

## **Magnolia School District-East Side Elementary School Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days**

The Magnolia School District has been approved for (5) Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) days. AMI days will be used when the school or district is closed due to exceptional or emergency circumstances such as inclement weather, utility outage, or other rare cases. The first five days missed will automatically be considered as AMI days. Any additional missed days will be considered as make-up days. An announcement of school closure will be provided through School Messenger, district social media accounts, and local radio stations.

Magnolia School District will utilize print resources as an alternative method of instruction on days where instruction is lost due to inclement weather and/or other emergencies that may result in the closure of schools. The resources will be organized into learning packets for students. The packets are vital due to the lack of internet connectivity in rural areas, as well as the possibility of power outage in inclement weather. Learning packets will be distributed to students when they return from the missed days.

Grades K-3 will receive learning packets that will include a variety of instructional assignments that will review and extend the previous lessons taught prior to an AMI day. Accommodations for students with IEPs and 504s will be followed accordingly. AMI literacy assignments will address all components of early literacy development. Resources from the district's currently adopted curriculums that focus on these components will be utilized. The literacy activities included in the plans will be easily implemented in an alternative environment. The literacy packets will include the following:

Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Emphasis on phonics and phonemic awareness

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Emphasis on phonics, vocabulary development, and oral reading fluency

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Emphasis on phonics, vocabulary development, oral reading fluency, and comprehension

Students in grades K-2 will be given math learning activities that review or extend students' thinking for counting and building sense/place value understanding in the form of take-home math games. The 2018 ACT Aspire assessment in third grade revealed weak areas in Number and Operations in Base Ten, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, and Justification and Explanation. The third grade learning packets will include story problems that address the weak areas and use the "Justification Framework" as part of this activity. Third graders will also be given take-home math games that will strengthen their number sense and place value understanding.

Student attendance in grades K-12 will be determined based upon the work completed and submitted. A student shall be determined as present if he or she returns the assigned AMI work within the allotted time frame. If a student does not return the assigned work, he or she will be counted absent. The time frame for completing is based on the Magnolia School District make-up work policy: "Students shall have one class day more to make up their work for each class day they are absent."