

**PIONEER ELEMENTARY  
MONTHLY REPORT**

(December)

**ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE:**

CAMPUS/PROGRAM	PPCD	PRE-K	K	TOTAL
PIONEER	23	89	153	265
DAEP	0	0	0	0
ATTENDANCE %	X	93.8%	95.3%	95%

**INNOVATIONS:**

1. **Speech RTI will officially begin in Pre-K this week.**
  - a. **Teachers will be providing universal “tier 1” interventions to target speech goals**
  - b. **Mrs. Cox will be implementing classroom activities that target speech goals with targeted student groups**
2. **Pre-K began a new Language Lab program this week that we will pilot the remainder of the year. The program allows our library aide to link the weekly library activity to a classroom learning objective and build extension activities that carry over into learning centers within each pre-k class. The focus is on early reading development skills, sound recognition, and sound development through literacy and language activities.**
3. **We are researching the best options for an appropriate technology lab that will encourage creativity and application of skills.**
4. **Kindergarten is researching the possibility of starting a “math lab” during the 2016-2017 school year that would allow more activity based learning.**

**CAMPUS NEWS:**

1. **Our campus character education program is starting a unit about kindness. Each class has “adopted” one of our “neighbors” from Graham**

Oaks and will be creating student made items to share with the individual for the holiday season. We will also be collecting wellness and hygiene items for our friends in need. We are working with the directors of the center to plan and continue relationships with our classroom partnerships into next semester.

2. The kindergarten class is learning about customs, traditions, holidays, and celebrations that are important to communities, states, and countries. As a whole grade level project Mrs. Amy, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Riley have worked to share our Christmas traditions with Germany, The Netherlands, Israel, and England! We are posted our video to Facebook and we are waiting on our friends around the world to share their tradition back with us!!

#### **STUDENT HONORS:**

1. Each week we are honoring a student from each class as a Pioneer H.E.R.O. that has exemplified the character trait we have taught through PBIS / Character Education.
2. We are rewarding good attendance with our campus "spinning wheel" where student have the opportunity to be recognized for school attendance.

