



# Madison Station ELEMENTARY

## **Goal 1: Academic Excellence (focusing on a child's mind)**

We believe that the mission of our school is to provide each child with a solid foundation in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. Near the completion of each school year, our students in grades 3-5 participate in state testing. We are proud that our test scores consistently rank among the highest in the state. To supplement state testing, our district administers the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment 3 times a year to Kindergarten –Fifth Grade students. The data received from these assessments provides helpful information for our teachers to accomplish our goal of instructing each child on his or her level to advance each child academically.

## **Goal 2: Arts Integration (focusing on a child's heart and soul)**

In 2000 Madison Station partnered with the Mississippi Arts Commission through a Whole Schools grant initiative. The goal of the grant was to train teachers to integrate the arts into every aspect of the curriculum. Our "Arts Create Excellence" (ACE) program was established. Over \$500,000.00 has been secured and spent on arts initiatives at Madison Station. Madison Station students are truly immersed in the arts throughout the day. Some examples include: the featured artist artwork that hangs in the foyer each month, the student-created artwork in the halls, and the classical music played at the beginning of each day and throughout the day for movement and dance body breaks. The MSE PTO provides funding for our 3rd-5th grade art teacher, 5th grade Drama Club, and 1st-5th grade KidzArt instruction.

## **Goal 3: Fitness and Wellness (focusing on a child's body)**

Madison Station has a history of excellence in the physical education classroom. Our PE instructors have been recognized throughout the state for their innovative approach to helping children stay fit. Our students have participated and scored well in the Presidential Fitness Challenge program. Using brain and body research, classroom teachers incorporate movement activities in the classroom, encourage students to eat healthy snacks and drink water, as well as teach students how to care for their bodies.

## **Goal 4: Strong Character Traits (focusing on a child's character)**

Madison Station believes that character education and demonstrating core values helps to build successful students. Our school participates in various service projects throughout the year that introduce and build a sense of community and charity in our students. Each year our students and staff gather food items for a local food pantry. We also participate in fundraising for various organizations such as the Make-a-Wish Foundation. We often celebrate and appreciate our teachers, custodial staff, bus drivers, and other people who make our school and community a better place. In addition, Madison Station has instituted the Character Trait of the Month. This character trait is integrated into classroom lessons and communicated to parents through newsletters. Students who are "caught" exhibiting that character trait are invited to eat lunch at a special lunch table - our Character Cafe - and receive a treat. Some of the character traits we promote include responsibility, compassion, kindness, and respect.