

# Marlin Tales



## Machananao Elementary School

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

## ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS

It is with great pleasure in welcoming everyone to our "Home of the Marlins"! I hope that all is well with you and your family and are safe and healthy. It is evident that this school year will be like no other years we've had, but together we will continue to provide an adequate education even through this pandemic time. As we did not yet get the opportunity to meet due to the COVID-19 health situation, Machananao Elementary School faculty and staff have put together a "Parent and Student Orientation video about our school". Therefore, please visit our school website as the video contains Machananao Elementary School's Operating Procedures during this pandemic and essential information for School Year 2020-2021. Please use this video as a reference of important policies, protocols and procedures that are expected in order to achieve our school mission. To ensure peace of mind for everyone, our school will comply with COVID-19 regulations by working closely with GDOE and local public health agencies to ensure our students' and employees' health and safety is a priority during this pandemic. We are all excited and confident that your child/children will gain learning experiences here at MES that will prepare him/her for a successful future...College and Career Ready! I am honored to share with you that our school is staffed by competent and caring faculty and staff members. It is our hope that with a strong and consistent partnership, our children will develop the love for learning. Therefore, I encourage each and every one of you to please get involved in your child's education and actively participate in their journey here at our school. Please continue to keep yourself well informed and updated by having an open communication with your child's Teachers and the school, reading our school newsletter and PDN Education Update, visiting our school website and Facebook. I am proud to announce that MES is fully accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC validated and certified that our school is a trustworthy institutional learning and that we will continue to improve our school programs and operations to support student learning. Let us continue to work together to sustain a safe, healthy, supportive, and learning environment for our students. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we look forward to a positive "new normal" school year. STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY EVERYONE!

## NURSE'S NOTES

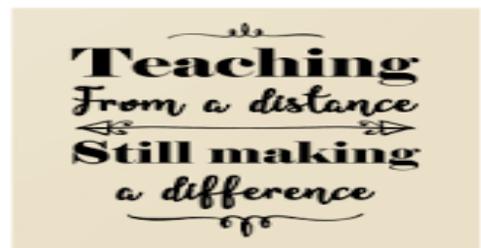
### Influenza (Flu) Vaccine Amid COVID-19

Flu and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) can both result in serious illness, including illness resulting in hospitalization or death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend getting the flu vaccine as early as September to combat influenza that may circulate until January or later. The flu and COVID-19 are both highly contagious and share many similar symptoms and may be difficult to differentiate between the two viruses. Also, it is possible to become sick with the flu, COVID-19, and other respiratory illnesses at the same time. Diagnostic testing can differentiate between the flu and COVID-19.

Aside from getting the flu vaccine, it is also essential to continue to practice good hand, cough, and sneeze hygiene and etiquette. Wash your hands often. Stay home when you're feeling sick. Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth when you interact with or are around people who are not from your household.

### Reference

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2020). *Frequently asked influenza (flu) Questions: 2020-2021 season.*  
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2020-2021.htm>



## ATTENDANCE

Although MES is teaching remotely, please be reminded that student 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 September Mini-Marlin families, welcome to the Marlin Family! We're so glad your little ones will be joining us this school year at Machananao Elementary School, even if it is from a distance! This month we will be focusing on establishing routines, getting acquainted with the models of learning, and building relationships with each other. We will also be incorporating social emotional learning activities to help our mini marlins transition to a new way of learning with a healthy state of mind. To learn more about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and it's importance please visit <https://casel.org/what-is-sel/>. Communication will be a key factor during this month as we navigate through this new way of learning together, but we are so happy to have each one of you as partners in education.

**Instructional Schedule:** *[Schedule may be subject to change]:*

**Monday and Wednesday- Group 1:** 9:00am-9:30am and

**Group 2:** 10:00am-10:30am **Optional Friday Fun-** 9:00am-9:30am

## KINDERGARTEN

Greetings Parents and Guardians, we hope you and your family are doing well! This school year, it is our goal to provide your child with new positive learning experiences while prudently responding to the ongoing risks associated with the virus. Your child is learning character education skills of citizenship and how to be safe during this pandemic. They are also learning how to write their name, reciting the ABC's, counting 0-25, and identifying the Five Senses. A fun and educational website to visit for additional practice on what your child is learning is ABCya.com."

