

# Franklin Elementary

103 Country Club Road Hillsboro, TX 76645

## September 2017 Board Report

### Curriculum

We use the OWL curriculum from Scott Foresman as our core curriculum and utilize online resources from the Children's Learning Institute to supplement our daily instruction. The Opening the World of Learning is available in English and Spanish. Our curriculum characters are Ollie, Kitten, and Red Bird. Our year at a glance (YAG) is posted on our website at <https://www.hillsboroisd.org/Page/211> This month, Pre-K students explore two units. The first unit explains friendship and the benefits of helping others. The second unit emphasizes family. Students will count from 1-10 and identify letters Mm, Oo, Ee, and Bb. They will work on classifying, sorting, and recognizing patterns. During science and social studies, our little learners will observe the environment and discuss senses and different cultures. This year we are using the CIRCLE Progress Monitoring System. It is a user-friendly, technology-driven tool that enables the teacher to assess a child's progress in a particular skill area almost instantly. This simplistic yet reliable data collection prompts teachers to focus on lessons that target their students' least developed skill areas. The CIRCLE Progress Monitoring System is aligned with the Prekindergarten Guidelines and Early Learning Framework.

### Professional Development

We love learning and helping others learn at Franklin Elementary. This year we have two instructional coaches on campus. Vicki Ellison and Kandy Faris attended a three day Texas School Ready coaching conference in Houston. They shared the Classroom Observation Tool and Classroom Environmental Checklist with the staff. Our coaches will set goals with teachers, visit classrooms, and give instructional feedback.

### Campus Updates

Our goal is to increase family communication. This year we are using FreshGrade digital portfolios to capture incremental steps in student progress over time through collection of student work. Parents are encouraged to review and comment on portfolios each week. Each week parents receive emailed information regarding our staff, students, operations, and upcoming events. To ensure effective communication, we will continue to send home monthly calendars and newsletters. Families may choose to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or download the district app.

### Upcoming Events

- Grandparents' Day Celebration September 8th 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Big Kahuna Fundraiser Kickoff-September 13th
- PTA Officer Election Meeting-September 20th 4:00 p.m.
- Family Fun Night September 26th 5:30-6:30 p.m.