

Patti Bilyard, Principal
Donna Lorenz, Assistant
Christina Hamm, Assistant



Important Dates

2nd – 6th: Play it Safe Program
11th: Kids for Christ @ 7:45 a.m.
16th: 3rd Grade Program @ 6:00 p.m.
(Alexander, Hiner and Rigsby)
18th: 3rd Grade Program @ 6:00 p.m.
(Breshears, Roller and Stone)
18th & 19th: 4th Graders go Caroling
19th & 20th - Early Release Days @ 1:50 p.m.
NO LATCHKEY
20th: Christmas Parties @ 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd: Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL
We will see you back at school on Jan. 6th



CIRCLE DRIVE – The circle drive wait time has been substantially reduced since all parents and students have learned the procedures. You can help us speed up our morning drop off even more by doing the following:

**Give your student(s) goodbye hugs and kisses BEFORE you pull up to let them out of the car*

**Have all backpacks, lunchboxes and jackets on your student BEFORE you pull up to let them out of the car*

**Circle drive students are to be DROPPED OFF. If you are needing to walk your child in, please utilize our walk up area on the east side of the building.*

****PLEASE DO NOT UTILIZE YOUR CELL PHONE IN CIRCLE DRIVE****



Check out our website for important district information!!

www.hilldale.k12.ok.us



Critical Thinking

Critical thinking – the ability to go beyond basic knowledge and consider “the bigger picture” – is a crucial skill for school success. The better students are able to think critically, the more deeply they will grasp new concepts and ideas.

To promote these skills:

- **Let your child figure things out.** Resist the urge to solve every problem. Instead, give them time to work through problems themselves. Give them space to come up with a plan.
- **Discuss current events.** Is there a news story that might interest them? Print out an article and chat about it over dinner.
- **Encourage reflection.** Once your child completes a big project for school, talk about it. Regardless of how the project went, reflecting on the process will help them hone their critical thinking skills.

PTO Information

6th: Hornet Store and Bedlam Parties
9th – 13th: Food Drive
13th: Hat Day for the Angel Tree
Parents Night Out 6 – 9 p.m.
17th: Freddy’s Night 5-9 p.m.
18th: Food Drive Parties

