



Spring Branch ISD
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Dear MDE Parents,

What a fun Trek to the Deck this morning! I loved seeing all the parents and students come together on the deck to blow bubbles, hula-hoop, jump rope, kick around balls, take their picture with Spirit, and just have a fun time! Please see the school calendar for upcoming Trek to the Deck events, as well as other school events. This is a special time to visit with neighbors, but also a great opportunity for you to walk your child(ren) to the classroom.

We hope you all have a restful fun-filled Labor Day Weekend! Safety of every child is our number one priority at MDE. All campus staff attend campus safety training and review emergency protocols as part of our ongoing professional development. We have reviewed and updated our school's emergency operations plans. This week we have worked on social-emotional growth with lessons on responsibility. We also worked on school safety with a fire drill and a lock-down drill. This Tuesday, we had some lightning in the area, along with heavy rain, and made sure to release students directly to parents rather than ride bikes home.

As we transition out of August into September, and have long since traded in our beach-bags for backpacks and lunch kits; school is in full swing! We are also looking forward to numerous school events in September, such as the visiting author and book fair! To stay up to speed on homework and grade-level news, please look for your child's grade-level newsletters. Additionally, students in grades 3 through 5 now have planners. These are key to making the home-to-school connection successful!

Students are fully engaged in high levels of learning through our District literacy program, Units of Study (<http://www.unitsofstudy.com/>). Be sure to ask your child(ren) about their writing and "book shopping"! Additionally, our students love the hands-on experiments in the Science Lab with Mrs. Kirn. These investigations enrich our children's lives and build their capacity to problem solve and to be a great teammate!

We are so excited to have Elise Cooper as our new Dyslexia Teacher. Mrs. Cooper is a graduate of Baylor University and is a Spring Branch alumna. She is passionate about reading, believes in Every Child, and their ability to learn.

We are SBISD Proud. Together WE Rise!

Sincerely,

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