HES Board Report April 2017

Kindergarten

Kinder students have been learning about plants and their needs, the plant life cycle and seeds. In ELAR, they have been reading wonderful stories about plants, flowers and seeds and have been discussing the beginning, middle and end of each story. They are also revisiting character and setting with stories like Jack and the Beanstalk. In math they are learning about word problems and how to determine if they should add or subtract. They are continuing to work on learning all of their sight words and using them to write great short stories in journals. In Social Studies they will be learning about community helpers by meeting some members of our community and talking about career choices.

The Kinder field trip to the Waco Zoo was this week. Students had a wonderful time and returned to campus talking about the various animals they were able to see on their trip.

First Grade

First Grade traveled on April 4th to Ft. Worth on their field trip to Casa Manana to see Little Red Riding Hood. Students had a wonderful time.

In Literacy they have been working on our expository book reports. They are also learning how to alphabetize a series of words to the first or second letter. In math they will be learning all about 3-D shapes. They also will learn how to read digital and analog clocks to the half hour and hour. In Science discovering animals and their habitats will on their agenda.

Second Grade

Students will be taking advantage of the spring season in Science by learning about and doing experiments with plants and animals! In Math, students will be learning about measurement and using centimeters and inches to determine the length of objects. They will also be telling time and learning about 2D and 3D shapes in geometry! Students will continue working on exciting research projects in reading and putting information into graphic organizers. We will also be reviewing all that we have learned this year and making lots of connections between fiction and nonfiction texts!

Counselor's Corner

COOPERATION was the character trait focus for guidance lessons during the month of March. Through books, real-world examples, and activities, students learned that cooperation means following directions, helping one another, and working together as a team.

The following students who were chosen as Cooperation Super Stars for doing an outstanding job of demonstrating cooperation in class. Students were treated to lunch at McDonald's.

Kindergarten: Analeah Vazquez, Dayra Lora, La'Shon Bolden, Sadie Yellico, Carson Woody, Sara Spigener, Ty'Liyah Myles, Javier Gaspar, and TJ Flores

1st Grade: Emanuel Hernandez, Jadyn Peterson, Claire Stephens, Jenna Hayes, Emma Davis, Angel Davalos, Cohen Bodeker, and Kylee Carter

2nd Grade: Alexander Martinez, MSariyaha Gilliam, Brayden Ortiz, Austin Rounsavall, Anthony Mendoza, Layla Ruiz, Lizbeth Cruz, and Aaliyah McGuire

Guidance lessons during the month of April will focus on PERSEVERANCE. Students will learn that perseverance means to keep on trying, do your best, and never give up when you are trying to reach a goal.

Reading Rascals

In March the Reading Rascals traveled to the nursing home again to read to residents there. This is always a fun trip for both our students and the residents. In April the students chosen will be reading to and with members of our School Board!

<u>Kinder:</u> Caroline Shoden, Daniella Lopez, Jakayla Wilson, Mary Valdez, Tucker Anderson, Leah Torres-Baker, Sophia Uptmor, Junior Meza Perez

<u>First:</u> Rut Dominguez, Richard Parks, Rosemary Singer, Jalen Hawkins, Lydia Allen, Diego Librado, MsSaniyah Gilliam, Noah Tidwell

<u>Second:</u> Charli Anderson, Alexander Lawhead, Giovanni Mendoza, Andrea Carranza, Caleb Rhodes, Aaliyah Cephus, Ulysses Lopez, Jami Rodriguez

Math Monsters

Our HES Math Monsters have enjoyed sharing math activities with several groups in our community. We have shared with the HHS football and baseball teams, the HIS Ambassadors, the Hillsboro Firefighters/Paramedics, the HISD Administration and our Retired Teachers. We are looking forward to sharing what we have learned in our classrooms for Math with our Parents in May.

<u>Kinder:</u> Angelo Toten, Edgar Garcia, Shelton Kyei, Aubrey Gates, Tadum Knox, Josiah Campos, Justice Hewitt, Payton Coleman, Anthony Reyes

<u>First:</u> Danny Orellan, Meagan Stephens, Axel Ortiz, Makayla McGuire, Dominick Benitez, Brynlie Vantreese, Ashaureah Spriggins, Aaron Mendoza

<u>Second:</u> Allysha Allen, Audra Withers, Joshua Moore, Ja'caiden Overstreet, Isiah Reymund, Katherine Guerrero, Elisa Estrada, Andrew Johnson

Rhythm Rascals

The Rhythm Rascals performed their spring show, A Disney Review, at the Eagle Expo in the Theater at the High School in March. The students had a wonderful audience and the students did a great job. The spring show consists of songs from Disney movies. Some of the favorite songs were "We're All in This Together" from High School Musical and "Digga Digga Dog" from 102 Dalmatians.

The Rhythm Rascals also performed for the Optimist Club inside of Town Hall Nursing Home that same week. The students really enjoyed singing for the residents and visiting with them. Other songs in the spring show are "You've Got a Friend in Me" from Toy Story, "I'm a Believer" from the movie Shrek, and "Hakuna Matata" from the Lion King.

CAMP Excitement

Computer: In computer this month, students will be working on basic keyboarding skills. Kinder and First will also practice math facts by playing different games and Second will work on math fact automaticity with some timed fact practice.

Art: Artist at HES will be busy this month finishing their clay projects and then we'll get to paint them. Kindergarten is making clay snails, first grade is making pinch pots and second grade is making coil pots.

Music: Kindergarten students will be learning choreography and preparing for their musical, "Gettin' Down with Mama Goose," on April 27th. First grade classes will be working on their instrument playing skills and learning about different classroom and orchestral

instruments. Second grade will study music symbols that they would see in musical pieces and also learning solfege and how pitches move and change while singing and playing instruments. **PE:** In April we will begin practicing for our different events for Field Day. Each week, we will practice one to two events to train for Field Day. Second grade will also begin training for the Mile Club to compete in our second grade only event for Field Day.