

School Board Report January 2018

Kindergarten

Kindergarten will be busy this January adding to the skills we've already learned. In math we will be comparing numbers 0-20 and also composing and decomposing numbers 0-20. We will continue using one more and one less to identify numbers. We will also be learning about economics by discussing needs and wants and how we meet them. In ELAR we will be learning about narratives. We will study elements of a story and practice retelling main events. We will also learn about characters in a story.

First Grade

Students are learning about Reducing, Reusing and Recycling and the different cultures in our world in Social Studies. In ELAR, students have started to learn the difference between realism and fantasy, how to identifying common and proper nouns, as well as how to identify the meaning of words using context clues. In math we will begin learning about counting patterns to 100 by 2's, 5's, and 10's. We will also be learning how to identify different coins. In science students will be learning about weather and seasons and will learn about objects in the sky, such as the moon, sun, and stars. In ELAR, we will be learning about genres of literary nonfiction consisting of realism and fantasy texts, as well as Fables and Fairytales. Students will also be learning about multi-step procedural texts, as well as understand the meanings behind different signs and symbols in procedural texts. In oral language, we will be learning about action verbs, and how to determine if verbs do or don't need an -s, as well as past and future tense verbs.

Second Grade

We are back from Christmas Break and in full swing! In Math we are finishing up 2D & 3D shapes and focusing on Fractions. We are also learning how to divide a whole into parts. In Social Studies we are learning about different cultures around the world. In Science our 2nd graders are discovering Natural and Man-Made Resources. In Reading and Writing our students have been introduced to Non-Fiction and Expository Texts, They are also learning how to identify and write their own main ideas with supporting details.

CAMP Excitement

Computer:

December was a busy month in the computer lab! All students participated in the hour of code. The Hour of code is an opportunity for every student to try computer science for one hour. We also finished our units understanding the internet and internet safety!

In January students will be working on keyboard practice and understanding how the keyboard works. We will also begin a series on the many aspects google and the google education suite. Some great resources for you and your child at home are: **Code.org** **Abcya.com** **commonsense.org**

Art:

January is Hill County Fair time!

Music:

December is always an exciting time for musicians. The second grade students did a fantastic job on "The Littlest Reindeer." The children in all grades enjoyed singing Christmas songs and accompanying them with jingle bells and glockenspiels. January starts the preparation for the First Graders in their upcoming musical in March. Second grade will begin their instrument study. They will study classroom instruments as well as orchestral and band instruments. Kindergarten musicians will begin reading rhythms and playing more complex instruments.

PE:

PE is ready for the new year! We are excited for brand new activities. During the month of January the classes will play games like: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Hungry Hippos, and Perfect Pass. These games will focus on boundaries, working as a team, and having spacial awareness. We are so excited to kick off 2018!

Math Monsters

Our final 2017 Math Monster in December were joined by members of the Hillsboro Fire Department to play math games. We are so appreciative for these guys taking time out of their day to brighten the student's day. The following students were chosen by their teachers to participate:

Kinder: Ta Leasa Davis, Hidai Gonzalez , Allie Epling , Major Lopez, Isaiah Jones, Tristan Castillo, Robert Miller & Elisa Garcia

First: Karina Simon-Garcia, Marcos Martinez , Osvaldo Paulin, Jocelyne Crisostomos-Garcia, Damian Rodriguez-Vargas, Christian Vaquera, Hunter Fitzgerald & Levi Carrol

Second: Kamilyah Ramos, Nicholas Pizano, Cynthia Hermosillo, Estefania Gallegos, Caison Green, Zaylee Lewis, Claire Stephens & Jalen Hawkins