



H.I.S. BOARD REPORT

April 1, 2019

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.**

April Board Report

The fifth six weeks is underway and flying by. It has been amazing here at HIS! All of our students are arriving with smiles on their faces every day and continuously learning new things as the school year continues to progress. Our teachers are building activities and lessons from collections of data from our students. They are using this information also to continually plan engaging lesson and incorporating various types of technology! We are all looking forward to continued success and great experiences this year at HIS! Go Eagles!

Phenomenal Fifth Graders

This month will certainly be one the the most exciting and busiest for 5th grade. We will begin with reviewing all skills obtained throughout the school year in reading, language arts, math, and science in preparation for the state assessment scheduled for April 9th, April 10th and May 15th.

Once we have our first administration wrapped up we will continue to review in both reading and in math. Reading will start their new novel unit on Hatchet while science will wrap up their unit on experimental design.

Social Studies will start the month off with completing their unit on World War II and evaluating our students on the knowledge they have obtained on both World War I and World War II and then go straight into the Civil Right Movement.

Fabulous Fourth Graders

Our fourth graders have been hard at work during the month of March! We have been preparing for our upcoming STAAR tests through small group instruction, guided reading groups, and by incorporating even more cross-curricular activities. In addition, we are modeling testing strategies and stressing the importance of using them. Our Eagle Expo was a success, and we were glad to show off what our students have accomplished this year!

ELAR:

Our readers will continue to practice the writing process in addition to practicing commas in a series in their writing. Students will continue to practice their specific strategies by using reading passages with questions in class work and the optional homework pages. Students will also be reviewing revising & editing in the optional homework and classwork in preparation for their STAAR test.

Math:

Our mathematicians will be able to solve one- and two- step problems with fluency, and they are reviewing material we have covered to prepare for their STAAR test.

Science:

Our scientists have examined how the Earth rotates from day and night and how Earth revolves around the sun in an orbit. Students also analyzed the Moon Phases in relation to the Moon's position with the Earth and Sun and how the moon's gravity helps create our high and low tides. Our scientists are now analyzing how living organisms within an ecosystem interact with their environment.

Social Studies:

Our historians will finish learning about how and why Texas joined the United States. Students will also be practicing their writing skills by writing a one-page essay about the effects of the Texas Revolution on our state.

Terrific Third Graders

This month in 3rd Grade Math, students will be reviewing geometry, fractions, financial literacy, multiplication, division, and addition and subtraction using multi-step word problems.

These young learners will be pushed to use their knowledge with real world problems using various methods to solve these equations. They will also be leveled twice a week into groups to master certain math concepts with purposeful learning.

Students are learning their multiplication facts in a challenging and fun way. The more facts they learn, they earn a movie, candy, popcorn, and a memorable fun time with their friends at the end of the school year! Our students are eager to push themselves to better themselves to be well-rounded mathematicians.

We are working hard to push every student to extend their knowledge in a fun and loving environment where students feel excited to learn new things and apply that knowledge!

SPECTACULAR SPECIALS

Artists at HIS will create clay projects in April. Then we will learn about the color wheel and how to make secondary and intermediate colors with primary colors.

Check out the digital portfolios at

<https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=47315>

Students will be working on their Basic Google Skills and Keyboarding skills. GATE students will complete research projects in advance of their field trip to Medieval Times.

From the Library

In addition to library classes this week, 3rd & 5th Grade ELAR & Math PLCs had extra time in the library!

3rd Grade Read Aloud

Giant Pants by Mark Fearing

5th Grade Read Aloud

The Boy of a Thousand Faces by Brian Selznick

IRA/CBC Children's Choice & Texas Bluebonnet Award Nominee

Happy Reading!

It's hard to believe that our students are beginning their last rotation in Specials classes for the year! Our new groups have reviewed rhythms, rules, and procedures, and we have begun to play the recorder. We have played rhythms using rhythm

kits, and will begin using the big drums, xylophones, and metallophones next week. Music Enrichment groups performed for the Lions Club, and at E3, and did an excellent job!

En Español, los estudiantes will learn/review: Numbers, colors, classes and things in the class, days and months, feelings, weather and seasons, clothes, and body parts.

In Gym class, we have just wrapped of the Fitnessgram and the students did wonderful! We will now start our jump rope lesson curriculum.

Special Education and Interventions are seeing LOTS of GROWth!

Positive passengers are on the road to sharing their thoughts in more descriptive ways by creating and expanding simple sentences to compound sentences, with correct conventional punctuation of course. Their subjects and verbs must agree as they continue to convey their ideas on this endless journey of reading and writing. Passengers will need a little fuel to reach their destination which requires understanding of currency & taxes with efficient application of each objective.

Eagle Math is hard at work analyzing the correct placement of numbers on a number line. We are also comparing and ordering multi-digit numbers. Eagle Math will be finishing up the unit on Place Value and taking assessments to show what we have learned.

In Tier 2 Eagle Reading to help prepare students for the upcoming STAAR Reading test, students will be reading and using key reading strategies, such as thinking about/analyzing, asking questions while reading, visualizing, summarizing, and looking for text evidence in STAAR aligned passages. Students will use their grade level testing strategies, which include using highlighters and whisper phones, highlighting possible right answer choices, verifying wrong answer choices, then going back to re-read to come to final decision on the correct answer choice. Student's dictionary skills are improving as they use the dictionary more and more to look up the meaning of various vocabulary and are also using the thesaurus to determine synonyms and antonyms of a specific word. Student's stamina, focus and confidence are increasing!!

ESL students have been taking the reading and listening and speaking portions of the TELPAS this week. We will also be preparing for the STAAR Online that is coming up in a couple of weeks.

Life Skills: Our classroom is gearing up for STAAR ALT. We are working on all the Essence Statements with skills to meet them using games, videos and worksheets. We are looking forward to all the Spring activities coming up!

In Math co-teach classrooms, Students are happy to be back and ready to learn! While learning new concepts, we are constantly spiraling in material that we learned from earlier in the year to help prepare the students for the upcoming STAAR Test. The 5th-grade classes will

be reviewing geometry, the 3rd-grade classes will practice and review fractions, and the 4th-grade classes will be solving problems with fractions, area, and perimeter.

ELAR co-teaches are still hitting the STAAR test prep running! We are seeing students mastering the art of the highlighter to increase comprehension of test questions and selections. Students are increasing dictionary skills and finding evidence to eliminate wrong answers. We've seen an increase in student confidence when it comes to stamina during these prep days! These test analysis skills are going to help us grow in our data! GO EAGLES!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 5th – End of 5th 6 Weeks

April 8th – 6th 6 weeks begins

April 9th – STAAR 4th Writing Assessment

STAAR 5th Math Assessment

April 10th – STAAR 5th Reading Assessment

April 11th - GATE Field Trip to Medieval Times

April 19th and 22nd – NO SCHOOL

Enrollment for 2018-2019:

3rd: 125

4th: 139

5th: 156

Total: 420

HIS would like to thank you for all you do for our campus and district! GO EAGLES!