**Instructional Schedule:**

**F101, F103: (Hard Copy)** Session A and B

**F104: (Online)** Session A and B at 8:45am-9:45am and 11:45am-12:45pm, **(Hard Copy)** Session C

## FIRST GRADE

Hafa Adai and Welcome Back Parents/Guardians:

Here are the skills and topics that First Grade will be working on this month:

**Math:** Number concepts 0-20 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TgLf3PM0c>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOAjq682YrA>

**Language/Writing:** Print uppercase and lowercase alphabet letters; Story Illustration

**Social Studies:** Covid-19 protocols "What is Coronavirus?" <https://youtu.be/FqaXBtSaiUE>

Hand washing experiment: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KirHm\\_syfl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KirHm_syfl)

**Science:** Structure and Functions of a plant: Parts of a Plant for Kids | Learn all about plant parts and their functions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-xScqCNOGA>

**Reading:** Alphabet letter sounds and sight words.

**Instructional Schedule:**

**E101, E103, & E104: (Hard Copy)** Session A-C.

**E102: (Online)**

**Monday & Wednesday** at 12:45pm-1:45pm, **Tuesday & Thursday** at 8:45am-9:45am

## SECOND GRADE

Parents and Guardians, We are looking forward to working with you. With your help, we can better adjust to the new learning conditions. At home, please help your child:

**Reading:** Read reading materials for 1 hour and 15 minutes everyday.

**Language Arts:** Practice printing upper and lower case letters.

**Math:** Practice two digit addition & subtraction math facts 0-20, place values, and counting 0-1000. For more practice, check out [www.math-aids.com](http://www.math-aids.com).

Your feedback is important to us. Please fill out the Parent Feedback Sheet or contact your child's teacher.

**Instructional Schedule:**

**D101, D103, D104: (Hard Copy)** Session A-C

**D102: (Online)** Session A-C from 8:30am-9:30am

## THIRD GRADE

Welcome back, Mighty Mighty 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders! We hope that you are keeping safe, washing your hands, and are wearing your masks! This year is already so different from other years. Our first days, weeks and even months may look strange, so mindset is everything. We'll learn, make mistakes, learn some more, and even have some fun along the way. We will be learning about identifying place value and skip counting in Math. We will also be learning how to ask and answer questions from a given text, map skills and identifying continents and ocean, all while exploring our environment in Science! Please have your child visit [abcya.com](http://abcya.com) to play educational games! Email your child's Teacher if you have any questions: [dlpablo@gdoe.net](mailto:dlpablo@gdoe.net), [mssanluis@gdoe.net](mailto:mssanluis@gdoe.net), [jcregis@gdoe.net](mailto:jcregis@gdoe.net), [vbbaisa@gdoe.net](mailto:vbbaisa@gdoe.net). Marlins together, but six feet apart.

**Instructional Schedule:** **H101 and H102: (Hard Copy)** Monday-Friday  
**H103: (Online)** Session C: 9:00am-10:00am, **(Hard Copy)** Session A and B  
**H104: (Online)** Session C: 9:30am-10:30am, **(Hard Copy)** Session A and B

## FOURTH GRADE

Welcome to school year 2020-2021! For 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, we are learning the following: **Reading:** Theme "Journeys" Drawing Inferences; **Language Arts:** Kinds of Sentences; **Math:** Place Value – Order and Compare Numbers. We are also going to teach our students Safety Guidelines and Total Health. Your support is greatly appreciated! It's going to be a great year! Visit the following website: [https://www.education.com>math\\_to\\_practice\\_Math\\_skills\\_and\\_https://wehavekids.com>education](https://www.education.com>math_to_practice_Math_skills_and_https://wehavekids.com>education) to become fluent in reading.

**Instructional Schedule:**

**C102: (Online)** Session A: 8:45am-10:45am, **(Hard Copy)** Session B and C

**C103: (Online)** Session A, B, **(Hard Copy)** Session C

**C104: (Hard Copy)** Session A-C

## FIFTH GRADE

We would like to thank you for your continued support for your child's education. We welcome our Invincible 5<sup>th</sup> graders for the school year 2020-2021. We are excited for all the new things we will learn in the first quarter! The following are the main topics for 1st quarter your child will be learning: **Math:** Fluently multiply multi-digit whole numbers using the standard algorithm. **ELA:** Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text. Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.

