



H.I.S. BOARD REPORT

December 7, 2016

H.I.S. Beliefs

We believe:

- **supportive relationships strengthen positive educational and life experiences.**
- **high expectations compel students to strive for excellence.**
- **an accepting and encouraging school environment inspires intellectual risk taking.**
- **authentic and engaging experiences foster opportunities for high levels of learning and growth.**
- **clear and open communication creates a pathway for school and community collaboration.**

December Board Report

The third six weeks is coming to an end with great academic successes at HIS! It continues to be an honor to see all the students smiling faces and eager minds walking through our hallways and in our classrooms! Our teachers are doing a phenomenal job at continuing to plan engaging lessons and incorporating various types of technology! We are all looking forward to continued success and great experiences this year at HIS!

Go Eagles!

H.I.S. Counselor's Corner

Each month the students at H.I.S. have the opportunity to exhibit a certain character trait and receive the character idol award. While all staff encourages all students to exhibit these traits all the time, students are selected by their teachers that go above and beyond to show these specific traits with classmates and others as well as through their daily work habits. This month the character trait was self-control. Students that were chosen will get to have a pizza lunch with Mrs. Fleming and play games for prizes. These students will also receive a spirit stick

for the trait of self-control. Each of these students will get a sign to place in their yard that says, "H.I.S. Self-Control Character Idol lives here! Go HIS Eagles!" We are looking forward to celebrating with these responsibility character idols! We can't wait to see who earns the honors for January which is fairness.

H.I.S. Fifth Annual Career Day

On Friday, November 18, 2016, H.I.S. took part in our fifth annual Career Day! Our students traveled throughout the day visiting various careers from our community.

Some examples of what our students got to experience today were Equestrian Instructor, Raptors from Cameron Park Zoo, Hill College Cosmetology, HILCO Electric, Farm Equipment Exhibit, Dentist, Air Traffic Controller, and many more!

H.E.S. second graders joined in on the festivities for the morning and got to experience in learning about all the things they can choose from to be when they grow up. H.I.S. had a day filled with goals being discussed and thought about for our students, supportive relationships built to strengthen positive educational and life experiences, and authentic engagement that foster opportunities for high levels of learning and growth. IT was a GREAT day at H.I.S. GO EAGLES!

H.I.S. U.I.L Activities

H.I.S. is anxiously looking forward to the academic U.I.L. events that are approaching. Our students and coaches have been working very hard to prepare for this great educational day and we know our Eagles will represent us well and rock it out! H.I.S. will host the ready writing meet on December 1, 2016. H.I.S. will be competing at Lakeview Camp for the academic meet with 2nd-5th grade. They will compete on December 8th. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Hamilton for all her hard work and preparation to ensure the students and teachers have everything they need for all U.I.L. activities to be a HUGE success!

We wish all our students good luck!

H.I.S. Christmas Craft Days

H.I.S. will have Christmas crafts on the week of November 28th after school. Mrs. Abreu and Mrs. Hamilton offer this to all of our students to stay after school enjoy a snack and make a holiday craft with classmates. We are looking forward to good times with friends!

Fifth Grade Field Trip

Fifth Grade will take a field trip to the Perot Museum on Wednesday, December 7th. The students got to tour the many levels of the museum and explore with all the different types of interacting exhibits. The fifth grade students and teachers were very excited about this because many of the attractions they got to view and learn about have been discovered this school year or will be discovered very soon in all subject areas. Lots of learning taking place on this field trip!

Fourth Grade Field Trip

Fourth Grade will take a field trip to the Texas Rangers Museum on Friday, December 2nd. The students got to tour the many aspects of the museum and explore with all the different types of interacting exhibits. The fourth grade students and teachers were very excited about this because many of the attractions they got to view and learn about have been discovered this school year or will be discovered very soon in all subject areas. The fourth graders also got to visit Magnolia Market and enjoy lunch. Lots of learning taking place on this field trip!

Terrific Third Grade

3rd Grade has been very busy this month in ELAR. We wrapped up “The Night at the Wax Museum.” We are so proud of all of their hard work and were amazed at how well they did the night parents were able to hear some of them give their speeches. They worked from mid-October through mid-November on this project. Our students will be presenting this project to the community as our booth at the Eagle Expo of Excellence.

