

H L Brockett Elementary
School Board Communications
February 2013



Around the School:

February 1 & 15 UIL Competition
Good luck to all of the students and staff that have worked hard preparing for UIL this year.

February 4 – 15 Nature's Vision Fundraiser
Students are helping to raise funds for our Dog Tag Mania, End-of-Year Awards, Library books, and new technology for the classrooms.

February 7 100th Day of School
Congratulations students for completing 100 days of school!

February 14 – March 5 Shamrock Shuffle Pledge Drive
Students are helping to raise funds for our Dog Tag Mania, End-of-Year Awards, Library books, and new technology for the classrooms.

February 25 – March 1 Book Fair
Come visit the Brockett Library Book Fair.

February 28 2nd Grade Musical
Come and hear our wonderful 2nd grade students as they sing about Destination: Australia.



In the Classrooms:



Kindergarten

February is a busy month for kindergarten. In social studies alone, we are celebrating our 100th day of school, ground hog activities, celebrating President's Day, and preparing for

our Valentine parties and our kinder field trip on March 1st. In science, we will finish up our space unit and also begin to learn about living and non-living things. In math, we will spiral back around and retouch on addition and subtraction. Along with that we are further investigating numbers above 20 and working on counting to 100. In language arts, we will continue our 5 word spelling tests each Friday. Kindergarten is rocking those tests. In addition we are working on word families, reading in small groups to increase our fluency and comprehension; we continue to focus on those ending sounds, writing independently 1-2 sentences, poetry, compound words, and story elements. Tutoring has begun and we are already seeing progress in our sweet kindergarteners. We will get them where they are needed by the end of the year or sooner! First grade here we come!



1st Grade

In reading/language arts, students will continue listening and reading comprehension, making words, long vowels and digraphs, decoding strategies, guided reading, literacy workstations, and responding to literature in reading response journals. In writing, we will continue Morning Message, and Writer's Workshop. Students will be planning, drafting, editing, revising, and publishing personal narratives, as well as reading and writing biographies. In math, we will be working on ordering and recognizing numbers from 80 to 100, place value, and determining if numbers are even or odd. In science, we will be exploring different types of energy, how energy pushes or pulls objects, and magnetic energy. In social studies, we will be learning about physical and human characteristics of the environment, Groundhog Day, inventors and historical figures.



2nd Grade

Second grade is learning code words in addition and subtraction in math; we are working with our CHAPS strategies as we use them in reading passages. In writing, we are working on writing narratives with all of our conventions. In language arts, homophones are our focus. In Social Studies, we are learning about our country, city and state government. Science is all about phases of the moon.



3rd Grade

As we move into spring a lot of great things are happening at Brockett Elementary! In math, we are beginning our unit on measurement and geometric shapes, while reviewing multiplication. We are continuing to learn about the value of money, and rounding whole

numbers to the nearest tens, hundreds, and thousands. Students are continuing to use vocabulary in math to determine what operation to use in a word problem.

In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), third graders are exploring informational texts for the purpose of communication, gaining knowledge, and following directions. Students continue to explore informational texts through the examination of persuasive purpose. Students continue to show and use Good Reader Strategies when reading.

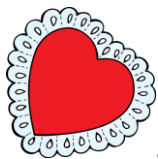
In science, third graders are having fun learning about our solar system and in social studies; students are learning about local, state, and federal law. Third grade is also researching our presidents with Mr. Cox in the science lab.

We will continue to strive for excellence in character and education! ☺



4th Grade

We are expressing ourselves through different ways of writing. We are practicing narrative, expository, and journaling. Revision and editing skills are being refined as we become excellent writers. It takes lots and lots of practice! We are celebrating Black History month in reading and social studies as we analyze different ways the civil rights movement impacted people. We will be comparing different men and women and their contributions to science and history. What a perfect time of year to investigate the weather! We will be examining weather in our “neck of the woods” as well as predicting what causes weather changes. Weather patterns will be studied and students will draw conclusions on how that impacts weather. During math class we will be wrapping up our unit on fractions and moving on to measurements. We are hoping the weather cooperates so we can explore different areas of measurement in our outdoor learning lab.



5th Grade Reading

We are reviewing reading skills that have been taught earlier in the year. Some students are being pulled out for tutoring during and after school. The students are working very hard to get ready for STAAR.

Currently, we are reading Esperanza Rising, by Pam Munoz Ryan. The skills we are working on are: compare and contrast, genre, theme, myths, effects of historical events, and point of view, drawing conclusions, and poetry.