

**Brockett Elementary
Board Communications
March 2015**



Parent & Community Involvement at the School:

Every Friday: Popcorn Friday!

This month kindergarten, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, & 4th grade enjoyed their treat.
Thank you to the volunteers who help us each week.

Feb 19 – March 5: Big Kahuna Popcorn Fundraiser

Students sold flavored popcorn to help raise money for our end of the year awards.

March 2 – 5: Book Fair Continues

The Book Fair stayed open for a few more days! It was also open during our “Pirate’s Treasure Night” on March 9.

March 5 & 6: Spring Student Pictures

Monte B took fun spring pictures of our students. Proofs will be sent home after Spring Break.

March 6: Kindergarten Field Trip

Kindergarten students visited the Dallas World Aquarium to learn about nature. They also used their senses to find patterns and properties of different living organisms.

March 9: Arrrrgh! A Pirate's Treasure Night (Open House)

We opened our doors to students and their family members to experience the treasures of math and science. Students have prepared science projects and each grade level has a fun "hands-on" activity for visitors to enjoy.

March 12: Attendance Meetings

Mrs. Lott and Mrs. Arrington will be visiting with select parents about their child's attendance.

March 13: Principal Award Lunch

Mrs. Lott will be hosting her 2nd Principal Award Lunch of the year. Students who received the award joined her for a special lunch at Pizza Hut in Pilot Point.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

March 26: 2nd Grade Musical

They are working hard preparing the musical, *Let's Pass It On*, and will use their music to tell about the importance of passing on good deeds to make the world a happier place. We hope ALL of our talented 2nd graders will plan to be here for this very special night.

March 27: 1st Grade Field Trip

Students in 1st grade will be visiting UNT's Elm Fork to learn about aquatic life in nature. They will be comparing it to the aquatic life in B.E.L.L.A.



Testing Days:

March 30: STAAR - 4th Grade Writing, Day 1

March 31: STAAR - 4th Grade Writing, Day 2 & 5th Grade Reading



In the Classrooms:



Kindergarten

In March, kindergarten will be learning about spring and insects. We will discuss how to identify an insect and discuss how some insects go through the stages of metamorphosis. We will also learn how to determine if something is living or non-living. In social studies, we have talked about Texas and identified many of the traits that make us who we are. We will continue March with learning about technology, jobs, and the differences between then and now. Language arts has made a huge jump in writing, spelling, and reading. We are getting ready for our end of year assessments and really pushing our kindergarteners to know how to spell all of their sight words during our weekly spelling test and also write three sentences independently on a daily basis. We continue to work on blending, rhyming, comprehension, compound words, reading groups and so much more! Last but not least. In math, we are learning equal parts, addition, subtraction, calendar elements, and days of the week. We are working hard to be prepared for first grade.



1st Grade

In ELAR, students will be studying diphthong vowel patterns such as ou, ow, oi, and oy. We will also be continuing guided reading groups and literacy workstations. In writer's workshop we will be writing, revising, and editing personal narratives. In math, we will be beginning our unit on geometry. This will include plane shapes and 3-D figures. In science, we will be studying the water cycle and weather. In social studies, we will be studying spring holidays and traditions such as St. Patrick's Day.



2nd Grade

March is coming in like a lion in second grade! In math, we are studying time. In social studies, we are finishing our study on famous African Americans. In science, we are studying the moon and stars, as well as celebrating our Math and Science Night on March 9. Reading ventures included continuing our work on fluency and CHAPS strategies. In writing, we are finishing up our expository writing and reviewing narratives.



3rd Grade

As we anxiously move into spring and away from winter, third graders at Brockett are busy learning and reviewing! In math this month, we will be focusing on measurement. We will also be learning about probability and statistics. In Reading and Language Arts, students will reexamine the literary genres of poetry, literary non-fiction, fictional texts, and traditional literature including myths and folktales. Students will make connections between various texts including comparing and contrasting two different versions of the same myth or folktale. Using the writing process, students begin to draft a persuasive text based on personal ideas and opinions. In science, we are finishing up our water science projects and looking forward to displaying them at open house next week. We will continue learning about inherited traits, learned behaviors, and inherited behaviors. Third graders in social studies are enjoying learning about needs and wants. We will continue learning about how we spend, save, and earn money in the real world.



4th Grade

We will continue learning about fractions, measurement and geometry in math. Changes in matter will be explored in science. We will take a close look at understanding connections across literary and informational texts in reading. Students will continue writing expository and narrative compositions and fine tuning their editing and revising skills. Growth in Texas and how it came to be will be analyzed in social studies. We are proud of how hard our students have been working and are excited to see the growth and progress that is being made.



5th Grade

In math, we will be learning all about reading and interpreting data given to us in graphs and tables. New graphs such as stem and leaf plots, dot plots, and scatter plots will be introduced. Students will learn how to read them and how to make their own. Following spring break, we will stay focused on reviewing all TEKS learned as we prepare for our three STAAR tests. Tutoring will continue during the month before school, during school, and after school.

The fifth grade scientists are filled with Life Science. Students are entering the ecosystem. They are a part of the food chain and hoping nature finds balance. Students are still at Valley Forge in our study of the American Revolution in our social studies classes. This week the 5th graders completed Unit 4A test; we are finishing TELPAS writings. The skills we are working on are summary, making inferences, and vocabulary.