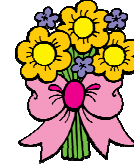
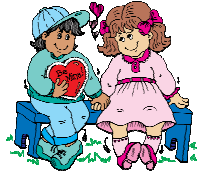
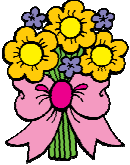


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Feb 1 - Six Flags Reading Race

Students who read at least 360 minutes and turn in their reading log by February 25<sup>th</sup> will earn a free ticket to Six Flags. The grade level reading the most minutes will be going to Sonic to enjoy a special treat.

Feb 7 & 8 - Dog Tag Mania

Students received their 3<sup>rd</sup> six-weeks and semester "Dog Tag" awards for perfect attendance, grades, behavior, etc. Over 350 students received excellent or outstanding for both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> six-weeks and also earned a yard sign for their hard work.  
Great job!

Feb 10 - 100<sup>th</sup> Day

After several changes to the calendar due to snow and ice, students finally celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

Feb 10 - AR Parent Meeting

Parents stopped by the Library to learn all about the Accelerated Reading program.

Feb 14 - Happy Valentine's Day

The Brockett PTO sold Candy Grams to help celebrate the day.

Feb 19 - 1<sup>st</sup> Outdoor Classroom Work Day

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be breaking ground for our Outdoor Classroom pond. Thank you *Backyard Concepts* for donating the pond materials! We would also like to thank *The Home Depot* for their generous donation of \$2000.

Feb 21 - Accelerated Reading

Students may begin taking their AR tests for the spring semester. Students who meet their individual AR goal will earn a special treat.

Feb 25 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip

Students will be going on the annual field trip to Casa Manana in Fort Worth. They will see the production "My Son Pinocchio".

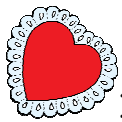


In the Classrooms



Kindergarten

February was off to a *CRAZY* start in Kindergarten at Brockett. With the bad weather, we missed the 1<sup>st</sup> four days!! We had planned on learning about Groundhog Day and making predictions about whether he would see his shadow or not! We were very excited when we came back to discover he did not see his shadow, so maybe the end of winter is upon us!! 😊 This week we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! If you didn't know, this is a *REALLY BIG* deal in Kindergarten!!! We did activities all day that revolve around the number 100! We drew pictures and wrote about what we would do with \$100. We put together a 100 item snack and drew what we will look like when we are 100! This month we are starting weekly sight word tests. In math, we are learning about time: more/less time, ordering events, and sequencing events.



1<sup>st</sup> Grade

In reading, we are learning about the Main Idea of a story. We are also working on fluency, expressions, intonation, and punctuation as we read. In writing, we are working on personal narratives and adding detail to our stories. In language arts, we are working on blends and clusters in words, and looking for known parts to help us figure out tricky words.

In math, we are learning how to tell time to the hour and half hour and also on place value to the tens and hundreds. We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 10<sup>th</sup>!!!! 😊 In science, we are learning about the water cycle, clouds, and severe weather. What an appropriate topic with all the winter weather we have had! In social studies, we have studied American Symbols, groundhog day, Valentine's Day, and will move on to President's Day, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington.



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

In second grade, we are learning to tell time to the hour, half hour and quarter hour. In science, we are discovering that the moon has phases and how each one looks. In reading, we are working on sequencing events in a story. We are also excited to celebrate the 101<sup>st</sup> day of school.



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Following a surprise four-day winter break, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Brockett Elementary will have a busy and full February. In reading, a novel study has just been completed. Now we will begin reviewing all the reading skills and strategies we have learned this year, as well as building reading stamina. For several weeks in math, we will be learning all about different types of measurements and how to measure accurately. In language arts, students will write a persuasive paper before moving into a unit on poetry. Simple and complex machines will be the topic in science. In social studies, we will be hearing about many great African Americans as we celebrate Black History month.

Earning the all-coveted "Study Island Blue Ribbons" will be a goal of each individual student, as well as each class as a whole. The first class to earn all their blue ribbons is in for quite a "Mr. Cox-style" treat!

It will be another great month of learning and growing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade hall at Brockett Elementary. ☺



4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Love is in the air this month as we all show each other different ways to show we care. Caring is our character trait we are focusing on this month. Great men and women like Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Jackie Robinson will inspire us to work together and treat everyone fairly to accomplish great things as we take time to learn about Black History this month.

What's matter? We will extend our lessons and experiments as we explore different stages of matter! So much fun! Word problems can be scary, but not to fourth graders! We are learning code words and cool problem solving strategies to conquer those word problems. They are like puzzles that we have to solve! As our TAKS Writing Test approaches we are getting down to business and are engaged in writing conferences and doing everything we can to improve our writing. We are looking forward to spring time and watching our outdoor classroom dream come true.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade

In reading, we are focusing on expository text and how it differs from fiction or storytelling. Along with this topic, studies will focus on the author's point of view, the main idea, and supporting details.

In Science, students are discussing and selecting a Science Fair topic. Emphasis in class will be placed on the scientific method to assist students with their projects.

As this month celebrates President's Day, each student will select a U.S. President to research. For writing, each student will prepare a report on the president. The student will also be using a computer program to create a "trading card" similar to the athletic trading cards. Students will use them in a "Who Am I?" president game.

In math, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning how to study charts and obtain mathematical information from them. Also, they will prepare charts to explain some concepts. Coordinate grids and ordered pairs will also be covered this month as students learn how to plot information and prepare line graphs.