

**HES Board Report**  
**September 5, 2019**

**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten has had a great beginning to the school year. Our students are learning the routines their classrooms. Kindergarten has also started learning about our community and school. We are learning the letters of the alphabet and how to write them. We have also learned how to identify and write numbers 0-5.

**First Grade**

In math, we are going to be working on place value and addition/subtraction. In ELAR, we are going to have fun learning how to retell a story. We are also going to be focusing on the characters and the settings in a story. We will be working hard learning about nouns/verbs/adjectives. In social studies, we are learning what it means to be a good citizen. We are focusing on trying to follow all of the rules at school, home and in our community. Finally, in science, we are going to learn what it means to be a scientist and to observe the world around us.

**Second Grade**

In reading/ELA we will be covering a wide variety of topics. We will be focusing on central idea, asking questions to make sure we understand the text, and learning all about the author's purpose. We will also focus on responding to our reading through discussions and writing. We will cover narrative writing and decoding words with more than one syllable. In math, students will make and breakdown numbers to 1,200, study place value, comparing, and different forms of numbers. They will also be working with number lines, money, even and odd, word problems, and of course, math facts! Social studies will be studying rules and laws and authority figures in the community and their roles.

**CAMP Excitement**

**Computer:**

September is going to be a great month in the HES Computer lab! We will begin with our Lexia reading and Compass math programs. Students will also be learning about internet safety and being a good digital citizen.

**Art:**

Artists at HES get art once every 2 weeks for 55 minutes. During our time together we will be creating many masterpieces with different media such as paint, oil pastels and clay. I believe every child is an artist so I will base their grade on participation, effort and behavior (not on their ability to draw or paint). I want students to enjoy their time in my class creating and exploring art and I want you to enjoy seeing what they have created. Students will be uploading their artwork to an online digital portfolio called Artsonia. Go to [artsonia.com](http://artsonia.com) and search Hillsboro Elementary. You can also check out my class Facebook page at [facebook.com/Mrs.AbreusClass](https://facebook.com/Mrs.AbreusClass) to see all the cool creations happening in the art room.

**Music:**

Music classes are having a wonderful start to the new school year! We are learning procedures and routines. We are singing and moving to the rhythm of the music. In September, we will begin practicing songs for the Veterans program coming in early November. Second grade is singing "America" which will be their tryout piece for Rhythm Rascals. Thank you for entrusting us with your precious child!

## **PE:**

In PE this month we have had lots of fun! We started the year by learning gym rules and procedures. Each grade has developed their own rules for our Respect Agreement to follow in the gym. We have started with warm-ups like walk and talk where the students are able to move, and talk with one another to get started. Classes have also started agility stretches before games to get moving. All the classes will learn new games such as: Hula Hoop Color, Super Hooper Tag, and Hula Hoop Relay Race.

## **Counselor's Corner**

I am excited that we are continuing to implement the Choose Love Enrichment Program at HES this year! More information about the Choose Love Enrichment Program can be found at <https://www.jesselewischooselove.org>. In addition to Social and Emotional Learning skills, Choose Love also teaches four valuable character traits. During the months of September and October, we will focus on the character trait of **Courage** in our guidance classes as well as in our daily activities at school. Students will learn that courage means choosing to work through difficulties and do the right thing, even if you feel afraid. It takes courage to do things such as express our feelings, make good choices, tell the truth, admit mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and to be kind.

By working together, we can help our children become healthy, happy, successful individuals! It will be a fantastic school year!