

## **HES Board Report February 2019**

### **Kindergarten**

A love of learning is in the air for February. In Science we will be learning about the weather and learning how to graph weather patterns. For math we will learn addition and subtraction up to 10. In social studies we will learn about different types of landforms. Finally, in ELAR we will be writing expository texts about insects. We have a lot to celebrate in kindergarten for this month as well. We will begin our month of celebrating with the 100th day of school on January 30th. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with parties on February 14th. Our exciting month will end with a field trip to the Mayborn Museum in Waco on February 20th. . At the museum we will be able to learn all about the author Eric Carle. February will be full of learning adventures for kindergarten.

### **First Grade**

First grade is excited about working hard to achieve their goals! This month we will be reading many different nonfiction books in first grade. Your student will be able to use text features to locate specific information in a nonfiction text. We will also work on putting words in alphabetical order as well as understanding the meaning of a compound word. In language arts, your student will be able to understand the different types of sentences. In math your student should be able to identify coins including pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters by value and describe the relationships among them. They should also be able to use the cent symbol to describe the set of coins, as well as be able to count a collection of coins. We also work on collecting and using data in math. In social studies, we are comparing the past and present as well as learning about different inventors and historical figures. In science, we are studying different living things. The students will be able to sort living and nonliving things and understand that they have basic needs

### **Second Grade**

This month in 2nd grade, we will continue to study the structure of expository texts. We will use research tools to record information, locate facts, identify the topic and main idea of a text, retell an order of events, and use text features. We will use the information that we gather from the research to write expository pieces of writing. We will also be studying different vocabulary skills including prefixes and suffixes and dictionary skills. We will also learn more about adjectives, adverbs, and punctuation and how to use them in our writing. We also will learn about using apostrophes for possessives.

### **CAMP Excitement:**

During the month of February in the computer lab your child will continue to work on their Lexia and Compass Math programs. HES students have already earned 795 certificates in Lexia. Great Job HES! In the computer lab we will begin a unit in keyboarding. In first and second grade your child will have another sight word typing challenge as well as a timed typing challenge. In Kindergarten your child will type the alphabet in order from a to z as well as some number identification.

### **PE**

During the month of February, we will continue to do workout Wednesday to build our muscles and our endurance. This is going to help our students be ready for field day this year.

## Art

Artists at HES are going to be creating beautiful Valentine's and spring themed art this month. Then we'll talk more about the color wheel and how the primary colors (red, yellow and blue) make the secondary colors (green, orange and purple/violet).

## Music

February will be a very musical month!! Kindergarten will begin learning the songs to the Musical they will perform in April. First grade will begin learning the choreography to the musical, "Wing It!" Second grade will begin a note study--learning the names, values, and rhythms of various notes. We will also sing seasonal songs. We are looking forward to an exciting month of learning!

## UIL Awards



## Reading Rascals:

The Reading Rascals had the privilege of reading to the Residents of Town Hall Estates. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the students did a great job.

**Kindergarten Readers:** Lily Davalos, Andrea Castro, Noemi Cecilio, Evelyn Leach, Ethan Bowman, Bryson George, Christian Kolbek, Suri Acosta

**First Grade Readers:** Elisa Garcia, Hidai Gonzalez, Isabella Alejandro, Mason Rogers, Marlene Orellan, Lincoln Armstrong, Aiden Coburn, Jayla Cruz

**Second Grade Readers:** Eli Morales, Deangelo Bibles, Zaniya Williams, Maximus Harris, Ella Scarborough, Abraham Perez, Lucy Bowman, Brisa Arroyo, Julian Tuma

**Math Monsters:**

We were proud to have the HS Girls JV Basketball Team join us for Math Monsters in January. It is always a pleasure to have the older students as role models to our students here at HES. Our students loved showing off their math skills as well! From the smiles in these pictures, you can tell it was a great time for everyone.



**Kindergarten:** Antonio Lucas, Traisyn Campos, Juan Gonzalez, Mason Perez & Ares Harris



**First Grade:** Emma Harris, Osvaldo Chavez, David Flores, Alek'zavier Cephus, Jacob Martinez, Kamryn Rodriguez, Arlybeth Nabor-Monroy, Nate Jenkins



**Second Grade:** Allison Avila, Jeremiah Ramos, JJ Lopez, Holly Billingsley, Melanie Castillo, A'Maya Moore, Tadum Knox, Jahiree Green

### **Counselor's Corner**

We are continuing to Choose Love at HES! The Choose Love Enrichment Program emphasizes the simple, universal teachings of courage, gratitude, forgiveness, and compassion in action. During the month of February, we will continue to focus on the character trait of **Forgiveness** in our guidance classes as well as in our daily activities at school. Students will review that forgiveness means choosing to let go of anger or hurt feelings toward yourself or someone else, so that you can move forward. They will practice their "Forgiveness Breaths" as a way to calm angry or hurt feelings in order to let those feelings go.

Once again, below are some optional activities that students and families/ caregivers can use to practice Choose Love skills and concepts at home. If you choose, the following discussion starters and activities can be used with your children to extend their learning of **Forgiveness** beyond the classroom/ school.

- "To me, forgiveness is....."
- "I show forgiveness at school by...."
- "I show forgiveness at home by....."
- "I show forgiveness in my community by....."
- Students show a family member how to do a "Forgiveness Breath".
- Talk with your family about the benefits of practicing forgiveness.
- Explain to your child(ren) that understanding and expressing his/ her emotions helps him/ her understand the emotions of others in order to practice forgiveness.
- Remind your child(ren) that forgiveness is not about accountability, fairness, or justice. It is about letting go of anger and resentment toward yourself or someone else.
- Practice forgiveness using the activities on your "Forgiveness" calendar that was sent home. Students who complete the calendar will receive a spirit stick.