MCMILLAN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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ACADEMICS

Academic Goal: 80% of K students will be at Tier 1 instructional support by the end of the 2026-2027 school year as measured by the PASI & PSI benchmark assessment.

iReady Reading Data Dashboard:

Benchmark	2025-2026	Tier 1: On or above grade level	Tier 2: One Yr Below Grade Level	Tier 3: More than 1 Yr Below Grade Level
BOY - October	58%, 43%, 0%			
MOY -February	n/a (in previous years, we only administered MOY and EOY)			
EOY - May	85%, 15%, 0%			

Students are actively completing their i-Ready assessments this week and we look forward to seeing the new data.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Goal: Increase the number of students attending 90% or above by the end of the 2026-27 school year from 91% to 94%.

Data Dashboard:

Month	Average Daily Attendance Rate	Tier 1: Percentage of Students with 90%/+	Tier 2: Percentage of Students with 80%-89.9% Att.	Tier 3: Percentage of Students below 80%

		Att. rate	Rate	Att. Rate
August	95.13%	84.84%	11.51%	3.63%
September	93.93%	78.8%	13.6%	7.45%
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				

We will be giving away Perfect Attendance Awards for 1st Quarter on Monday, October 19 for those students who had perfect attendance for the 1st Quarter. We will be celebrating with an extra recess.

BEHAVIOR

Behavior Goal: 80% of K students will be at Tier 1 Positive Behavior Support by the end of the 2026-2027 school year as measured by the office discipline referral data.

Data Dashboard:

Month	Number of ODR's	Tier 1: Percentage of Students with 2 or fewer referrals	Tier 2: Percentage of Students with 3 - 6 referrals	Tier 3: Percentage of Students with 7+ referrals
August	6	99.4%	0.6%	0.0%
September	14	99.4%	0.0%	0.6%
October				
November				
December				
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February				
March				

April				
May				

Classroom teachers are teaching weekly PBIS in their morning circle and reviewing building expectations. Teachers implemented calming corners/safe seats in their classroom and we purchased tools to support the students with their sensory needs and emotional regulation. The counselor taught feeling buddy lessons and breathing techniques from Conscious Discipline. MELC received a donation of Conscious Discipline materials and resources from United Way of Central Missouri to further help teachers implement Conscious Discipline strategies. Classroom teachers completed EIS surveys for their students which gave data to our counselor to form her social skills groups which she began as well.

BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

Disco Night- First annual disco event on Friday, September 25

- The PTO hosted this fun event
- It was open to all MELC students and their families
- Hours were from 6:00-8:00 pm
- Specials thanks to the Creed family for volunteering to be our dj's for the evening
- Special thanks to Kara Winterbower for donating the photo booth

Dolly Day- Friday, September 25

- Mrs. Howell and Mrs. B honored the late Dolly Parton by seeking out every staff member, providing 3 treats while dressed up as Dolly and playing all of her greatest hits. Dolly did a lot to increase exposure to books for children and promoted childhood literacy.
- The teachers enjoyed pink drinks, pink snacks, and a pink school supply, lotion, nail polish, or extra snack for the 2 men we have that are not "pink" fans.

Homecoming & Ty Lue Day, Oct. 9, 2026

- Our building participated by purchasing plants and pots to help festively decorate the Veterans Home. The Kindergarten students decorated the pots with creativity and a lot of love.
- Our Pre-K students and staff hosted a lemonade stand and raised over $300 to give to the ACCIS program. The Audrain County Crisis Intervention Service is a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelters, support groups, and one-on-one peer counseling. In addition to the $300 donated there were many household items such as detergent, cleaning supplies, and hygiene products donated as well. Many of the Pre-K team members took the money and supplies to the ACCIS program directors in person.