#### **FIELD TRIPS:**

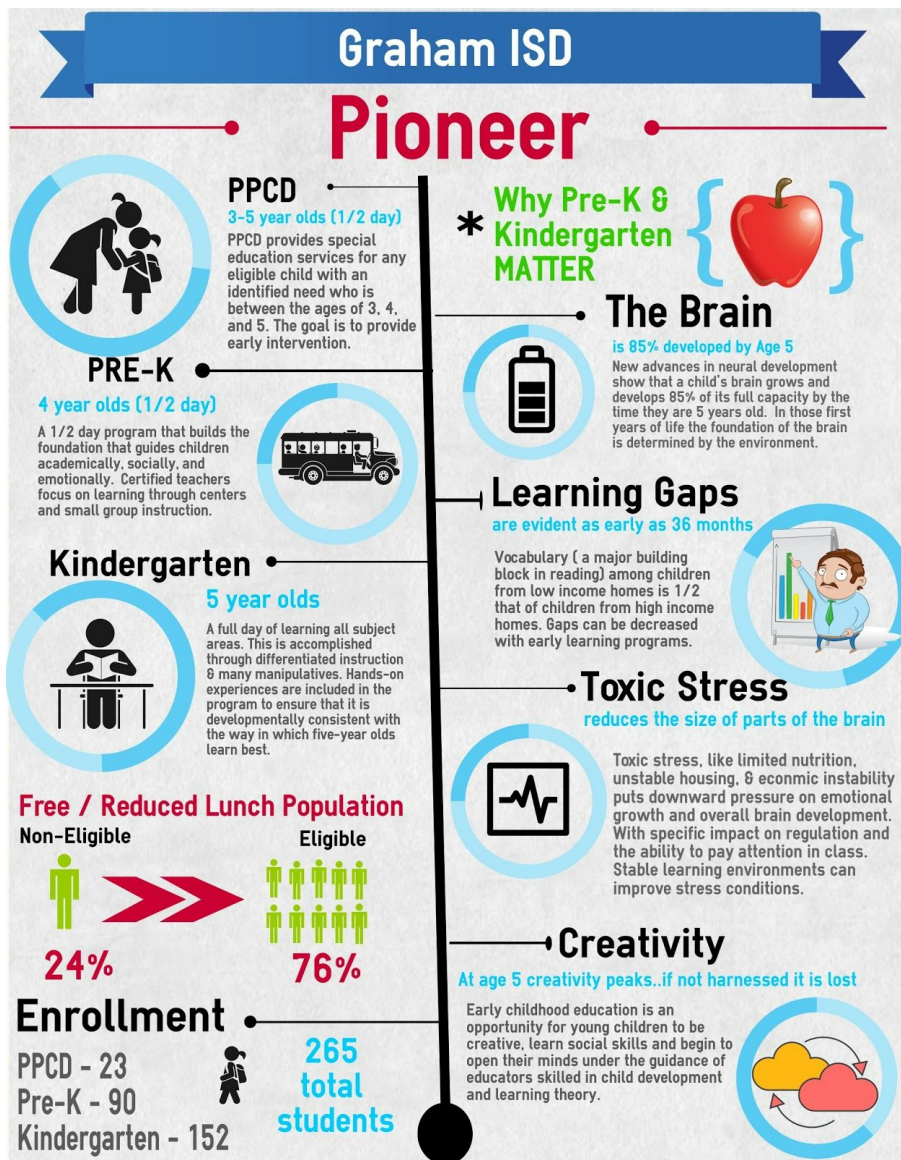
1. Kindergarten will be performing holiday songs for local elderly groups: Classes are divided to visit Graham Oaks, Horizon Bay, and The Graham Senior Citizen Center.
2. 11th Annual Reindeer Run! Friday, December 4th @ 1:30.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

- Selected staff will visit Little Elm ISD and Prestwick STEM Academy to view the kindergarten section of their school and the 21st century learning environment that has been created.
- All ESL and Bilingual staff will begin a series of trainings hosted by Region 9 December 10th.
- Mrs. Bullock will be hosting a training that focuses on early literacy activities for the pre-k classroom on December 14th. This training is for anyone that is involved the the GISD Pre-K Coalition. (private preschool, daycare, and GISD)

#### **TEACHER/STAFF SPOTLIGHT:**

- Pre-K staff, Mrs. Hazlett, Mrs. Coyac, and Mrs. Freeman as well as the support staff have begun to brainstorm ways we can provide more interventions and resources for our most vulnerable population. As we await more information from TEA regarding funding for a full-day of pre-k we are piloting programs that could be better suited to address the needs of these students within a full day setting. The infographic below was presented to You LEAD to show the needs of our campus and specifically focus on the students that are low SES and need our program the most.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **December 1st - Site visit to Little Elm ISD STEM Academy to share their 21st century learning environment with teachers and Gary Browning.**
- **December 4th - 11th Annual Reindeer Run**
- **December 11th - Parent Involvement Opportunity, Pioneer will be hosting a lunch and learn hour for parents to learn about positive behavior supports. (what that looks like at school and tips and strategies to use at home)**
- **Week of December 14 - 18**
  - **Santa will visit campus & have pictures with students**
  - **Class parties for the holiday**
  - **Kindergarten students will visit local senior centers to sing and share holiday spirit**

**OTHER:**

1. **We are evaluating a larger than usual enrollment within the PPCD class. In order to best serve our students we have had to realign staff, open a new section of PPCD, and temporarily hire additional support in the form of a substitute to serve our current numbers. We are currently waiting on up to 9 more students that will very likely qualify for this program by the end of January. We will have to look at additional support once the specific needs our identified within our 3 year old population that require significant care.**