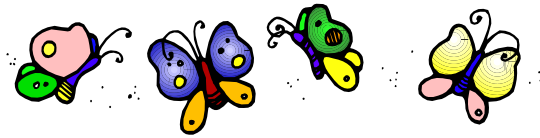


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Around the School:

May 2 & 3

Dog Tag Mania - Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the achievements of our students. Awards were given for grades, attendance and other achievements.

May 6 - 10

Teacher Appreciation Week - Our wonderful PTO & students showered our teachers all week with a variety of gifts and treats. Thank you also to Dr. Monaco and the AISD School Board for our pizza luncheon.

May 9

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Field Day - Students enjoyed a morning filled with outdoor events. Thank you to all of the parents who came out to help.

May 10

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Field Day - Students from Brockett and Monaco competed in various events at the Aubrey High School field.

May 22

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Book Club - Students, who participated and "blogged" about their book, will visit the Fort Worth Zoo.

May 17

1st & 2nd Grade Accelerated Reader Field Trip - Students who earned their AR points for reading will join Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Delafield at Eureka Park in Denton.

May 24

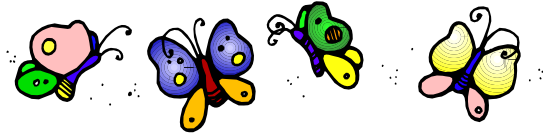
Study Island Royalty Party - Students who earned all of their blue ribbons on Study Island will be rewarded with knowledge and a special party with Mr. Cox.

May 28 - 31

End-of-Year Awards - Family and friends are invited to come and celebrate the end of year accomplishments of our students.

May 31 -

Last day of the 2012 - 2013 school year!



In the Classrooms:



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It's such an amazing sight to see our sweet kindergarteners come so far in just a matter of 174 days. With these last 22 days of kinder, we will finish up the greater part of our end of year assessments. With TPRI done, we now are assessing DRA, our district spelling words, and our writing assessment. We have molded and squeezed just about all we can out of these sweet kindergarteners and now it's their time to shine. As a whole, we will touched on Cinco De Mayo, made mother's gifts, worked on weight, measurement, addition, finish our ocean unit, and work on word families. In the final weeks of school, we will prepare for kindergarten graduation and prepare our little ones for what's to come in first grade next year. It's a great feeling to have another successful year under our belts! Summer here we come!



1st Grade

In reading/language arts, students will continue listening and reading comprehension skills such as the author's and reader's purpose, as well as making inferences. We will also focus on decoding unknown words, guided reading, 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 expository pieces about various animals. In math, we will be working on multi-step word problems and measurement. In science, we will be learning how to

research information on animals through books, online sources, and experts. In social studies, we will be reviewing map skills, historical figures, and patriotic holidays such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day.



2nd Grade

Second grade is rounding out the year reviewing all concepts. In reading, we are continuing working in guided reading groups. We are continually working on CHAPS strategies and reading passages. In math, we are reviewing all concepts especially word problems and addition and subtraction with regrouping. Social studies brings us exciting curriculum as we complete Unit 6 about famous landmarks. In science, we are learning about organisms and the food chain. We are writing nonfiction narratives.



3rd Grade

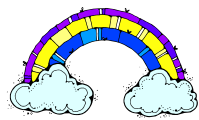
As the school year comes to a close, third graders will continue to explore and learn many new and exciting things. In math this last six weeks, students are learning how to measure capacity while continuing to review multiplication and division. In ELAR, third graders are building fluency by reading and writing expository text and narrative. Students continue to use *Good Reader Strategies* when reading all genres and work eagerly towards comprehension development and understanding. We are incorporating and applying the skills that they have learned, while reading *Charlotte's Web*. In science, third graders are continuing to learn about animals and the environments in which they thrive. In social studies, students will continue their understanding of economic background by studying the Free Enterprise System and important cultural holidays, such as Cinco De Mayo Day. Overall, teachers will continue helping and encouraging students as they grow academically as we move forward to prepare them for the upcoming school year.



4th Grade

We are so excited to be entering the final six weeks of this school year! Students have worked hard and we are proud of the progress they have made. We know many great things lie ahead for them. We are pondering the origin of words and the importance of words as we read a novel, FRINDLE, the last six weeks.

Students will keep a journal and do various journal activities to enrich learning. We will be making connections with fractions in math. Classifying animals and studying adaptations will be our objective in science. Ways of life in the early 1900's will be examined in social studies.



5th Grade

The 5th graders have completed all of the STAAR tests. We have 11 that will retest for reading on May 15th. Those students will have extra reading classes to help them pass.

We are following the unit: Understanding the Research Process. The students are researching a creature, for example *Big Foot*, then they will write a persuasive paper and take it through the writing process.

Fifth grade science is trying to tie up some loose ends. We are doing a project on adaptations. Then we make a tectonic shift to layers of the Earth, earthquakes, and volcanoes.