Keyboarding: <http://www.how-to-type.com/>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/>

<https://www.multiplication.com/>

**Instructional Schedule:**

**C101: (Hard Copy/Online)** Session A, B **(Hard Copy)** Session C

**B101: (Online)** Session A, C: Starting at 9:00am, **(Hard Copy)** Session B

**B102: (Hard Copy)** Session A-C

## CHAMORU K-5th

Hãfa Adai Parents/Guardians! Welcome back to a new and different school year! For the month of September we will be learning about Familia (Family), Siñente (Feelings), and Trâstes Hãlom Klas (Things in the classroom). We thank you for your patience and support as we adapt to this new way of learning. Please visit the following websites for more practice on the Chamoru language <http://www.chamoru.info/dictionary>/<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3QaV9fyALA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdM7h17Tt18&t=8s>

**Instructional Schedule:** **Sinot Quitugua: (Hard Copy)** Session A-C

**Sinora Santos: (Online)** Session B with Kinder- 10:10am-10:40am, **2nd**

**grade:** 11:10am-11:40am, and **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1:05pm-1:35pm, **Session C** with

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** 10:10am-10:40am, **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** 11:10-11:40am, and **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

1:05pm-1:35pm

## LIBRARIAN'S LINES

Hafa Adai Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to SY 2020-2021! I am the School Librarian, Mrs. Arriola. I am delighted that your child/children will be visiting the Library, exposed to so many different books, learning library skills and getting additional support on the English Language Arts(ELA) Common Core State Standards that are taught in their homeroom class. I will be focusing on key components on Comprehension - How to help your child understand what they are reading and to be able to answer questions about the story. This month we will focus on the 3Bs in the library and safety guidelines that we all need to know and practice demonstrating so we can stay safe. This school year will be different and there will be many changes in the way we use to do things. We will still be learning and having fun, just keeping our distance. We will work together and make this school year fun and memorable! Your child will be able to check out a book every other week if you signed the Library Contract on the Student Information Form. Please check with your child's teacher for the form. However, due to the current situation of COVID-19, library books will remain in the classroom. Your child will not be able to take their library book home for the time being. On March 16, 2020, the schools shut down and the children were not able to return their library books. A few parents did turn in their library books and I thank you. However, over 200 books have not been returned. The library lost a great amount of books. Please have your child/ren return their library books from last school year. Help our library to recover as well. I am looking forward to seeing your child/ren when it is safe and getting to know them. In the meantime, students using Online instruction will be able to visit the library on our school website, <http://machananaoelementaryschool.weebly.com/> starting September 8, 2020. Click on Curriculum and click on Library/Library Lessons. There will be a Learning Choice Board, with instructions on what to do, filled with skills and activities. Students receiving hard copy learning will receive their packets with instructions on what to do on September 8 -11, 2020. Library Lessons will be given out on a monthly basis. I will update you for any new or any changes through the school newsletter. Be safe Marlin Families.

Together in Education - Mrs. Arriola, School Librarian

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome Marlins! I understand that starting school brings BIG emotions. I am here to help you understand what you are feeling. As your Counselor, I am here to provide support to all students, families, and faculty/staff. I also help keep a safe and nurturing environment that is student centered. As an advocate for our students, I am guided by the Guam Comprehensive School Counseling Program that focuses on three domains: Academic, Social/Emotional and Career. I have been working at Machananao Elementary School for 6 years now! Please know that I work closely together with the faculty and staff to ensure we meet our students/families needs.

I will be providing mini lesson activities in teaching our students the monthly virtues. September's Virtue of the Month is "RESPECT" – treat others how you would like to be treated. "Social and Emotional Awareness - Help your child deal with COVID-19"

Reassure children about safety measures in place to keep Students and Teachers healthy and remind children that they can also help prevent germs spreading by washing their hands with soap and coughing or sneezing into their elbow.

Encourage regular handwashing. It doesn't need to be a scary conversation. Sing along with their favorite song or do a dance together to make learning fun.

Remind children about the positives – that they will be able to see their friends and Teachers (when they are physically returning to the classroom) and continue learning new things.

Letting your kids know ahead of time that schools may need to close again will help them be prepared for the period of adjustment ahead. It's also important to continue to remind them that learning can happen anywhere – at school and at home – and that they can also keep in touch with and support their friends online in the meantime.

Mr. Charles Santos, School Counselor

## ESL

Greetings Parents!

