

Brockett Elementary
Board Communications
October 2012



October 3 – PTO Luncheon

The Brockett PTO hosted their first luncheon of the new school year. Thank you to all of the parents who helped to feed our teachers and staff. It was delicious.

October 11 & 12 – Dog Tag Mania

Several parents and grandparents came to celebrate the achievements of our students. Awards were given for attendance, grades, etc.

October 16 – Boss's Day Staff Lunch

Happy Boss's Day Mrs. Lott! To help celebrate the day, the staff treated Mrs. Lott to a wonderful buffet.

October 18 – 1st Grade Musical

Thank you Mrs. Cummings for all of your hard work preparing our 1st graders for their musical, Bugz! Thank you also to all of the moms who came and helped prepare our students for the exciting night.

October 22 – 26 Red Ribbon Week

We have some new activities planned for Red Ribbon Week: college day, career day, and a professional day. We look forward to seeing what our students will come up with this year. Remember to "Be Drug Free!"

October 26 – Character Parade

The annual character parade will end our Red Ribbon Week. Each class has chosen a book and will be dressed up like characters in their book.

October 29 – November 2 Book Fair

The Brockett Library will be hosting their first book fair of the year. There will be a special trophy for the class that collects the most money for the "One for Books" campaign.

November 1 & 2 – Parent Conferences

Teachers will be contacting parents soon to schedule conferences with parents. The conferences help to keep parents informed about their child's progress in the classroom.



Around the School:



Hard to believe that Halloween is upon us and that parent teacher conferences are about to begin. During this fun and festive time of year, kindergarten will be learning about pumpkins, bats, sources of light, and magnets in Science. In social studies, we have learned about families and diversity this month. Along with that we are teaching the students about neighborhoods and fire safety. In language arts, we will continue to learn the letters H, E, B, L, U, K, D and R. We are almost done with our alphabet! To add to our list of sight words we are learning the words it, you, up, do, is, he, and she this month. In math, we have mastered recognizing and writing our numbers 1-10; we will be discussing

positional words and taking our first c-scope math assessment this month. Hard to believe our little brains can retain so much information in such a short amount of time. Way to go Kindergarten!!! Kiss that brain!



1st Grade

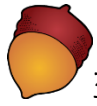
In reading/language arts, we are learning listening and reading comprehension, making words with short /e/, short /o/, and blends. We are also learning decoding strategies and beginning our guided reading. In addition, we are working at our literacy workstations and learning how to respond to literature in our Reading Response Journals. In writing, we are writing personal narratives /stories.

In math, students are learning about number patterns, 2-dimensional figures, beginning concept of place value, and addition. In science, we are learning about animal moms and babies, interdependence, and seasonal/weather changes. In social studies, we are studying families, Columbus Day, how to be a good citizenship, and various historical figures who were good citizens.



2nd Grade

Second grade is moving right along into fall. In math, we are working on telling time. In reading, we are making inferences and continue to improve our Daily 5 time and Guided Reading. Social studies finds us studying about our country and continent. In science, we just finished our big bridge projects. In language arts, we are working on learning what an adjective is.



3rd Grade

A lot of great things are already happening at Brockett Elementary this fall school year of 2012! Third graders are wild about learning! In math the second six weeks, we are continuing to focus on place value, while reviewing rounding whole numbers to the nearest tens, hundreds, and thousands. Students are learning how to use vocabulary in math to determine what operation to use in a word problem. In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), third graders are studying literary form, elements of literary nonfiction, poetry, and drama. This Genre study connects reading and writing to allow students to become better writers and strategic readers, so they can approach text meaningfully and purposefully, while optimizing understanding and communication. Students will also be reading and writing personal biographies, while continuing to make connections and following Good Reader Strategies while reading. The second six weeks in science bundles student expectations relating to temperature, changes in state, and the Sun as a source of energy for the water cycle. Students will use appropriate tools and safe practices to continue their investigation of the physical properties of matter. In social studies, third graders are learning about the election process and the job of the president. We are looking forward to studying this with the children during an actual presidential election year! We will continue to strive for excellence in character and education!



4th Grade

There are many different forms of energy. Fourth graders will explore, compare and contrast, and make real world connections in science. Spanish and French explorers came to Texas many years ago to find riches to take back to their king. Were they successful? What did these men find? What happened as a result of these explorers finding this land? Stay tuned to learn more! We will be learning

more about these explorers as we study different genres in reading. The genres we will learn about are biographies and drama. Students will create trading cards based on their research. Adjectives will be main focus in English. Personal narratives will be written and revised as we continue to become great writers. Once students have mastered their basic multiplication facts we will learn how to solve three-digit by one-digit and two-digit by two-digit problems.



5th Grade

In ELA, half of our 5th graders are reading *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen and the other half are reading *Maniac Magee* by Gary Paulsen. The skills we are working on are story elements, summary, and character analyses, and vocabulary. We are talking about fiction and nonfiction and the difference in the two. We are also reading the play "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." We are using the play to promote fluency, vocabulary and story elements. We plan to review reading skills with them using pumpkin stories. We are starting persuasive writing, nonfiction writing.

During the second six weeks, fifth grade math students will be working on their multiplication and division skills as well as reviewing addition and subtraction covered in the first six weeks. The students will be using multiple skills to solve real world problems. We are very excited at the progress our students have made so far this year. They are doing a great job.