

HES Board Report October 2017

Kindergarten

Students are practicing their sight words and beginning to read all on their own. This month students will begin taking books home every day. It is very important to read with your child every night in order to improve fluency.

First Grade

First grade is excited about the month of October! First grade mathematicians are learning to compare numbers and to use words like "greater than" and "less than". In Language Arts we will be learning to write expository texts and we will learn how to identify the main idea and supporting details to help our reading comprehension.

Second Grade

We are very impressed with how quickly our students have adjusted to 2nd grade, coming in with the academic and behavior expectations we hope for. This month in reading, we will compare and contrast the plots and settings of several works by the same author. We will also identify the moral lesson in well-known fables, myths, legends, and stories. In vocabulary we are reviewing synonyms and antonyms and in conventions we are reviewing parts of speech. In math we will be ordering and comparing numbers with symbols up to 1,200 and beginning addition and subtraction strategies. In science, we will be exploring and classifying matter according to its physical properties and looking at changes in matter caused by heat. In social studies, we will be practicing map skills and learning about globes, continents, and oceans.

CAMP Excitement

Computer:

Students child will be working on the Compass Math program, a web-based curriculum designed around animated video lessons for students. The program sets your child on an individual learning path. We will also start Lexia reading soon. Lexia is a computerized reading program that provides phonics instruction and gives students independent practice in basic reading skills.

Art:

In October, the Art students will be painting their Square One Art project. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase items to support the art program that has their own child's artwork on them. Kindergarten will be painting a heart in the style of Ivan Guaderrama. First and second graders will be painting cupcakes inspired by Wayne Thiebaud. Check out pictures at [facebook.com/Mrs.AbreusClass](https://www.facebook.com/Mrs.AbreusClass).

Music:

October is a month with exciting activities in the music department. Kindergarten and First grade will go over instrument procedures and learn to play some of the classroom instruments. They will be continuing to sing action songs and keep the steady beat with their body. Second grade is beginning to work on their Christmas musical, "The Littlest Reindeer."

PE:

Starting in October we will begin working on throwing. Students will work on using the appropriate motion for more accurate throws. During warm-up we will continue to work on different multiples of counting while we stretch. The classes have done an awesome job collaborating and working as a team during different games and activities.

UIL (2nd Grade)

By: Sharon Powell

The Invitation UIL Meet this year will be December 6th at Hillsboro Intermediate School. We will be competing with other schools in our area. Our students have tried out and teams have been chosen other than **Chess Puzzle** which will be decided at a later date after the students have been taught the rules of the game and actually started working the puzzles.

Members chosen for each event are:

Spelling –Sapphia Abreu, Cole Rogers, and Callie Greenberg

Creative Writing – Sapphira Abreu, Jenna Hayes, and Denisse Banco

Storytelling - Ava Munns, Jenna Hayes, and Emmanuel Hernandez

Oral Reading - Brynlie Vantreesee , Cloe Creech, and Owen Dansby

Music Memory - Ava Herrera, Claire Stephens, and Mark Carmona

Rhythm Rascals (2nd Grade)

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The Rhythm Rascals, which represent Hillsboro Elementary School out in the community were recently chosen. The students had to sing "America" in front of three judges. Each judge gave scores on each student's performance. The students also had to be recommended by their teachers including PE, Music, Art, and Computer. The judges had a difficult task of selecting students to be members. This year we took a total of 30 students. These students will have to work hard to get ready for their first performance which will be for Veteran's Day.

Upcoming Events:

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair "Saddle Up and Read!" will be held this first week of October. The Fair is open 7:30-4:00 except for Friday when it closes at noon.

Parent Conferences will be held on Monday, October 9th between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Teachers are working hard to contact all parents.