We have also started learning about poetry and how poets use rhythm, rhyme, imagery, sensory language, personification and alliteration to help readers build detailed pictures in their minds. We have also learned about rhyming patterns and how poets use this to help a reader find the rhythm or beat to a poem.

Our students learned to differentiate between the four types of poetry in the 3rd grade TEKS. We discussed the differences between narrative, free verse, lyrical and humorous poetry and how to recognize them.

Fabulous Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are continuing to GROW at HIS! In November we were THANKFUL for all that our fourth graders are learning!!

Readers completed their novel study of *Because of Mr. Terupt*. They took its AR quiz to demonstrate comprehension even enjoyed creating a Voki character based on the novel. Students identified the elements of biographies and autobiographies as well as determining the slight difference between the two. Fourth graders enjoyed researching with biographies to create a cereal box biography which is currently on display in the foyer. Our readers also completed a Veteran's Day research activity after they worked on identifying persuasive text!

Writers used expository pillars to draft their own essays. First they manipulated an essay by identifying the intro, conclusion, main ideas, and details, then organized them into the pillar framework. They were excited to create and publish their first expository essay entitled "If I Were President." This essay allowed them to practice their revising and editing skills. Writers are continuing to expand their skills with spelling rules; we covered the "changing" rule and reviewed all of the rules (floss, rabbit, doubling and dropping) they have studied this year.

Our mathematicians extended their multiplication skills by multiplying double digit numbers and started division. Math whizzes were able to divide up to a four digit number by a one digit number with and without remainders. They are applying their mathematical abilities to more complex word problems with multi-step solutions.

In science, students wrapped up their unit on electricity and circuits with exciting manipulatives and engaging projects. They were able to create an electromagnet. Scientists understood that motion can be measured and is influenced by forces such as a pull, a push, gravity, and friction.

In social studies, they are exploring the early history of Texas, making connections between our state today and the Mexican-owned land from the past and understanding how past events influenced current times. Our Texans learned what life was like long ago in North America for American Indians. Since November brought with it a Presidential election, the students were able to participate in a mock election.

Phenomenal Fifth Grade

Can you believe that you we are almost halfway through the school year? That must mean that our 5th graders are just half a year away from becoming junior high students. Don't worry though December although short will be very busy for us all. In social studies our 5th graders are going to fight through to major wars, The French and Indian War as well as the American Revolution. In Science the students will design their own experiments to test the effects of force. The students are sure to have a lot of fun with this. Media Literacy in all its forms will continue to be discovered and discussed in Reading. Finally, in math the 5th graders will wrap up their geometry unit. How many triangles are there? How many angles? Be sure to ask your 5th grader.

SPED/Interventionist Classes making LOTS of Growth this Semester

Mrs. Lee's classroom will be studying about customs and traditions of Christmas Around the World including Switzerland, Sweden, Canada, South Africa, Argentina and Germany.

Eagle Math will be working on facts, (add, sub, mult., divide) ordering numbers, rounding, and dividing by a two digit number:

One activity that Eagle Reading Academy students will be participating in during December is Reader's Theaters . Reader's Theater helps improve student's fluency and intonation and expression in reading. Students can also analyze and evaluate the character's motivations and discuss key reading elements that are in the play.

Mrs. Straw's 3rd math is working on fractions. 4th math is reviewing division. 5th math is discovering geometry.

3rd grade ELAR co-teach has started to introduce poetry. We are going over different types of poetry, comparing lines and stanzas to sentences and paragraphs, and figurative language. The kids are exciting to become poets and find the free verse personification poems to be their favorite! 4th and 5th grade ELAR co-teaches are introducing media literacy. Why we see it, how to analyze it, and different types of media literacy. The students are excited to learn and incorporate technology within this unit.

