



Venus Primary School Board Report

March 2022

Current enrollment as of 1/6/22: 428

Enrollment on 8/6/21: 365

1st Grade: 157

K: 159

Pre-K: 113

EE: 4

This Month at VPS: We celebrated Read Across America week with an even greater emphasis on reading in the classrooms and participating in campus-wide dress-up days. Students who qualified for the Big Kahuna limo ride were able to eat at Cici's Pizza for lunch. Our 1st Grade students are currently participating in a Battle of the Books tournament this month! We are planning to build sandboxes for each playground and are making plans to create a campus garden.

From our Specials Team:

We just completed our annual Jump Rope For Heart day! Coach Smith did an amazing job planning, teaching, and organizing the day to run smoothly, and the kids had a blast! Overall, they raised \$5,699.00. We are currently preparing for upcoming events such as Fine Arts night, Kindergarten graduations, and our First Grade Texas themed program. Mrs. Beam is working with her first graders as they prepare their "Wild About Art" creations. Mrs. Williams is teaching our students about osmosis with a gummy bear experiment. Ms. Cerda raised enough money through Scholastic that the school was able to provide each child a book. They were VERY excited to receive their own book, and they were reading them during dismissal time! Mr. Gentry is teaching his students how to begin coding.

From 1st Grade:

ELA: Non-fiction Text features, central/main idea, more emphasis on correct punctuation, proper nouns, pronouns, prepositions. We've always been emphasizing fluency and comprehension in reading small groups.

Phonics: We have almost hit all of our vowel/consonant digraphs, diphthongs, combinations, etc.

Math: Addition/subtraction within word problems, place value to the hundreds, fractions and geometry.

From Kindergarten:

In ELAR, Kindergarten has been working on:

- Identifying medial sounds in words.
- Reading and writing CVC, CCVC, and CVCC words.
- Retelling a story we have read.
- Making and confirming predictions and identifying the author's purpose in stories we are reading.
- Using capital letters and punctuation when writing sentences.
- Writing informational text and narratives.
- Reading and writing sight words.

In Math, Kindergarten has been working on:

- Identifying and sorting 2-D and 3-D shapes.
- Counting to 100 by 10s and 1s.
- Comparing sets of objects.
- Fact fluency to/from 5.

From Pre-K: Pre-K has had a busy month for March.

Our theme for this month is On the Go!

* By studying On the Go! we are learning about different forms of transportation by land, air, and sea

* Some of the stories we have read include: Row, Row, Row Your Boat, Let's Go, Freight Train, and The Ugly Truckling

*We are also learning about Concept Vocabulary, Phonological Awareness, Alphabet Knowledge, and Oral Language

In Math we are studying the following topics by engaging, developing, and practicing:

*Patterns (recognize and create)

*Geometry (name common shapes, location words)

In Science we are studying the following topics by engaging, developing, and practicing:

*Light, Heat, and Electricity (observes, investigates, describes, discusses)

*Push 'n Pull (observes, investigates, and describes motion of objects)

*Magnets (demonstrate different ways magnets can be used)

* In Motion (how objects move, up, down, round and round, slow, fast, back and forth)

In Social we are studying the following topics by engaging, developing, and practicing:

*Land and Water (Geography Tools, maps of United States, Texas, and Venus)

In Writing we are learning to write our letters correctly by following two step oral directions:

*We are practicing the letters M, N, Q,U, W,

*Labeling pictures

*Writing in our journals

Teacher of the Month for March: Leslie Fira is a 1st Grade Teacher. Mrs. Fira does amazing things with her students! They are always engaged and ready to learn. She puts in extra time to make sure her students and classroom are ready for the coming week. Every free minute is a learning opportunity with Mrs. Fira. You may even see them reading sight words while waiting for their friends to finish up during restroom breaks.

Staff Member of the Month for March: Stephanie Garrison is a Life Skills paraprofessional. Mrs. Garrison goes above and beyond to assist our Life Skills students in the classroom, at Specials, and always volunteering to help in areas of need. She advocates for her students and is a great support system for our Life Skills classroom.

Student of the Month for March: Max DiFede is a Kindergarten student in Mrs. Dunn's class. Max has made great strides in maturity. In class and in the halls, Max always has a smile on his face, is a hard worker, and is an outstanding listener.

