

# **Brockett Elementary**

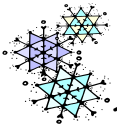
## **Board Communications**

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#### **Kindergarten**

Students are getting a great start to the new year! They are progressing well on their reading skills and working on fluency with sight word recognition. Language arts has them decoding cvc words, drawing conclusions, and making predictions about literature. They are also learning about procedural text and authors' purposes for writing. Math has our Kindergarteners working on counting to 100, learning about 3-dimensional shapes, and working with two-digit numerals. Day and night, as well as our planet, stars, the moon, and sun are topics our students will be investigating this month. In reading about people who have shaped our world and the purpose of celebrating Martin Luther King Day have Brockett Kindergarteners evaluating the importance of treating everyone fairly and showing kindness to others. Our students are really working hard, learning a lot, and doing a wonderful job!



#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

In reading/language arts, we are learning about spelling patterns that make long vowel sounds such as silent "e" and two vowels together. We are also learning about expository texts and how to use them to find information and facts. In writing, we are learning to add time-order words (sequence words) to our stories. We will also be writing friendly letters with correct parts of a letter and expository stories on a topic of interest. In math, we are learning about measuring temperature and telling time to the hour and half hour. In science, we are learning about different kinds of weather, gathering and analyzing data about the weather over a period of time, and seasons. In social studies, we are studying our environment such as weather, bodies of water, landforms, and how maps help us learn about our environment.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Second grade is glad to be back from a nice restful break! We are focusing on CHAPS strategies and reading passages, as well as fluency and comprehension. We are working on creating well written narratives, with focus on adjectives in our stories. In Math, we are tackling subtraction with regrouping. Hands on activities are consuming our science time as we learn about weather. Social studies is exciting as we study about income and taxes and workers in our community.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Happy New Year! We are excited to be beginning a New Year and semester at Brockett Elementary! Third graders are moving along nicely and blooming with new knowledge! In math this fourth six weeks, we are focusing on two –step word problems, multiplication, and division, while continuing to review estimating, rounding, adding compatible numbers, and regrouping in subtraction. In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), third graders are learning about the important role graphic features play in the comprehension of a text. Third graders have been using their CHAPS strategies and are getting very good at it. Students are doing at least two weekly reading assessments; they are also learning how to write a complete narrative with an introduction, body and conclusion and learning how to write a friendly letter. We are learning figurative language and the important role it plays in reading and writing. In science we will be studying the solar system and reviewing the rock cycle and land formations. All grade levels are having class and spending time in the outdoor classroom once a week! We will bring in the new year by studying Martin Luther King and the role he played in bringing equality to our nation. Throughout our instruction, students are incorporating words into their vocabulary journal for each subject. We are excited about the upcoming year and look forward to being with the students each day, teaching them and influencing their lives.



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

We are recharged and ready for a great second semester in fourth grade. Our students are working on zoning in on their writing skills. In reading we will start the great novel of The Legend of Thunderfoot. We will be doing a research project about animals from the book. We will look at the environment around them, as we dig deep into the soils and learn about why soil is so important. In social studies we will be learning about the struggles that Texas was having as they broke away from Mexico and made that decision to become a part of the Union.



#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

In reading, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders have completed the benchmark test. We will work on getting ready for the STAAR reading test at the end of March. We are using the skills/TEKS from CSCOPE. The concepts that will be taught are: point of view, author's perspective, story elements (plot, characters), theme and text to self.