

HES Board Report December 2016

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is pushing forward into December and packing in lots of learning during our 3 weeks before the Christmas break. In ELAR students will continue to focus on Main Idea, using details and descriptive words. This will support projects in writing involving non-fiction research and Christmas stories. In Math students will review teen numbers and practice comparing them. Science will continue to focus on the 5 senses and writing about them while in Social Studies students will learn more about Christmas traditions from around the world.

First Grade

In math, first grade will extend everything we've learned about adding and subtracting. The students will solve word problems and number sentences with up to three numbers! In reading, students will learn about procedural texts, so there will be many fun lessons to come. In language arts, the students will practice transition words. Not only will they be able to read and follow multi-step directions, but they will be able to write them! In science and social studies, the students will be looking at natural resources and describing the human characteristics we need to survive.

Second Grade

In ELAR, we will be learning about the types and purposes of media. We are excited about participating in online writing activities with students from other classes and of course writing letters to Santa! In math, we will be working on two digit addition with regrouping, addition word problems, and continuing to work on mastering our math facts! We will be learning about force, motion, and energy in science by doing activities with magnets and learning the difference in push and pull.

CAMP Excitement

Computer:

For the month of December, 1st & 2nd grade will be working in Google.

Kinder will be working on Sight Words and Number Recognition up to 50.

The 2nd six weeks Golden Mouse recipients are:

2nd - Hawkins, 1st - Covarrubias, Kinder - Ramos

Music By:

Annette Abt

December is always a busy time in the music world. The second graders will be performing, "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders" on December 6th.

The students will be studying the music of Tchaikovsky and learning the story of "The Nutcracker." We will also be learning Holiday Music, adding instruments to these pieces, and learning to read different rhythms using the eighth note, quarter note and rest.

PE:

In December Second grade Music and PE will be collaborating for practice for the upcoming musical with Mrs. Abt. Kinder and First grade will have time to visit the motor lab to work on different motor skills and collaboration within stations.

2nd Grade UIL

Second grade is the first grade level that can compete in the UIL Academic Invitational Contest. We have 5 teams competing in this event. We had tryouts for all events and judges selected 3 members for each team. The contest will be held on December 8th at Lakeview Camp near Waxahachie, Texas. We will be competing against schools from Alvarado, Glen Rose, Godley, Venus, Stephenville, and Hillsboro.

Team members competing are Chess Team members Andrew Johnson, Luke Scarborough, and Hunter Ward. Christine Robinson is the coach and Coach Schneider has been helping. Spelling Team members are Jade Nelson, Riley Coleman, and Alex Abreu. Their coach is Cassandra Sexton.

Oral Reading members are Shaylin Cook, Major Vaughn, and Mylie Sexton. Their coach is Danielle Spencer.

The Storytelling team members are Mauricio Eleucario, Jami Rodriguez, and Alaina Versluis. Their coach is Lauren Schneider.

The Creative Writing Contest will be held on December 5th at Hillsboro Elementary School. The members of the Creative Writing team are Lacey Lowery, Gavin Smith, and Shaylin Cook. Their coach is Donna Green.

The UIL Coordinator for HES is Sharon Powell. We think we have a great group of students representing Hillsboro Elementary School. All of these team members and coaches have been working for weeks to prepare for this competition.

Math Monsters

Several visitors from the HISD Central Office joined the November Math Monsters to learn about and play math station games. The participants were:

Kinder: Jahiree Green, Monica Botello, Kamiya Brooks, Callier Mackey, Tucker Anderson, Ja'Zale Maxey, Hudson Allen & Mariela Galavan

First: Sofia Garcia, Ty'Riah Myles, Tyler Reid, Jalen Hawkins, Zaylee Lewis, Alaisa Daniel, Kamilyah Ramos & Madison Meador

Second: Joshua Rodrigues, Rachel Manzanares, Kionna Long, Shaylin Cook, William Marshall, Ashley Gallegos, Sheyla Ramirez & Byron Pineda

Reading Rascals

The November Reading Rascals traveled to the Hillsboro Jr High campus where they read stories to and with Mrs. Adams' 8th Grade Math class. The participants were:

Kinder: Ruth Portillo, Jocelyn Grimaldo, Kaelan Wilkinson, Halle Craig, Elijah Clayton, Faith Payne, Brianna Mosca & Melanie Castillo

First: Nelly Lara, Ava Herrera, Lexi Garza, Haylee Wilson, Logan Haakinson, Adriana Ramirez, Khendal Rankin & Kylee Carter

Second: Alexander Martinez, Emma Vicente, Kionna Long, Liliana Carmona, Fernanda Martinez, Jordan

McGill, Halo Vasquez & Miranda Hernandez

Rhythm Rascals

The Rhythm Rascals have been preparing their Christmas Program for December performances. Their program consists of Christmas songs and the reading of Christmas poetry. They will perform on December 14th for Franklin School and also at Homestead Nursing Home. On December 16th they travel to Town Hall Nursing Home and then Wesley Retirement Home.

