

**H L Brockett Elementary
Board Communications
March 2012**



March 1 & 2 Dog Tag Mania

Mrs. Lott distributed dog tag awards to students for perfect attendance, grades, etc.

March 5, 6 & 9 Spring Pictures

All students had their spring picture and class picture made by Monte B Photography.

March 9 Principal's Luncheon

Students who received the *Principal's Award* for the 4th six-weeks enjoyed lunch with Mrs. Lott.

March 10 Outdoor Classroom Work Day

Students were invited to come out and help get B.E.L.L.A. ready for spring. Thank you to everyone who helped.

March 12 - 16 Spring Break

March 22 Destination Education – European Style

Students and guests are invited to travel with Brockett Elementary to the countries of Europe as they visit for open house. We will begin the night with music presented by second grade.

March 27 & 28 STAAR Testing

4th and 5th grade students will take their first STAAR test.

March 29 Bluebonnet Brunch

Students who read at least 5 of the Bluebonnet award books for this year are invited to the annual Bluebonnet Brunch. A variety of “blue” foods will be served.



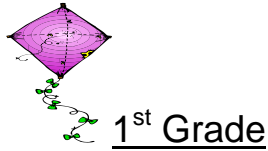
In the Classrooms:



Kindergarten

Kindergarten at Brockett Elementary is rockin'! Having just completed a fantastic field trip to the Dallas Museum of Science where they wrapped up their science unit by viewing the IMAX movie Bugs, they are back at work and doing their best every day. Our kindergarteners have been investigating what classifies something as a living organism and basic needs. In math, they are learning about equal parts, subtraction, calendar, times of day, and sequential order. In language arts, our students are

learning about word families, middle vowels, organizing and editing writing, and progressing on their reading skills. Our kindergarten students look forward to learning as much as they can in the next month and having a Marvelous March!



In reading/language arts, students are learning about story elements such as: main idea, sequencing, and making connections to self, other texts, and our world. They are also working on building reading fluency. They are also writing a creative story about leprechauns.

In math, they are learning about 2-dimensional figures, 3-dimensional figures, and fractions. They are also reviewing adding and subtracting through story problems. In science, they are learning about night and day, objects in the sky, and the life cycles of living/non-living things.

In social studies, students are learning about the “world of work”. They are learning about jobs, careers, needs, and wants.



March is coming in like a lion in Second Grade. It's going to be fast and furious as we welcome spring. In reading, we are working on our CHAPS strategies in reading passages. We are also studying about informational text. Media is a big part of our six weeks in reading as we look at the purpose of different types of media. In math, we are focusing on remembering our subtraction and addition key words, as well as word

problems. Social studies will take us to new heights as we learn about landmarks around the world. In science, we are studying about parts of a plant. We are writing to a prompt and doing practice tests weekly in writing.



3rd Grade

Spring is in the air! Third graders are moving along nicely and blooming with new knowledge and reviewing prior knowledge learned! We started the spring semester by reviewing and learning new objectives with time and temperature measurement. In the next few weeks, students will be investigating symmetry, congruence in 2D figures, and learning how to extend geometric patterns using 2D figures. In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), students will reexamine the literary genres of poetry, non-fiction, fiction texts, and traditional literature including myths and folktales. Students will be making connections and comparing and contrasting stories. Students will focus on homographs and homophones for word study. Third graders are also learning how to write a good body paragraph and recognizing figurative language in text. Third grade is excited and grateful to have the new benches in the outdoor classroom. They will give students a chance to sit, observe, and collect data. In social studies, students are learning how to make a budget and why it is important in their life. For the next three weeks in science we will be studying genetics and life cycle. Students will examine physical and behavioral traits of an organism. Through direct observation students will learn and understand how different species maintain and continue life. Throughout our instruction, students are still incorporating words into their vocabulary journal for each subject. We are excited about the spring

semester and look forward to being with the students each day, teaching them and influencing their lives.



4th Grade

Fourth Grade lil' pardners learned about hitting the dusty trail to go on long cattle drives. We enjoyed learning about famous cowboys such as: Bill Pickett, Jesse Chisholm, Charles Goodnight, and many others. The next six weeks we will study economic growth and cultural diversity. Speaking of Texas....The weather patterns here are crazy!! In science we will learn about different weather patterns, cycles, and seasons. We are continuing to prepare for our upcoming STAAR writing tests. We are pleased with the students' progress and know they will do great!! Friendship has been our theme in reading class. We are so excited to see how our novel, Legend of Thunderfoot, ends! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with lots of fun activities. Then we will doing various activities to help us better understand idioms. In math we will wrap up our unit on measurement and begin a new unit on geometry.



5th Grade

The fifth grade science classes at Brockett Elementary are currently in the middle of life science. We are trying to complete ecosystems and move forward to inherited traits, behaviors, and adaptations.