



HOBBS WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER PARENT NEWSLETTER

What We're Learning . . .

KINDER

The week of the 16th we will be taking the district Math Assessment. Teachers will send home the results the following week. In math we will be learning about reading, writing, comparing and representing numbers up to 15, along with subitizing. In Science we will be investigating light, sound and energy. In Language Arts we will be reading Folktales/Fables and describing characters and reasons for their actions, big idea, and making personal connections. In writing we are learning how to write a personal narrative. In social studies we are studying about our school community and beginning geography and places.

Please read with your child every night and practice their word wall words.



FIRST GRADE

Parent conferences will start October – November so be on the lookout for an invitation from your teacher! In math, we will be learning about telling time to the hour using an analog clock, solving word problems involving: joining, separating, and comparing sets to 20 – finding the result unknown ($2+4=[]$; $[]=3+5$), the change unknown ($3+[]=7$), and the start unknown ($[]+5=10$), also apply properties of operations to add and subtract two or three problems. Our first Quarter 1 Summative will cover math and will be the week of Oct. 16th. In ELA, we will be covering biography and autobiography, fairytales, and fables by retelling, making inferences about text, using textual evidence to support understanding, and connecting a story to a personal experience, describing the plot (problem and solution, retelling a story's beginning, middle, and end with attention to the sequence of events, describing characters in a story and the reasons for their actions and feelings. In writing, we will be writing a personal narrative that includes: planning, rough draft, hook, beginning, middle, and end, and an ending, revising and editing, and publishing their final draft. In social studies, we will take a look at exemplifying good citizenship. In science, changes of materials: melting, evaporating, and freezing, also, light energy, heat energy, sound energy, and investigating the force of a magnet. Please continue to read with your child and make sure they are here every day! We appreciate all that you do!

Mark your calendars, we will be going to the Nature Center on Oct. 12th



Second Grade

Reading: fiction texts, dramatic plays, and poetry

Writing: personal narrative

Math: addition and subtraction word problems up to 1,000 and counting coins up to \$1.00

Science: patterns of movement and magnets

Social Studies: citizenship in our community

Thank you for all that you are doing to help your child succeed. Please read with your child every night for at least 20 minutes using the books in their book bags.



3rd Grade

Reading: literary non-fiction, poetry

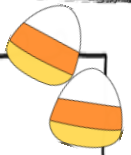
Writing: writing process

Math: perimeter, value of collection of coins and bills, multiplication facts and one-step multiplication problems within 100.

Science: sound, light and mechanical energy

Social Studies: U.S. Constitution

Thank you for all you do to help us help your child succeed. Encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes per night. Make sure they present at school every day.



4th Grade

Reading: Informational and Drama

Writing: Personal Narrative

Math: Multistep problems
Division and Multiplication

Science: Patterns on Earth

How Can I Help My Child:

Read with your child every night
Give your child basic addition and subtraction problems.

Have your child explain how to solve the problem.

Important Dates:

October 5-Nature Center

October 27-Dogwood Canyon Audubon

Please make sure your child dresses for outdoor weather for field trip days.



Fifth Grade

Hello Parents! We are moving right along through the year! Our students are holding strong to the expectations being asked of them! We are very proud of them! In reading we are studying biographies of famous people. Math we will be learning how to simplify expressions with decimals and multiplying decimals using pictorial models. In science, we are learning about various forms of energy such as biofuels. And in Social Studies we are learning how the US was colonized by a variety of cultures

Every night we will have homework. Each student will be given a math workbook to take home and it stays home. They will be assigned a page a week and it is due on Friday. In reading, they need to be reading their guided reading book nightly to assist them in becoming stronger readers. Also, on October 30, we will be going to the Trinity Audubon Center! Please communicate with your child's teacher if they need a school sack lunch! Thank you for your help!

The Fifth Grade Team



SPECIALS CORNER



Art:

Hello Hobbs Williams families!

Creating a work of Art is about forming an idea, planning, following through with the original plan or a variation of it and reflection; finding meaning in their own art work. I am glad that we are reaching the end of the first 9 weeks because now our students will finally be able to experience the joy and at times relief through finally seeing the finish product. The next step of our process is learning how to give feedback to one another in a positive environment. I cannot wait to hear what affirmations our students have for one another's art!

Music:

The 4th Grade Music & Art Program titled "GOAL" is on the evening of Tuesday, October 17th. The students have been working hard to prepare for it. We hope to see you there!

MUSIC FOCUS:

K, 1st & 2nd grades will be learning the difference between beat and rhythm.

3rd, 4th and 5th grades will focus on melody, including scales, tonality and musical notation.

PE:

For the month of October we will be working on basic team concept fundamentals through the use of football and hockey. Also, elementary students throughout the metroplex are taking the 21-Day Challenge. The 21-Day Challenge encourages students to make healthier choices for the next 21 days. To participate, parents must go to the website www.Kids-teaching-Kids.com and click on Sign-Up. Please sign your child up between Sept. 25-October 9. This year, they are challenging each school to have at least 40% of the students complete the challenge including the survey. If we have at least 40%, our school will earn a \$500 gift certificate to spend on gym equipment. Williams can only win with your help! Thank you for helping us to compete in the 21-Day Challenge!

