



H.I.S. BOARD REPORT

December 3, 2018

H.I.S. Beliefs

We believe:

- **supportive relationships strengthen positive educational and life experiences.**
- **high expectations compel students to strive for excellence.**
- **an accepting and encouraging school environment inspires intellectual risk taking.**
- **authentic and engaging experiences foster opportunities for high levels of learning and growth.**
- **clear and open communication creates a pathway for school and community collaboration.**

December Board Report

The third six weeks is coming to an end with great academic successes at HIS! It continues to be an honor to see all the students smiling faces and eager minds walking through our hallways and in our classrooms! Our teachers are doing a phenomenal job at continuing to plan engaging lessons and incorporating various types of technology! We are all looking forward to continued success and great experiences this year at HIS!

Go Eagles!

H.I.S. U.I.L Activities

H.I.S. is anxiously looking forward to the academic U.I.L. events that are approaching. Our students and coaches have been working very hard to prepare for this great educational day and we know our Eagles will represent us well and rock it out! H.I.S. will host the academic meet with 2nd-5th grade. They will compete on December 6th. Special thanks go to Mrs. Hamilton for all her hard work and preparation to ensure the students and teachers have everything they need for all U.I.L. activities to be a HUGE success!

We wish all our students good luck!

H.I.S. Christmas Craft Days

H.I.S. will have Christmas crafts on the week of December 11th, 12th, and 13th after school. Mrs. Abreu and Mrs. Hamilton offer this to all of our students to stay after school to enjoy a snack and make a holiday craft with classmates. We are looking forward to good times with friends!

Fourth Grade Field Trip

Fifth Grade will take a field trip to the Mayborne Museum on Wednesday, December 12th. The students will get to tour the many levels of the museum and explore with all the different types of interacting exhibits. The fourth grade students and teachers were very excited about this because many of the attractions they got to view and learn about have been discovered this school year or will be discovered very soon in all subject areas. Lots of learning taking place on this field trip!

Terrific Third Grade

Third graders will be working hard this month to finish 2018 out with a bang! In science students will be learning all there is to know about soil! They will learn about how weathering and erosion help with making soil. They will learn about the different layers and how soil is important to our environment. They will learn that it takes thousands of years to make more soil for our plants. In social studies they will use this knowledge as we talk about our natural resources and how we need to conserve them. They will learn about how we use natural resources everyday but we are using up more than what can be made. The students will learn all about recycling and how to reuse materials that are being used up. We will end the month of December by teaching the students about different cultures and how they celebrate Christmas with our Christmas Around the World activities.

Fabulous Fourth Grade

All students are mastering questions asked in core content areas of the CBA #2. During our PLC's teacher's analyzed and discussed student data results. We had our "aha" moments and our "yikes" moments and recorded comments on an anchor chart. Some of the grade commonalities are that students are not reading and or comprehending what the question is asking. Teachers are teaching students how to think in a sense of how to analyze a question and take it apart, analyzing the question, which is a test taking skill and how to justify his or her answer. Teaching students it is "okay" and to encourage them to draw pictures, especially for math story problems. Many test questions are checking to see if a student understands content vocabulary.

In our hallways, we have data of percentages on how students are doing on their CBA's. Students as well as the teachers can identify if there is growth between the CBA tests. We are all collaborating on how we can improve classroom engagement. We had a self-discovery of how we can better ourselves with the #observe me. Teachers were able to be observed for

personal feedback through 5 to 15 minutes of an “observe me class” of their choosing, QR scan and type in the feedback of the questions that the teacher was wanting feedback on. Not T-
Tess related but strictly for personal growth. It benefits teachers, the teacher that is being observed and the teacher who is observing. Hopefully both teachers’ will gain knowledge and truth, to positively impact their own teaching styles and skills.

ELAR - Students are working on his or her biography report.

Students will be writing biography papers based on research and notes. Students will also be studying nonfiction text features in order to gain information about a subject.

Math - Students are using the formulas to find perimeter and area.

Students will be able to use a formula to find the perimeter and the area of a rectangle and square.

Science - Students will understand and differentiate between the forms of energy, including mechanical, sound, electrical, light, and thermal.

Students will be able to analyze different forms of motion. Motion can be measured and is influenced by forces such as a push, a pull, gravity, and friction.

Social Studies - Students will know how people adapt to where they live.

Students will be able to summarize the motivations for European exploration and settlement of Texas, including economic opportunity, competition, and the desire for expansion.

Phenomenal Fifth Grade

5th grade has a very exciting month planned to bring in the holidays. In reading the students will conclude their Wonder novel and begin the much anticipated novel project. The students will continue to work on text structures and features.

Math will be full of stem and leaf plots, input/output graphs, coordinate planes, as well as interpreting data from a graph.

The month of December will find our 5th graders learning about the War of 1812 followed by the Trail of Tears and ending with the women in America fight for freedom.

5th grade science will have our students discovering about light energy and electrical circuits. The students will certainly enjoy the exciting labs that are planned for them.

SPED/Interventionist Classes making LOTS of Growth this Semester

Mrs. Stephans- Eagle Math students are learning new math games. We are hard at work applying recently learned concepts to larger numbers with zeros.

