

Monaco Elementary Board

Communication

February 2011

Snow, ice, and falling temperatures.... you can certainly tell it is winter time in Aubrey America! Unfortunately, this cold mix prevented us from attending school the first 4 days of February. So, we started the month in session on Monday, February 7th, and we were able to squeeze in the monthly PTO meeting and **1st grade Musical Performance** on the evening of February 8th. The first graders performed a program entitled, TV Land, and it was very entertaining for all. Then again, inclement weather struck and classes were cancelled on Wednesday, February 9th. Getting back in the swing again on February 10th, we celebrated our **100th Day of School!** The students in our lower grades were very excited and wore T-shirts decorated by them and parent volunteers to celebrate the occasion. Also, the students were asked to bring 100 of various items to share with their classmates. Then, we ended the week on February 11th, which brought the end of the 4th six weeks grading period as well. **Report Cards** will go home on Wednesday, February 16th.

The week of February 14th, of course started off with lots of love and sweet sentiments with **Valentine Day activities** on Monday. At the end of the week, on Friday, February 18th, our awards and acknowledgement assembly called **HUDDLE** will take place. This event will celebrate student accomplishments from the previous six weeks with awards for A, AB Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Above and Beyond efforts. At this particular HUDDLE, emphasis will also be given to the March 1st TAKS Writing Test for 4th graders, and our aim for Exemplary will be encouraged through cheers and games.

During the last week of the month, February 22nd – 24th, there will be **TAKS Benchmark Testing** taking place in grades 3 and 5. Reading, Math, and Science will be covered by these tests to gather data on students, which in turn will better prepare them for their actual TAKS tests in April. This will end the month of February with hopefully a warm up weather wise, and a full month of classroom attendance for March!

Enjoy the beauty of the winter season and stay well.

Best wishes from MES!

