

School Board Report December 2017

Kindergarten

We have many new concepts coming up in math, like comparing numbers 0-20. In reading we are working on skills that help us learn about expository texts. We had a great community field trip with stops at our library and our HHS Ag Barn before having lunch at the park. The in town trip followed a farm animal unit we had just completed.

First Grade

In math, we will extend everything we've learned about adding and subtracting. The students will solve word problems and number sentences with up to three numbers! In ELAR, the students will determine what words mean from how they are used in a sentence, either heard or read. They will learn that we use capital letters for proper nouns like days, months, and holidays. In science and social studies, the students will be looking at natural resources and describing the human characteristics we need to survive.

Second Grade

We had a great time getting to participate in Career Day at HIS. This month in math we will be classifying, sorting and creating two and three dimensional shapes based on their attributes. In science we will be exploring magnets and identify how they are used in everyday life. In 2nd grade ELAR we'll start off with using context clues to work on idioms then we will put our persuasive writing and letter writing skills to good use by writing Santa letters. We'll also continue to learn new things in Neuhaus phonics and work hard toward our AR goals.

UIL Academics

The Academic UIL District meet will be on the Hillsboro Intermediate School Campus on December 6, 2017. The Creative Writing for UIL will be on the HES campus on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. HES has 6 teams competing. They have been working with their coaches since September. They are ready to compete with students from Glen Rose and Venus. We want to wish them good luck and thank them for all their hard work. We know they will represent HES well in all events.

* Members of the Spelling team are Sapphira Abreu, Cole Rogers, and Callie Greenberg. The Spelling coach is Ms. Sexton.

* Members of the Creative Writing Team are Sapphira Abreu, Jenna Hayes, and Denisse Banco. The Creative Writing coaches are Ms. Jones and Ms. Muscatell.

* Members of the Oral Reading Team are Brynlie Vantreese, Cloe Creech, and Owen Dansby. The Oral Reading coach is Ms. Spencer.

* Members of the Music Memory team are Ava Herrera, Madison Innis, and Mark Carmona. The Music memory coach is Ms. Moore.

* Members of the Storytelling team are Ava Munns, Jenna Hayes, and Emmanuel Hernandez. The Storytelling coach is Ms. Briggs.

* Members of the Chess Puzzle team are Eli Terry, Brayden Chilton, and Wade Garrett. The Chess Puzzle coach is Ms. Robinson.

Counselor's Corner

Guidance lessons during the month of November focused on KINDNESS. Students learned that kindness means having a caring and kind heart toward others through kind words and actions. Students were given the opportunity to show kindness to others by participating in the "Food for Families" food drive. We are so proud of all of our HES students for working together to collect over 850 pounds of food this year to help others in need. Also congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teachers for doing an outstanding job of demonstrating kindness in their classrooms. They were recognized at a special "Shining Super Stars Lunch" at HES.

Kindergarten: Kamori Bolden, Bruno Mendoza, Emma Harris, Marcus Balderas, Jonah Laborde, Mercy Sanchez, Yaretzy Gonzalez, and Ace McGinnis

1st Grade: Elijah Clayton, Allison Avila, Michael Lowery, Callier Mackey, Anna Claire Bailey, Daniel Rodriguez-Vargas, Mariah Harrison, and Emily Serrano

2nd Grade: Haidi Fuentes, Brynlie Vantreese, Aaron Mendoza, Noah Tidwell, Emma Davis, Leah Harris, Haylee Wilson, Violeta Castro Gonzalez, and William "Seth" Martin

CAMP Excitement

Computer

We have been digging deep into our Compass Math and Lexia Core 5 Reading programs; we have seen lots of progress made. Students will be learning how the internet works and why we use it. We will also begin exploring other areas of the world with virtual field trips around the country, via the internet. We will be finalizing our series on internet safety program on appropriate online behavior, safety and privacy, and cyberbullying

Art

Square 1 Art products should arrive December 14th. Artists at HES will be making winter themed projects and they will be taking home all the art they've created during the first semester. Also, art students will begin thinking about ideas for projects they might want to enter into the Hill County Fair.

Music

Second Grade students will perform their Christmas musical "The Littlest Reindeer" on December 12th. All of the students will be studying the composer: Handel. Kindergarten and First Grade music students will enjoy singing seasonal songs and accompanying them on instruments. After the second grade musical, the children will also sing Holiday songs!

PE

December will be an awesome month in PE. We are so excited to continue to work on basketball with our NEW GOALS that PTA generously donated. The kids love them! Second grade will finalize the fitness gram! They loved the competition and pushing themselves. Kinder and First grade will have the opportunity to have fun with the parachute and learn new games.

Rhythm Rascals (2nd Grade)

The Rhythm Rascals have started working on their Christmas program. The songs on the program are Let It Snow!, Jingle Bell Rock, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, and I'll Be Home for Christmas. The students will be wearing Santa hats with their uniforms to look festive for the season.

We have 4 places lined up to present their Christmas Program. We will be going to Head Start and Franklin School on Friday, December 15th and Town Hall and Wesley Retirement Home on Tuesday, December 19th.

Reading Rascals

In November the chosen Reading Rascals traveled to Hillsboro High School to read with members of the Varsity Boys Basketball team. The HS boys are setting a great example as role models for our students by working hard to maintain the best grades while putting in hard work on the court.

The HES participants were:

Kinder: Jake Vorderlandwehr, Edvin Contreras, Isabella Hernandez , Jacob Perez, Jose Morales Zamudio, Jordan Beltran, Ethan Vrba & Aleks Garcia

First: El'Shem Coleman, Alexavior Vazquez, Kamiya Brooks, Justice Hewitt, Ty Divin, Christian Vaquera, Aaron Coburn & De Angelo Bibles

Second: Stephanie Grimaldo, Brynlie Vantreese, Samantha Epling, Tyler Reid, Ty'Raih Myles, Eli Terry, Brenda Cruz & Cloe Creech

Math Monsters

Members from the HHS football team joined the November Math Monsters to learn about and play math station games.

HES participants were:

Kinder: Ashur Tate, Denise Librado, Yisrael Cansler, Ashton Garcia, Diego Garcia, Andrew Smith, Terry Davis, and Ace McGinnis

1st: Tucker Anderson, Samuel Cecilio, Briana Mosca, Frances Gill, Julianna Smith, Hiya Patel, Chris Ramirez, and Leonel Salvador

2nd: Stephanie Grimaldo, Evelyn Casteneda, Tate Divin, Yoel Lopez, Kylee Carter, Cohen Bodeker, Zu'Varus Rigsby, and Jenna Hayes.