

BROCKETT ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

MARCH 2014



Parent & Community Involvement at the School:

Every Friday - Popcorn Friday!

Thank you to our parent volunteers who help each week with *Popcorn Friday*. This month 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade will enjoy their treat.

March 5 & 6 – 4th Grade Field Trip

Students visited the Bloomfield One-room School in Pilot Point. They enjoyed dressing as if they were going to school in 1900.

March 7 – Kindergarten Field Trip

Students visited the Dallas World Aquarium. Some of the most popular attractions were the flamingos, the manatee, the cheetah, and the shark tunnel.

March 21 – PTO Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Thank you to our wonderful PTO for providing lunch to our teachers and staff!

March 22 – Outdoor Classroom Work Day

Thank you to everyone that helped clean up B.E.L.L.A. Thank you also to everyone that donated supplies. We could not do it without your help.

March 27 – 2nd Grade Musical

Students will be performing “Destination North America” for friends and family. They will showcase music from Canada, Mexico and the United States.



Other Student Events:

March 3 to 7 – Anti Bullying Week

Students dressed up each day to a different theme to prevent bullying in our school.

March 10 to 17 – Spring Break

We hope you enjoyed the week off.

March 17 – Spring Fundraiser Begins

Our students are helping to raise money for school events and awards.

March 31 – Morris Brothers

The Morris Brothers will inspire our students to do their best on the upcoming STAAR tests.



Classroom:



Kindergarten

In March, kindergarten will be learning about spring and insects. We will discuss how to identify an insect and discuss how some insects go through the stages of metamorphosis. We will also learn how to determine if something is living or non-living. In social studies, we have talked about Texas and identified many of the traits that make us who we are. We will continue March with learning about technology,

jobs, and the differences between then and now. Language arts has made a huge jump in writing, spelling, and reading. We are getting ready for our end of year assessments and really pushing our kindergarteners to know how to spell all of their sight words during our weekly spelling test and also write three sentences independently on a daily basis. We continue to work on blending, rhyming, comprehension, compound words, reading groups and so much more! Last but never least, in math we are learning equal parts, addition, subtraction, calendar elements, and days of the week. We are working hard to be prepared for first grade.



1st Grade

In math, we will be learning about fractions and measurement. In social studies, we will be learning about needs and wants, making economic choices, spending and saving. In reading, we will begin reading passages and comprehension activities such as main idea, supporting details, and story structure. We will also review the differences between fiction and nonfiction genres. In science, we will be learning about spring, plants, and life cycles.



2nd Grade

In second grade, we are watching March Come In Like A Lion!! In writing, we are working on narratives with creative prompts. In reading, we continue our guided reading groups while working on CHAPS strategies and guide words. Math brings us reviewing concepts learned this year, such as place value and word problems. In social studies, we are practicing how to read a calendar and landmarks. Science introduces us to plants and animals and basic needs of both.



3rd Grade

As we anxiously move into spring and away from winter, third graders at Brockett are busy learning and reviewing! In math this month, we will be focusing on Geometry and geometric shapes. We will also be learning about probability and statistics. In reading and language arts, students will reexamine the literary genres of poetry, literary non-fiction, fictional texts, and traditional literature including myths and folktales. Students will make connections between various texts including comparing and contrasting two different versions of the same myth or folktale. Using the writing process, students begin to draft a narrative based on personal experiences. In science we will continue learning about inherited traits, learned behaviors, and inherited behaviors. Third graders in social studies are enjoying learning about needs and wants. We will continue learning about how we spend, save, and earn money in the real world.



4th Grade

Fourth grade at Brockett just celebrated our writing by hosting a writing café in the teachers lounge. The students were invited to read their compositions to their peers using an open microphone. The teachers treated all students to hot cocoa and a light breakfast. Our students have worked so hard this year and are feeling great about their accomplishments. It was a good celebration! We will be looking at expository texts and what role they play in our lives. We will also be reviewing author's purpose. We will be continuing our study of weather in science. Geometry will be explored in math. Students will also use geometry in real world math problems.



5th Grade

In reading, students are learning about summary, inferences, and making connections between texts with similar ideas. The students are writing fiction, and nonfiction stories. They are taking their writings through the writing process. We are continuing to work on context clues, analogies, Greek and Latin affixes, and idioms.