

HES Board Report September 2017

HES Theme

Our school theme this year will focus on celebrating every person in our HES school family as unique, special, and important. "There is only one you, and YOU make our HES Family Complete!" We want our students to have an exciting year of making new friends, meeting new teachers, and being engaged in new learning opportunities.

Kindergarten

In reading, we will be talking about book covers, characters, fiction books, and nonfiction books. Later this September, we will be starting to send home book bags with sight words, letters, and books. In math, kindergarten will be learning about writing and identifying numbers 0-10. In science, we will be discovering, "What is a scientist?" and "How can we be scientists?". Students will be learning science safety procedures and weather changes. In social studies, students will be learning about citizenship and what makes a good citizen.

First Grade

In ELAR, first graders are going to be diving into fictional stories. They will learn about characters and their feelings. They will also be able to tell you the plot of a story. We will learn how to build simple sentences so we can start creating stories. In math, we are going to learn all about place value. The students will begin learning different ways to represent numbers 0-120. In science, we will begin to explore the wonderful world of science. The kids will see how a scientist works and then become one themselves. In social studies, we will be wrapping up the unit about "My School and My Community".

Second Grade

Second graders have focused on building new relationships with their teachers and peers through our circle time sessions and class activities. In ELAR and Writing our students are learning to identify elements of fiction and narratives through read-alouds and shared writing. Math and Science kicked off with exploring place value and science safety.

CAMP Excitement

Computer

In the technology lab, students are learning about internet safety and being a good digital citizen. Some key points they are learning include:

- Always ask a parent or grown up permission
- Only chat or communicate with people you know
- Only visit safe sites
- Keep their passwords safe
- Never to give out personal information such as telephone number, address, parent's name, or where they go to school

To learn computer skills we will use starfall.com and ABCYA.com. We will also introduce Compass Math and Lexia Reading during technology class. Commonsense.com is the website we will be using for internet safety.

Art

In September, the art students will create an original feather to make a collaborative artwork set of wings. Also, they will be creating their own sketchbook that they will be drawing in throughout the school year. The students will create art for our Square 1 Art Fundraiser.

Music

In Kindergarten and First grade music we will be focusing on keeping the steady beat to the musical pieces that we listen to as well as sing. That steady beat could be in the form of patting our legs or walking around the room. In Second grade music, we will be exploring how to read music in our 2nd grade music book. All grade levels will be doing many action songs so we can move to the music!

PE

Students have been working hard. We will continue to learn our routines upon entering the gym and getting ready for the warm-up. The classes will learn the first muscle of the month during exercises. We will also focus on forms of jumping through different games and activities.

PTA Info

We have started our collection of BoxTops for Education. This is a great way to earn money for our school. Students who bring 100 BoxTops during the year will have their picture taken to be posted on our wall of fame and will receive a Spirit Stick.

UIL (2nd Grade)

Second grade students can participate in the academic UIL events. They can compete in the following events: Oral Reading, Storytelling, Spelling, Chess, and Creative Writing. Students will have try outs for the events. The students that are chosen will work with their coaches for a couple of months and then they will compete with students from our District.

Rhythm Rascals (2nd Grade)

Rhythm Rascals consists of a group of second graders that is organized to go out into our community to sing and present a program to represent Hillsboro Elementary School. Students are selected by teacher recommendations and through a tryout with judges. The students are learning a song in music for the try outs.

Librarian's Sharing Time

Our theme in the library this year is "Reading is a Picnic!" Second grade will begin taking Accelerated Reader quizzes this month to achieve reading goals they have set with their teachers. Renaissance Home Connect letters will be sent home so parents will have login information to watch their student's progress towards goals. Students should be reading daily at home or reviewing sight words to practice their reading skills and become stronger readers.

Counselor's Corner

Once again this year, we will be focusing on a specific positive character trait each month. Guidance lessons will be presented that allow students to learn, explore, and practice every trait. At the end of each month, a "Super Star" will be recognized from each class for doing an excellent job of demonstrating the character trait studied that month.