ESL Enrichment: The third graders have been reading a series of biographies about individuals that had a great impact on American history and culture. We are making connections to prior knowledge and/or experiences. We will also make connections to other forms of literature such as poetry through songs that are related to individuals we are reading about. 4th graders will use text features to support comprehension as they are reading about types of transportation around the world. 5th graders are reviewing the second Curriculum Based Assessment in order to review and practice reading strategies. Students will be able to

identify common mistakes, misunderstanding, and areas of weakness, so that they may improve their reading comprehension skills.

Spectacular Specials

Artists at HIS are painting reindeers, nutcrackers and snowmen. It's starting to look a lot like Christmas in the art room.

The second 12 weeks students have been busy setting up their Google Accounts and their Classroom Google Accounts. The third grade is diving into the World of Google, Google Drive and Google Docs. The 4th graders have been learning the correct way to keyboard. They have also been using the internet to search for pictures of Santas from around the world and now are choosing their favorite country and will be creating a Google Slide presentation. The 5th graders are using Writers to master their keyboarding skills. They are also using the internet purposely. It seems as though an uncle won \$1,000,000 in a lottery and has given his relatives \$500 to spend for Christmas gifts. They are going on a Toys "R" Us virtual Shopping Spree to buy gifts for their siblings and parents. The total has to be as close to \$500 as possible or give the money back to the uncle. Purpose: To become a gift giver instead of a gift receiver!

We have just finished the third grade read aloud, Snot Stew. We are about in the middle of the fourth grade read aloud, The Ghost of Fossil Glen and the fifth grade read aloud, Bull Rider. We completed the second Texas Bluebonnet Award nominee read aloud, Mesmerized. Christmas excitement is in the air!

We have had a VERY busy and productive week in the music department at HIS!! Excitement was in the air as we brought in our three judges and had our try-outs for the big Spring Musical, Annie, Jr. (a Broadway, Jr. musical). Oh, what talent we have at HIS!!! The students did a super job on their try-outs and were very well prepared. We now have a Cast list and can't wait to get started on rehearsals.

In the classroom, the second nine week fourth and fifth graders are finishing up their belts and working on getting their Black Belt -- the hardest song in Precorder Karate. The new groups of 3rd graders are working on Orange belts. All of the grades are learning a Christmas song on the Precorders to play on our Pajama Day where we will also sing Christmas Carols!

Our students in Spanish class have been working very hard. This is our 2nd 12 weeks so we got a new group of 217 students. Our third graders started off by learning the alphabet. Then they learned about the 21 countries that speak Spanish. The students learned words related to Thanksgiving and how to say what we are thankful for in Spanish. They made a tree leaf and a thankful turkey as well. On it they wrote what they were thankful for and described their turkey. The students also learned the greetings, days of the week, and the months in Spanish. The 4th and 5th grade students started off by reviewing our 21 countries that speak Spanish, learning the capitals of each country and coloring the flags the correct color for each

country. While we did that we also reviewed colors. Then we related each month to holidays or real life events for each month. After that we created our own calendar and answered questions related to the days of the week. The students then made a leaf for our thankful trees and a thankful turkey. The students learned that several Spanish words are similar to the English words when they were trying to describe their turkeys. The students got a vocabulary list this week and we worked on conjugating sentences. Our goal is to learn how to read, write, and speak Spanish. Our students are doing AMAZING!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 7th – Fifth Grade Field Trip to the Perot Museum
- December 8th – 4th Grade Writing CBA
- U.I.L. 2nd - 5th Grade Academic Meet at Lakeview Camp
- December 9th – H.I.S.D. Christmas Luncheon
- December 13th – Big Kahuna Limo Rides and Pizza Hut Lunch
- Christmas Parties and Lions Club Sack Races
- December 14th – H.J.H.S. Band performs for H.I.S.
- December 15th – H.I.S. Second Jingle Bell Walk 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- December 16th – Christmas Assembly - Pajama Day
- End of the 3rd 6 Weeks
- December 19th – January 2nd – Christmas Holidays – NO SCHOOL

Enrollment for 2016-2017:

3rd: 159
4th: 158
5th: 158
Total: 475

HIS would like to thank you for all you do for our campus and district! We are looking forward to a great school year! GO EAGLES! We would also like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope this holiday season is filled with multiple blessings and lots of joy!