

**H L Brockett Elementary
Board Communications
September 2013**



Parent Involvement at the School:

September 13 - PTO Teacher Luncheon

Thank you PTO for our first luncheon of the year!

September 16 - Parent Volunteer Night

Parents learned about the many volunteer opportunities (Watch D.O.G.S., PTO, etc.) available at our campus.

September 17 - 5th Grade Camp Goddard Chaperone Meeting

Chaperones learned more about their responsibilities at Camp Goddard.

September 25, 26 & 27 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Camp Goddard

While there, they will be hiking, canoeing, experience archery, fossil digging, attending a museum, and doing many more interesting fun natural science things.

September 27 - PTO Grandparents' Day Spaghetti Dinner

Our PTO held their annual fundraiser to honor the grandparents in our community.

August and September - Parent Orientation Meetings

Parents learned more about what to expect as their children start their new school year. Title 1 was also discussed.

September 9 until 23 - Big Kahuna Fundraiser

The students are excited about our fall fundraiser. This year their goal is to sell 15 items to earn a limousine ride to lunch. Money raised will help pay for awards and events during the year.

All teachers have completed their first "Positive Parent Contacts" for the school year.



This year we are introducing F.A.B. (Friends Against Bullying) with the help of students from Aubrey High School FCCLA. It is a student led project against bullying throughout the school.

We have also hopped on the “Energy Bus”! This school-wide program connects the positive traits of character education and bullying prevention with our morning assembly.



In the Classrooms:



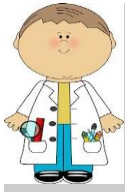
Kindergarten:

Kinder is here and we are on a Roll! Everything seems to be moving along nicely! Another year of sweet faces and gentle hearts ready to be shaped and molded! This month in kindergarten we will focus on rules and procedures. As any good teacher knows, the key to learning is perfecting one’s classroom management. We have introduced NO David as our go-to book for addressing rules. Our classes have taken a good grasp on our expectations and improving every day! In math, we began with exploring a variety of manipulatives and now have moved on to numbers 1-10. We are making numbers, counting, and writing these numbers daily. Calendar is a daily ritual in kindergarten and our kindergarteners are picking up these skills very quickly. We are learning about the days of the week, months, weather, seasons and so on. Language arts has touched on the letters L, A, T, and C so far. We have taught three sight words and plan to incorporate two new letters and two sight words every week along with a word family to help build the concept of making words from letters. Our students have learned to recycle during our science lessons and next week we will begin exploring our five senses! We are having a blast and making huge strides in kindergarten so far! There’s so much more to come!!!



1st Grade:

In reading/language arts, students will be starting sight word recognition, spelling words, and decoding unknown words. We will begin 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 personal narratives about themselves and their experiences. In math, we will be working on number recognition, and ordering and comparing numbers. In science, we will be learning about safe practices at school, at home, and in the community. In social studies, we will be learning about our new friends, our families, and chronological order such as past, present, and future.



2nd Grade:

Second grade has been very busy learning routines and procedures!! We have been enjoying our new interactive whiteboards. In reading, we have been discussing Daily 5 and the four categories that we do on a daily basis. We are enjoying reviewing addition and subtraction in math. In social studies, we are discussing our neighborhoods and safety. Science is always exciting as we learn about a scientist's job and tools required. We are discussing what makes a good sentence and punctuation in writing and language arts.



3rd Grade:

Third grade at Brockett is off to a good start! In math this first nine-weeks, we are starting with place value. We will be doing a lot of hands-on activities. Then we will move on to subtraction with regrouping. Towards the end of the nine-week period, we will be introducing rounding. Students are also using their math journal for vocabulary. In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), third graders are excited about reading! We started this nine-weeks learning about author's purpose and have moved into Good Readers making predictions and inferring. Third graders will also learn about plot while continuing to make predictions and infer while reading. One of our main goals this first nine weeks is to help each child fall in love with reading. In writing, third graders will begin their first pre-write this week. The first nine-weeks, we will be focusing on

the writing process and all the steps that are involved in writing a personal narrative. In science, we started out learning the scientific method and important safety procedures while doing a science experiment. This week, third graders are learning about the three states of matter and their properties. Students will also learn about mixtures and temperature. In social studies, third graders are learning about community and what it means to be a good citizen. We will continue to strive for excellence in character and education! ☺



4th Grade:

Fourth grade is exploring place value and decimal place value as we dive into math this nine-weeks. We are excited as we begin our journey to the different regions of Texas. We will learn about landforms, resources, and major cities of each region. The teachers are modeling a personal narrative for the students, and then the students will practice writing one themselves. We have had mini lessons on introductions, word choice, conclusions, and sentence structure to help us become better writers. The plot is the best part about reading a good book, and that is exactly what we are doing! We are reading books and learning about plot, climax, and resolution. Did you know that matter is everywhere? Fourth grade will be doing various hands on labs to explore physical and chemical properties of matter, volume and mass.



5th Grade:

The fifth grade at Brockett Elementary is off to a great start. The students are doing a great job adjusting to the switching of classes and becoming young men and women with additional responsibility. At this time, we are gearing up for our annual trip to Camp Goddard. The students are getting really excited about the opportunities they will be experiencing there. They will get to be involved in outdoor activities that cannot always be seen and observed in the classroom. They will go on hiking trails where they will learn about weathering and erosion. The museum the students will visit is always a highlight of the trip. It is a hands-on museum where the students can handle the artifacts and receive information on what they are playing with and seeing. They will also get to be involved in some outdoor fun activities such as boating, fishing, archery, etc. This is always a highlight of the 5th grade year and we look forward to another successful year at camp.