Mrs. Lee- The Life Skills classroom has just finished Special Olympic Bowling competition in Killeen, Texas. All of our students that competed received medals! This past month we have learned geography and explored various types of travel. Students were introduced to simple map skills including how to use a GPS on a smartphone!

Mrs. Lewis- In Eagle Reading Academy (Tier 2/3 Reading), students are reading various genres of books at their instructional and independent levels, and practicing their word attack strategies. Eagle Reading students are also graphing their weekly reading gains in Scientific Learning's Fast ForWord exercises.

Mrs. Dupree's Resource classes

3rd Grade

One-step multiplication, decoding words, making predictions

4th Grade

One-step Division, Summary, Main Idea & Supporting Details, Inferences

5th Grade

Simplify numerical expressions, Analogies, Synonyms/Antonyms, Drawing Conclusions, Main Idea, Supporting Details, Summary

Mrs. Bruckbauer and Mrs. Straw- ESL classes: Students are reading recipes in preparation for writing, editing and revising their own script for filming a cooking demonstration video.

Mrs. Hamilton- ELAR co-teach is working on text features in non-fiction across all 3 grade levels! Students are completing scavenger hunts, QR readers, and TIME for kids activities. We are making connections with how these text features benefit us in how we comprehend non-fiction text.

Mrs. Reynolds- In Math co -tech classrooms, Students are so excited to be back at school and are ready to learn! The 5th grade classes are working on solving problems by calculating conversions within a measurement system, 3rd grade are beginning to learning how to determine appropriate units of measurements and 4th grade are solving problems related to perimeter and area of rectangles.

Mr.Scott- Co-Teach Math - The 4th grade co-teach class is currently working on solving equations for Area and Perimeter. We are constantly spiraling in two step equations and word problems to keep this information fresh on our minds. The 5th grade co-teach class has been working on Metric and Customary conversions as well as spiraling in material on word problems that we have covered over the semester.

Spectacular Specials

Artists at HIS are going to be having the best time of the year in art this month. They will get to make a lot of Christmas/Winter themed projects and create decorations for our hallways. We will have our first annual Specials' Showcase on December 10th from 5:30-6:30. Come check out my art show and check out the digital portfolios at <https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=47315>

With only 3 more weeks until this 9 week period is over, the students are definitely teching it to the next level. In addition to Google Docs and Google Drawings they are working on Google Slides and collaborating with their classmates.

GATE students are busy creating gift items. Can't give away their secrets, but they have been busy sanding wood, staining, painting, and hammering.

From the Library:

3rd Grade Read Aloud:

We just completed The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! By Barbara Robinson

With only three weeks till Christmas we began reading

Stone Fox, a legend from Idaho, by John Reynolds Gardiner

4th Grade Read Aloud:

We are completing Texas Bluebonnet Award Winner,

The Ghost of Fossil Glen by Cynthia DeFelice

5th Grade Read Aloud:

We have just completed the beloved A Dog Called Kitty by Bill Wallace

We are busily preparing for UIL this week.

The chess competition will be held in the library.

The library is decorated quite festively for Christmas!

Please join us for Storytime and cookies in the library,

Monday, December 10th, 5:30-6:00

In Music Class, we are busily preparing for the holidays! Our Fine Arts Showcase is coming up on December 10. On December 6, Music Enrichment Classes will be reaching out to our community by performing for the Senior Circle's monthly meeting. Later this month, we will be learning an African Christmas Carol. So many exciting holiday activities!!!

En La Clase de Español, los estudiantes will learn/review: family, the 21 spanish speaking countries and how Christmas is celebrated in these countries, and we will also review all the lessons we have covered.

In Physical Education, students will start the December Run Club! We will run anywhere from 2-4 minutes daily as we slowly start preparing for the Fitnessgram in the Spring!

IMPORTANT DATES

12/4/18 - Faculty Meeting for ALL staff

12/6/18 - UIL meet will be hosted by H.I.S.

12/10/18 - Specials Showcase 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

12/11/18 - Interim Assessment 3rd Math

After School Crafts 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

12/12/18 - Interim Assessment 3rd Reading

After School Crafts 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

4th Grade Field Trip

12/13/18 - Interim Assessment 4th Math

CBA 3rd Science

After School Crafts 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
12/14/18 - Interim Assessment 4th Reading
CBA 3rd SS
CBA 5th SS
12/17/18 - Interim Assessment 5th Math
CBA 4th Science
Big Kahuna Glow Parties during recess
12/18/18 - Interim Assessment 5th Reading
CBA 4th SS
12/19/18 - Small Foot Movie and PJ Party
CBA 5th Science
12/20/18 - Sack Races and Class Parties
12/21/18 - Perfect Attendance Pep Rally
Christmas Assembly in Gym
Early Release 12:40 p.m.
12/24/18 - 1/6/18 - NO SCHOOL
1/7/18 - Staff PD at H.I.S.

Enrollment for 2018-2019:

3rd: 130
4th: 142
5th: 157
Total: 429

HIS would like to thank you for all you do for our campus and district! We are looking forward to a great school year! GO EAGLES! We would also like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope this holiday season is filled with multiple blessings and lots of joy!