

# Robert Crippen Elementary

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## "Home of the College-Bound Astronauts"

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Dear Crippen Elementary Parents & Guardians,

The Texas Education Agency provides a flex week schedule option for school districts and our school board has approved a flex week schedule for the 2009-2010 school year.

***Our last day of the normal school year will be May 21 and flex week will run from Monday, May 24 through Friday, June 4.*** Monday, May 31 is a school holiday so flex week is a nine-day event.

Those who meet the following criteria will be eligible for enrichment activities during flex week.

- Kindergarten students must score at the developed level on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory.
- First and second grade students must reach a designated point on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory and have an overall average of 80% or more in Language, Reading, Math and Science.
- Third, fourth, and fifth grade students must score 80% or more on all grade level TAKS tests, and have an overall average of 75% or more in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- Fourth grade students must earn at least a 2 on TAKS Writing.
- All students must have ten or fewer excused absences for the year.

During Flex Week students at Crippen will be at "**Astronaut Training Camp**". Students will be in different houses based on their interests or needs. Some of the houses will be technology camp, UIL preparation & competition, enrichment, and acceleration. All students will spend a portion of their day in "**Astronaut Training**" activities (*from NASA – Fit Explorer & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Explorer*). There are many exciting learning activities being planned for our students.

The Pre-K school year will end on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Pre-K and kindergarten **ESL Summer Program** will begin on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

We send more information as flex week approaches. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Warmest Regards,

Sarah Hottman