers who are not providing online instruction will be providing hard copy instruction via phone calls throughout the week. Please see grade level section for detailed information.		
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>							