

HES Eagle Express

November 2016 Newsletter

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is busy learning more about numbers and how to use them by focusing on the teen (11-19) numbers. Students will practice counting, building and writing these numbers and some may even begin some simple addition and subtraction practice. In Science, we'll learn all about our senses and how we use them in our daily lives. On November 18, kindergarten will have a Thanksgiving feast in the hallway. This will be a great opportunity to use our senses and then we'll write about what we're thankful for after learning a little more about the history and meaning of Thanksgiving.

First Grade

First graders are moving right along through this semester. In ELAR students will focus on comprehension a literary nonfiction, true or fantasy, and following multi step directions (procedural text). We will also dig further into nouns by distinguishing between common & proper nouns. Math is also pushing forward with addition and subtraction skills & using them to solve word problems.

Second Grade

We will continue our journey in non-fiction/expository texts. We will read some texts and sort out their main idea and details. In other texts, we will follow their multi-step directions as we start learning procedural and media literacy. Following a recipe to make tortillas in class is just one fun activity we have planned to practice! Students will also create their own How-To Project that they will write their own procedural text for and then model for the class! In math, we will continue addition and subtraction and get in to 2-digit problems by the end of the month. We will be enjoying our field trip this month as well. It's a Scientific Circus so we will be seeing some great experiments! Our Rhythm Rascals will perform for our Veteran's Day Program and all our students always make cards to gift to the veterans.

CAMP Excitement

Computer:

In the month of November, Kindergarten will be working on sight words, number order, and rhyming. First grade will work on addition and subtraction, building our sentence skills, and some computer coding, along with identifying common and proper nouns in various computer games. Second grade will be working on addition and subtraction strategies some coding, some work on writing paragraphs, and deciding on what they want to do for their Power Point they will start in December.

Art:

This month art students will be learning about the color wheel and making projects related to fall and winter. We will be painting and working with clay! Also we will be receiving our Square 1 Art fundraiser order forms and they products will arrive early December, just in time for Christmas gifts.

Music:

The month of November will be busy in the music department. Second grade will continue working on their holiday musical "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders." Kindergarten and First grade will be singing seasonal songs, playing instruments, and preparing to perform a piece at the Veterans program on November 11th.

PE:

We have been working on collaborative games! The whole class was able to join in to play with the parachute. First and Second grade also played the most challenging game yet, Acid River. The students were given different equipment and had to come up with ideas as a group on how to get everyone across the gym floor without touching the ground. Kindergarten got to play who let the dogs out. They loved getting to dance to the music. All the grade levels are starting a new warm up where the students get to lead stretches before the activity.

Nurse News

Influenza (commonly called the “flu”) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. In October, I educated the students about how germs like the flu virus are spread, and what measures they can take to help prevent illness for themselves and others, including:

- Wash your hands often, especially after being out in public, before eating, and after using the restroom.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- Stay home from school when you have a temperature over 100.0 F, and for 24 hours since the last fever.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Get vaccinated against influenza each year (this was not actually discussed with the students; this has proven to be a very successful way to prevent the flu).

Influenza usually starts suddenly and may include the following symptoms:

Fever, headache, tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, diarrhea/vomiting.

Counselor’s Corner

The character trait focus for October was RESPONSIBILITY. Students learned that being responsible means taking care of your business and doing what you are supposed to do. HES also celebrated Red Ribbon Week, where students learned about making the responsible, healthy choice to “Just Say No!” to drugs. We were happy to welcome Officer Lynelle Sparks and Hillsboro High School students as they visited HES as part of our first Red Ribbon Rally. Our guests shared positive messages about being drug free, students learned reasons to stay away from drugs, and were also reminded to “Just Say No!” We also held a door decorating contest to display drug free messages throughout our school. Community judges had a very difficult time choosing a winner in each grade level because all of the classes were so creative!

Congratulations also to the following students who were chosen by their teachers as Responsibility Super Stars for doing an excellent job of showing responsibility in the classroom. They were treated to lunch at McDonald’s. Outstanding!!

Kindergarten: Favian Garcia, Damaris Cecilio, Ethan Clayton, Abigail Ward, Aaliyah Tapia, Cohen Peyton, Sophia Uptmor, and Suleika Gonzales 1st Grade: Danny Orellan, Samantha Epling, Tyler Reid, Amy Fuentes, Marely Villegas, Erick Hernandez, Cynthia Valles Hermosillo, Daniela Jasso, and Leyla Ipsen

2nd Grade: Kinsley Monterubbio, Zoey Sanford, Hunter Ward, Graciella Huerta, Fabiola Prieto, Ziara Whitfield, Daisy Trejo Gonzalez, and Alaina Versluis

During the month of November we will focus on the character trait of KINDNESS. Students will have the opportunity to show kindness and compassion once again this year by participating in the “Food For Families” food drive. HES will be collecting monetary donations or non-perishable food items for the food drive until November 17th.

PTA Info

We had our first meeting with 14 attendees. Our membership so far is about 114 members. Something new this year, is that there is open enrollment so please feel free to join if you haven't yet.

The fundraiser, which we receive 40% of, closed out with \$21,635 in sales, not including online orders. Congratulations to 2nd grade for having the highest catalog order totals. Our students who qualify for the limo ride will enjoy that prize on December 14th! We also provided an El Conquistador catered luncheon to the staff on October 28th.