

Brockett Elementary Board Communications December 2013



Parent & Community Involvement at the School:

December 13 - PTO Teacher Luncheon

A warm "Thank You" to all of the parents and PTO members for providing us with another delicious meal.

December 14 - Santa Breakfast

Santa will be visiting Brockett Elementary during our Student Council Breakfast event.

December 16 to 20 - Christmas Fun at Brockett

Each day this week, students and staff will be dressing up in different holiday themes: Elf Day, Christmas Sock Day, Santa Hat Day, etc.

December 17 - Choir Field Trip

'Tis the season to make music! Our Brockett All Star Choir, SWAT team and Black Belt Recorders will go on a caroling field trip to Countryside Nursing Home in Pilot Point and Stonebriar Mall in Frisco.

December 18 - CoServ Teacher Luncheon

Thank you CoServ for all that you do for Brockett Elementary!

December 20 - Choir Program

Students and their families are invited to join us for a special performance by the BES Choir, S.W.A.T. and Black Belt Recorders. They will delight us with a variety of holiday songs during our Morning Assembly.

December 20 - Classroom Parties

Students in all grades will enjoy gift exchanges and holiday treats.



Other Student Events:

December 4 - UIL Tournament in Argyle

Our team scored 559 points, good for 2nd place in sweeps. The students and coaches did a FABULOUS job preparing for the event, and we look forward to bringing home another district championship in February when we travel to Princeton!



In the Classroom:



Kindergarten

In language arts, we will continue to learn the sight words: said, was, had, play, for, they ... letters /J/, /Q/, /Y /, /Z/ comprehension, reading groups will begin with book readers sent home daily, and writing independently will become a huge part of each day! In math, we will begin addition and subtraction with sums no greater than 10. December again is so much fun for our sweet kindergarteners. We will begin talking about the different ways people celebrate Christmas around the world and the festivities that go along with this winter holiday. Science will go hand in hand with Christmas as we discuss and learn what it means to be winter!



1st Grade

In reading/phonics, students will be learning about digraphs, trigraphs, and long vowels with silent e. We will also be learning about story structures, retelling details in stories, and comparing and contrasting different versions of gingerbread man stories. We will also be learning how to put words in alphabetical order. We will continue guided reading groups, literacy workstations, and responding to literature in Reading Response Journals. In writing, we will continue Morning Message, and Writer's Workshop. Students will be writing their own gingerbread story, as well as

personal narratives. We will also be reviewing conventions of writing and parts of speech. In math we will be working on identifying and counting coins as well as number recognition, more and less than, and ordering numbers 50-80. In science, we will be learning about bodies of water and how water, rocks, and soil affect landforms. In social studies, we will be learning about the right to vote, Christmas, and other holiday celebrations and customs.



2nd Grade

Second grade is very busy this time of year! In math, we are introducing students to addition with regrouping. In writing, we are writing an expository paper. Reading is packed as we talk about prefixes and suffixes and continue working on fluency and comprehension. In social studies, we are beginning a new unit on pioneers and explorers. Science brings us discussing rocks.



3rd Grade

Third grade at Brockett is excited about learning!

In math for this month of December, we are continuing multiplication. We will be doing a lot of hands on activities. Our focus this month will be all operations and using them in word problems. Students are also using their math journal for vocabulary.

We are continuing to teach and practice good reader strategies. This month students will use the structures and features of expository text to increase comprehension. Students will ask questions, determine main idea, draw conclusions, and consider cause and effect relationships. In writing, students apply what they learn about expository text to begin writing an expository composition that includes a central idea, supporting details, and a concluding statement. Students continue to study words, word parts, and word patterns in order to support the development of oral and written communication. We will continue modeling passion while reading and encourage each child to fall in love with reading. We continue to teach and review Writer's Workshop each day!

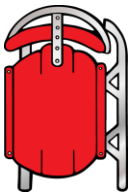
In science, we have been busy learning about landforms and the changes in landforms. We are also looking forward to our unit on rocks and minerals. Students continue to use their science journal for science vocabulary.

In social studies, third graders are learning about leaders in our community and world and how they have affected change. We will continue to strive for excellence in character and education! ☺



4th Grade

Sequencing and cause and effect will be the focus in our fourth grade reading classes. Students will enjoy reading books that embrace these skills. We will also talk about organizing skills and why sequencing is so important to our daily lives. We will write letters of persuasion to Santa as we plead our case for new toys. Persuasion is a very important form of writing that we will explore over the next few weeks. We are happy to report that students have done well learning their multiplication facts and we will move onto bigger and better things in math! **DIVISION!!** Our earth is constantly changing. These changes will be studied by our students in hands on activities and engaging conversations. We will take a look at weathering, erosion, and the importance of soil. The Texas colonies endured many conflicts. What were the conflicts? Why were there conflicts? How did they resolve conflicts? Stay tuned for answers. We are looking forward to a season of holidays and reflecting upon our lives for the many blessings that we enjoy.



5th Grade

The fifth grade scientists are digging into earth's past by investigating fossils. Then we will expand our horizons by comparing the earth, sun, and moon. In **ELAR**, we will be working on Greek & Latin roots, drawing conclusions, compare & contrast, and researching.