Health SPOT

School Health Tips

By: NIKKI Lindsey, RN



Welcome to October

It is hard to believe October is already here. This is the time that we begin to talk about flu season and steps to take to promote the best health possible. Please review the information listed on this page about the flu to help you better identify an illness. Don't forget to check with your pediatrician if your child becomes sick.



General flu information

- Symptoms usually come on suddenly.
- Fever of 100°F or higher or feeling feverish (not everyone with flu will have fever however, fever is common) AND extreme tiredness, dry cough, headache, muscle aches, sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea.
- Can last from 3 days up to 2 weeks.
- Complications include pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some may require hospitalization.
- High risk includes anyone with long term health conditions (asthma, diabetes or heart failure), 65+ year of age, young children and pregnant woman.

Flu prevention tips

- **Get vaccinated!** Flu vaccine is the most important way to protect against this serious disease.
- **Wash your hands frequently** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds with vigorous rubbing between fingers, back of hands, and wrists. Dry hands with paper towel.
- **Catch your cough/sneeze** in the crease of your arm.
- **Disinfect** frequently touched surfaces and shared items (door Knobs, light switches, phone, computer Keyboard and desks).
- **Avoid touching your nose, mouth or eyes.**
- **If you are sick stay at home!!!** If someone is home sick try to contain them to one room with one caretaker if possible to attempt to contain the virus.

Important Dates in October

3 - GPISD Dyslexia Parent Night
Location: Ed Center, 6:00-7:30pm

3-24 - Covering with Kindness Drive
(bring blankets)

4 - Parent Nutrition Class, 1:00-2:30pm

5 - 4th Grade Nature Center Field Trip,
PTA Elections at 6pm in the Library

9 - Fall Break/No School

12 - Choir Club, 3:45-4:30pm

9-21 - 21-Day Challenge

Bullying Prevention Week

10 - Wear Your Cap/Hats to show you support in putting a cap on bullying; Step Team, 4:00-4:30;
Career Educators Picture Day, 8:30-12:30pm

11 - Wear Boots to show you stand tall against bullying; Parent Workshop-Math and Science Essentials, 9:00-10:30am

12 - Wear Yellow to show you will Keep Calm and Report Bullying to a Trusted Adult

13 - Wear Blue to show you are an affirmer to one another; 1st Grade to Nature Center

16 - Basketball Club, 4:00-4:30pm; Green and Clean Club, 4:00-4:30pm

17 - Step Team, 4:00-4:30pm; 4th Grade Music & Art Program titled "GOAL," 6:30pm

19 - Choir Club, 4:00-4:30p

19-20 - Quarter I Assessments

Red Ribbon Week

23 - Don't get mixed up in drugs- mismatch day; 1st day of 2nd 9 weeks; Green & Clean Club, 4:00-4:30

24 - Drugs make you crazy- crazy hat or hair; Art Club, 4:00-4:30pm; Step Team, 4:00-4:30

25 - Reverse peer pressure- Kids dress like teachers and teachers dress like Kids; Reports go home

25 - McCallum, Bentley, Richardson & Salas Field Trip to Pogue Planetarium

26 - My future is too bright for drugs- wear neon; Choir Club, 4:00-4:30; Durant & Turner to Pogue Planetarium

27- 4th Grade Dogwood Canyon Audubon Field Trip; Wear favorite sports team shirt or jersey; Muffins with Mom, 7:30-8:00am

30 - 5th Grade Trinity Audubon Center Field Trip; Basketball Club, 4:00-4:30pm; Garden Club, 4:00-4:30pm

31 - Art Club, 4:00-4:30pm; Step Team, 4:00-4:30pm; Story Book Character Day dress like your favorite story book character



Attendance

Our campus goal is to have 98% of our students present every day. Please help us by ensuring your child is here each day, on time, and remains at school for the duration of the school day.

We are currently at 97% for the year.



Join PTA
\$6.50

Staff Member of the Month

We are very grateful for Mr. Parra. He is always ready to step up and get the job done! His hard work does not go unnoticed. He is always willing to help everyone and goes out of his way to support our staff and our students.



Congratulations Mr. Parra!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Character Virtue: Self-Control

Self-control is an important skill for all children to learn. It refers to having power over one's own actions. It also means choosing to do what's right when the wrong choice is available, and sometimes attractive. Guidance lessons will reinforce this concept with stories and activities that demonstrate self-control. We encourage you to continue these conversations by sharing your experiences with your children at home.

Counseling Program Highlights

October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. In observance of this national initiative, guidance lessons will also encourage students to reinforce Hobbs Williams "We don't bully, we brag!" theme. These lessons will teach students how to identify bullying, and combat it with compliments and by sticking together. This will run concurrently with Red Ribbon Week! Look forward to a week of engaging program initiatives that promote decisions to be drug free.

parent survey

Parents,

In an effort to continue to grow and improve our school, please fill out the following survey and provide us with some feedback.

[Click here to take survey](#)

The survey will close October 6th.

Thank you!