## H L BROCKETT ELEMENTARY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS MAY 2010

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Appreciation Week
Our PTO treated teachers and staff to a one hour lunch break, a delicious
Mexican feast on Friday, and a 10 minute chair massage. In addition,
everyone received a "goodie bag" full of items from the school. Thank you Dr.
Monaco and AISD School Board for providing us with a pizza lunch on
Thursday.

May 4<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Musical

Students took a musical trip to the farm with some new songs and some old favorites. Students even made sock puppet worms to help them with a song.

May 7<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Round-up
We passed out 82 Kindergarten packets prior to Kindergarten Round-up.
Almost 50 completed packets were turned in that night.

May 10<sup>th</sup>: AR Field Trip

385 Students in 1st through 5th grade that met their AR goal went to Frank Buck Zoo in Gainesville.

May 11th: Choir/SWAT Concert

The BES Choir and SWAT team performed for friends and family. Thank you Mrs. Cummings for all of your hard work.



May 20th: 2

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day

We are very proud to announce the second annual combined Aubrey Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day at the Aubrey High School Football Field. This was a great success last year and has become a new tradition here in Aubrey. It is a chance for students from both campuses to have a little bonding time! Many favorite games and new fun activities are planned for all!



May 21st: 1

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Day

Students in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have their Field Day in the Brockett Elementary backyard. This has been a great success through the years and has become a wonderful fun day here in Aubrey. It is a chance for the students to leave the school work behind and have some fun!



May 21st: GT Parent Night

Mrs. Turner and her GT students will be showing videos of their roller coasters to friends and family. Projects from students at Brockett, Monaco and Aubrey Middle School will be showcased.



May 24th:

Battle of the Books - 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

3 teams from Brockett and 4 teams from Monaco will battle over facts from 12 books. Good luck teams!



May 25th:

Kindergarten Camp Out

Our Kindergarten students will be visiting the beach (the BES Library) for a morning of silly beach songs, games, snacks, etc. I hear the forecast is warm and sunny.



Our Kindergarten students have completed their first year and will be graduating in a formal ceremony in the Gym.



Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders have worked hard to complete their first 6 years of school. They are ready to receive their diplomas and move on to Aubrey Middle School. Congratulations 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Kindergarten: Kindergarten celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican hat dance! We made special gifts for our mothers and wrote answers to questions about them. We will continue May by studying summer safety and summer holidays. In math, we are learning to tell time to the hour and how to count money. We will be enjoying a library campout on May 25th and we are planning for our graduation on May 27th.

1st Grade: In math, we are concluding our year with place value, 3-D objects, and double digit addition. In science, we concluded our butterfly life cycle unit by releasing our painted lady butterflies in front of our school! We will also be learning about taking care of our resources by recycling, reducing our use of resources, and reusing resources. In reading, we will finish up the year practicing all the great reading strategies that we have learned by applying them to silent sustained reading, book discussions, and class read-alouds. In writing, we will be making a book of memories of first grade and reviewing that writing has a purpose.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Second graders are busy bees in the month of May. Testing is our main goal. We will be giving TRA tests for each student. We will be introducing some Reader's Theater in reading. We will be finishing up our unit about our world long ago in Social Studies. We will be working heavily on

our vocabulary notebooks in science. In math, we be reviewing all concepts taught this year. In language arts, we will be working on a poetry unit.

We will also enjoy an AR Field Trip to the Frank Buck Zoo in Gainesville. Field Day will bring us lots of good competition and our ever popular 2nd Grade Splash Day will take place with a day in the sun on the last week of school. We will also have an awards assembly in our classrooms to reward ALL students in our class this year for their achievements!!

3rd Grade: May is a great time of year for H.L. Brockett 3rd Graders!! We are eagerly awaiting results from all of our hard work preparing for and taking TAKS while we are busy celebrating the end of a great year together. In reading, we are enjoying *Charlotte's Web.* Friday, May 14th was our annual PIG OUT with lots and lots of food prepared and served by our students! In math, we are working very hard on learning our multiplication facts. With each set of facts learned, the students earn a part of an ice cream sundae. Ocean life is being researched in class and in the computer lab during computer time. Each student has been assigned an ocean animal and is preparing a power point with pictures and facts about their animal to share with their class.

It's been a fast, fun, and fantastic year in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. It's always a bittersweet time of the year for each of us!! Summer is quickly approaching and before we know it, there will be a new batch of H.L Brockett 3<sup>rd</sup> graders filling our halls and classrooms with smiles and eager minds!

4th Grade: We are rounding out our year with a social studies project. Students are designing their very own city somewhere in Texas. They need to decide laws, government, and how they are going to bring pioneers to their town. In math, we are exploring the design process of making our very own board games. These games are centered on the skills they have learned this year. We are very attracted to our science unit about magnets. Hands on lessons are allowing our "buck a roos" to explore in depth the world around them. Roses are red, violets are blue, we are loving poetry, how about you? We are learning about the many types of poetry and how to express ourselves through writing.

In reading, we are reading many different short stories about many topics. In doing this, we hope students will continue to explore different genres this summer. This has been a great year and we look forward to watching this group continue their success in the years to come.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: In science, we are exploring microscopes and moving on to magnetism. In math, we are previewing 6<sup>th</sup> grade skills, adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. and mixed numbers. In language arts, we will be working on a class book. Each student will submit a mystery writing based on CVA book by Harris Burdick, Chris Van Allsburg. In reading, we will be finishing poems. Then we will be review reading skills using tall tales. In social studies, we will be reading and talking about a time of reforms.

May 27 is our celebration day and May 28 is our graduation.