Welcome back to another school year with a few new educational challenges that I'm sure we'll get through with enough patience, understanding, innovation, and safeguards. Regardless, as a program we will continue to focus on building greater English proficiency among our entire ELL population! Although the process may be slow-going at first, we will assess our potential ELLs and if required place them in an appropriate program service. Additionally, because MES' ESL program does not readily have an ESL Teacher for the lower grades, temporary disruption of services may occur until an appropriate replacement is found. As for myself, I will continue to work toward the same high expectations and academic success for ELLs in the intermediate grades (4th & 5th). Finally, as we start off this new and uncertain educational year, please continue to identify the best ways in allowing your child to participate in his/her mode of learning: Face-to-face (FTC); Online; Hard-copy (HD). At any time during the school day, please reach out to me with questions or concerns about your child's progress or the services the ESL Program provides. The following website offers some understanding of the benefits of ESL services: <https://www.readinghorizons.com/blog/post/2010/03/02/8-benefits-of-english-lanuage-learning-elles> whenever possible, and socially distancing yourselves as a family! Additionally, due to the current restrictions on face-to-face teaching at our school campus, the ESL Program will provide the following alternate weekly schedule that should begin in the next few weeks: Mondays and Tuesdays will be dedicated to preparing weekly online and hard-copy lessons, and Wednesdays and Thursdays will be days reserved for their upload and distribution respectively." Thank you, and please be extra cautious by wearing a mask and sanitizing your hands.  
Dr. Quitano, ESL Coordinator/Teacher

## GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Welcome back to a new school year, GATE families! I am excited for all new things to come and I am positive that learning will continue. This month, we are getting back into sharpening your divergent thinking skills and being an affective learner. Remember, divergent thinking means how fluent your creative thought process is and affective learning means being able to accept yourself as a gifted and talented student.

### ***Instructional Schedule:***

***(Online) Session A: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade from 10:00am-11:00a.m, Session B: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30am-11:30am***

***(Hard Copy) Session C***

*Mrs. Cielito Rivera, GATE Teacher*

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Hello, Marlins! Welcome to a new school year! Despite not being able to meet in person, we are still working together to ensure we continue to learn. The following are online tools that can be used for distance learning:

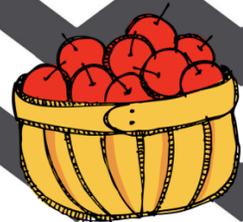
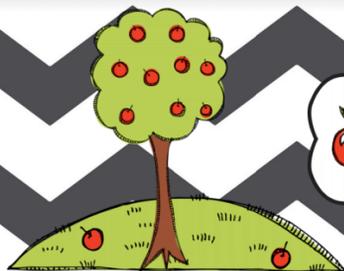
- <https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printables/>
- Khan Academy Kids (Apple or Android App Stores)

Stay safe, Marlins! – 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	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:30a.m.-11:00a.m.</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade & GATE	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30a.m.-11:00a.m.</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:30a.m.-11:00a.m.</b>
<b>Grab &amp; Go Meal Distribution</b> (to students enrolled at MES)		
<b>Friday's</b>	<b>9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.</b>	
All vehicle occupants must be wearing a mask upon entry on campus and must not exit their vehicles.		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Online Live Schedule:
		Session A	Session B 2	Session C 3	4 Grab & Go Meal Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm	<b>Pre-K GATE</b> Monday/Wednesday Group 1 9:00-9:30 Group 2 10:00-10:30 Optional: Friday Fun  <b>Kindergarten:</b> F104 Session A 8:45-9:45 & 11:45am-12:45pm Session B 8:45-9:45 & 11:45am-12:45pm  <b>1st Grade:</b> E102 Monday/Wednesday 12:45pm-1:45pm Tuesday/Thursday 8:45am-9:45am  <b>2nd Grade:</b> D102 Session A, B, C 8:30am-9:30am  <b>3rd Grade:</b> H104: Session C 9:30-10:30 H103: Session C 9:00-10:00  <b>4th Grade:</b> C102: Session A 8:45am-10:45am C103: Session A&B 8:30am-9:45am  <b>5th Grade:</b> B101: Session A&C Start at 9am
6	Labor Day Holiday No Classes	Session A 8	Session B 9	Session C 10	1st MidQuarter (19 Days) Grab & Go Meal Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm	
13	Session A 14	Session B 15	Session C 16	Session A 17	18 Grab & Go Meal Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm	
20	Session B 21	Session C 22	Session A 23	Session B 24 1st MidQuarter Progress Report Sent Home	25 Grab & Go Meal Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm	
27	Session C 28	Session A 29	Session B 30	Hard Copy Instruction: 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.		