

## **HES Board Report February 2017**

### **Kindergarten**

Our students have gotten back into the swing of things here in Kindergarten! In ELAR for the month of February, we will explore books by sharing opinions, making text connections, and reviewing story elements, main idea, and sensory details. Our students will write complete sentences and use writing conventions in our writing. We will continue working very hard on our Sight Words. Lastly in ELAR for this month, we will be beginning to learn poetry. For Math, our Kinder students will take their knowledge of composing and decomposing numbers and apply this toward solving addition problems. February is going to be a big month for Social Studies, where we will study historical figures for Black History Month, as well as celebrate Presidents Day by studying those presidents current and past.

### **First Grade**

In reading, we will be reading many different fables, fairy tales, and poems in first grade. Students will be able to use rhythm, rhyme, and alliteration in poetry. We will also start reviewing all fiction story elements. In language arts, students will be able to understand and use verbs as well as contractions and adjectives. In math students 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. In social studies, we are comparing the past and present. In science, we are studying different living things. Parents please remember to read with your child every night!

### **Second Grade**

February is going to be an exciting month for Second grade. We are going to be doing lots of fun and creative things. We have started to use our skills with combining materials to build robots for our district's Excellence in Education Expo (E3) in March. We are also learning about poetry with our Reading teachers. We are going to be creating various types of poetry as well. Our students are doing great with extending what we have learned about 2-digit addition and subtraction into making number sentences with 3-digits. February is also the month for Valentines parties.

### **Counselor's Corner**

Guidance lessons at HES during the month of January focused on FAIRNESS. Students learned that being fair includes telling the truth, following the rules, treating others with respect, and meeting the needs of others. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teachers for doing an excellent job of demonstrating fairness in their classrooms.

Fantastic!! These students were also treated to lunch at McDonald's.

Kindergarten: Joey Castillo, Evelyn Campos, Lillyan Melton, Anahi Duron, Michael Lowery, Johanna Gilliam, Hudson Allen, and Cesar Gonzales

1st Grade: Luisangel Rodriguez, Richard Parks Jr., Axel Ortiz, Akavian Rolla, Dominick Benitez, Alasia Daniel, Owen Dansby, Nola Hall, and Alexzander Salmeron

2nd Grade: Gary Gibson, Diego Soto, Aliyah Garcia, Shaylin Cook, Arianna Green, Aaron Ramirez, Lacey Lowery, and Andrew Johnson

HONESTY will be the focus of guidance lessons during the month of February. Students will learn that honesty means telling the truth, and accepting responsibility for your choices and actions. Students will sing songs, listen to and discuss books, and hear historical examples in order to have a better understanding of what it means to be honest.

### **Destination Imagination**

We are proud of our 2nd grade GATE students for taking on a new challenge this year! They have been meeting for weeks already and will perform with other districts on February 25th. They have been participating in Instant Challenges. They are given a task and limited materials to complete the goal and it is all within 6-8 minutes. Sometimes it is creating some sort of model and sometimes it is writing a play with parts. The team is now working on their competition challenge. They have to use simple machines to make a working complex machine that can somehow solve a problem and save the day. It includes a fully written and performed play. The students are enjoying the creative opportunity and critical thinking time. They are also learning how important teamwork is and that sometimes listening is the best way to be a leader. It is a wonderful experience to have to help them be prepared for further opportunities when they get to HIS next year! Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Green are amazed every week at practice at how this team is successful in their task! Ms. Robinson also helps them prepare during their weekly GATE time. Let's wish them luck at their competition!

### **CAMP Excitement**

In February, Kindergarten will work on a variety of subjects including spelling sight words and working on counting up to 100. First grade will be working on addition and subtraction, as well as learning how to use the Internet correctly. Second grade will continue to work on their slide shows. This takes several weeks because there are so many steps to cover.

### **Art**

Artist at HES are going to be painting hearts and flowers in February. Check out my class Facebook page for photos of current projects. <https://www.facebook.com/Mrs.AbreusClass>

### **Music**

February will be a very musical month! Kindergarten will begin learning the songs to the Musical they will be performing in April. First grade will begin learning the choreography to the pieces in their musical "Go Fish." Second grade will begin a note study--learning the names, values, and rhythms of various notes. We will also be singing seasonal songs, play learning games, and studying the composer Brahms.

### **PE**

We are looking forward to another great month in PE. The classes have been discussing sportsmanship and how important it is to try your best. We will head into sports and work on being a team and taking turns. We have learned how important movement is, getting enough sleep, and how to stay healthy.