

## **HES Board Report January 2017**

### **Kindergarten**

In math this month we will be learning about one more and one less which will lead into composing and decomposing numbers. We will end the month with addition. In social studies we will be learning the difference between a want and a need and then move onto community helpers. In science we will focus our learning on living and nonliving. Finally in ELAR we will learn how to use descriptive words and our emotions to create stories. We will also be learning about elaborative detail and how adding these details enhance our stories.

### **First Grade**

This month, in reading, we will be studying all the elements of fables and fairy tales. We will also be learning some new things about poetry. In writing, we will get the chance to create our very own fairy tales and poetry. In math, we will continue learning skip counting from before the break. In science and social studies, we will be studying landforms and their physical characteristics.

### **Second Grade**

Our second grade students will be focusing on two-digit subtraction in math with and without regrouping, and three digit addition and subtraction. Our little scientists will be investigating Earth Science by discovering natural and man-made resources, rocks and minerals, and where we can find water on earth. During English Language Arts our students will become young poets, learning how to apply rhymes, imagery, and rhythm as they study poetry.

### **Computer**

This month second grade will be starting to work on their Google slide shows. First grade will work on language and math skills. Kindergarten will be working on hand-eye coordination which increases their mouse skills and also sight word and counting skills.

### **Music**

January will kick off the beginning of musical practice for the First graders. Kindergarten will begin to play more complex instruments. They will continue singing and learning about the foundations of music. Second grade will start an in-depth study on instruments. They will begin learning and performing various rhythm notations. All of the students will sing, dance, and move to the music. Kindergarten and Second grade will learn about Beethoven and study his music.

### **PE**

In PE we will be working on individual and team games. Students will be practicing skills and learning basic rules for soccer, basketball, football, etc.

### **Librarian's Lookout**

With a new year upon us it's the perfect time to reinforce how important reading is to our students' academic success. First and second grade students participate in Accelerated Reader for powerful reading practice that measures the quantity of reading and quality of reading comprehension. Teachers have incentives in place in the classroom to encourage students to meet six-week goals. The library sends digital reading badges in Google drive to students who

increase their reading word count. Students who meet certain criteria can “level up” their reading with certification badges, certificates, and small prizes.

### **Reading Rascals**

In December the Reading Rascals were able to visit the HS Varsity Boys Basketball Team to share stories with them. These students were chosen by their teachers:

Kinder: Jordan Roberson, Damaris Cecilio, El'Shem Coleman, De'Andre Wilson, T'Ayden Robinson, Adilyn Pledger, Hudson Allen, & Osvaldo Paulin

First: Daisy Bartley, Lexi Green, Natalie Flores, Taven Merriam, Yael Lopez, Brynlie Vantreese, Ethan Ault, & Cason Green

Second: Denysse Monroy, Javien Blue, Samuel Hargers, Major Vaughn, Kayne Brooks, Jessi Campos Roman, Adriana Gutierrez, & Maeli Segura

In January the students who are chosen will be traveling to the Wesley House to read with residents.

### **Math Monsters**

In December the Math Monsters were visited by students from HJH. They enjoyed playing math games together. These students were chosen by their teachers:

Kinder: Thanh Thi Borden, Dayra Lora, Christian Vaquera, Aiden Fourton-Walker, Cesar Perez, Kayson Librado, Sophia Uptmor & Christopher Trejo

First: Luisangel Rodriguez, Andrew Aguero, Mark Carmona, Cristopher Johnson, Miah Gonzalez, Diego Librado, Leo Sierra & Riley Rutledge

Second: Abigail Librado, Xzavion Houston, Kylie McVean, Xavier Montes , Julie Castillo, Aaliyah Cephus, Jade Nelson, & Raul Campos

### **HES PTA Info**

During the December meeting there was a vote to donate \$1,000 to the HES library to order new books. It was also discussed how to push Box Tops and keep the students motivated and aware of the incentives to help raise funds for our school.