



# HOBBS WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY

## SEPTEMBER PARENT NEWSLETTER



### What We're Learning...



#### Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been off to a great first week of school. Children have been working on the expectations of Hobbs Williams and getting to know their teachers and friends. We will be learning about numbers 1-5 in Math and Fiction text in Language Arts. Please make sure to sign your child's daily folder every night and be on the look out for homework coming this month.

#### First grade

Homework will begin on Sept. 18th. Please continue to read with your child every day. The Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI assessment) and Word Wall Word assessments will begin September 5th. Developmental Reading Assessments (DRA) will begin September 18th.

#### Second grade

In reading, we will be focusing on fiction texts. We will analyze characters, create written summaries, and explore fables, myths, and folktales. For writing, students will begin writing personal experience narratives. We will explore hooks to hook our reader and adding lots of details to our writing. Math starts off with place value to 1,200! We will also be counting coins up to \$1.00, so let your child practice counting your loose change. Students are becoming scientists by exploring physical properties of objects including texture, color, size, and mass and experimenting with changes in objects caused by heating or cooling. For social studies, students are creating timelines and addressing how historians study the past and the importance of history in a community. We are looking forward to a visit from Mayor Jensen on September 8th! Please make sure your child is reading every night. We will be starting TPRI assessments on September 5th and DRA assessments on September 18th.

#### Third grade

We are excited to be back in school and back to learning. Here is what we will be learning over the next few weeks.

**Reading:** fiction texts, including folktales, myths and legends

**Writing:** brainstorming ideas from our personal experiences

**Math:** representing, composing and decomposing numbers up to 100,000

**Science:** physical properties of matter

**Social Studies:** cooperation and community

Thank you for all you do to help us ensure your child's success...encouraging your child to read at least 20 minutes per night, and making sure your child is present at school every day.

#### Fourth grade

##### Reading:

- Fiction Text

##### Writing:

- Personal Narrative

##### Math:

- Profit
- Multiplication
- Decimals

##### Science:

- Weathering & Erosion
- Renewable and Non Renewable Resources

##### 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.

## Fifth Grade

Hello Parents! We are super excited to have your students in our care! The Fifth Grade team has set high expectations academically and behaviorally and our students are rising to the challenge! We look forward to working closely with you as we prepare our students for future endeavors such as the STAAR test and moving on to sixth grade. Over the next few weeks, we encourage you to work closely with your student to set goals for the school year and track those goals to ensure they are met! Our students are amazing and with us working together, we will have a successful year!

## SPECIALS CORNER

### Music:

K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades are learning to recognize steady beat.  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades are learning to divide steady beats into meter.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at our music programs throughout the year!  
- Ms. Lindsey

### Art:

Hello Hobbs Families!  
The Art teacher will like everyone to know all students are reviewing the elements and principles in art through projects having to do with enduring ideas. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be exploring what belonging means. Parents what are some activities you do with your children that make them feel like they are an important part of the family? Share your answer with your children. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be gaining a better understanding of what perseverance means to them in their life. Parents, share with your children a goal you have for them to succeed. They can be small short term goals or long term life long goals.  
Thank you,  
Mrs. Maldonado

### PE:

In the month of September we will be working on flexibility and bodies in motion. This includes the FitnessGram for our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also begin our healthy snack 21-Day Challenge on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Expect more information regarding this program between September 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Important Dates...

- September 4 - Labor Day Holiday
- September 5 - PTA Board Election meeting at 6:30pm
- September 6-(9:00-10:30am)  
Parent Workshop "Reading and Writing Essentials."  
*Presenters: Counselor Campbell/Liaison Foo/MS Jones*
- September 11-September 15  
Guidance Week (Kindness and Compassion Theme)  
Bullying, Rachel's Challenge, Who's your counselor
- September 14-Boy Scouts School Night 7-8pm in cafeteria
- September 20- fall pictures
- September 21-(6:00-8:00pm)  
GPISD College Fair @ Grand Prairie High School

## Health Spot

### Back to School Health Tips

By: NIKKI Lindsey, RN



Welcome Back!

We are so excited to have each and every student here at Hobbs Williams. Your student is a very important part of the Williams family. The health of your student can make a tremendous impact on their academic success. I am here to help you in any way that I can, to help your child be successful

It may seem too simple, but good handwashing is the number one prevention to prevent an illness. Encourage your child/children to do this throughout the day. They should be using soap and water, and scrubbing for at least the amount of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" slowly. Another important step in maintaining the total health of your student, as well as the school, is to make sure to keep your student home if and when they are sick. The district sick guidelines are available on the district website, [Grand Prairie ISD.org](http://GrandPrairieISD.org).

## Handwashing

Did you  
wash them?



Hand washing prevents disease.

Happy birthday to you  
Your hands are a zoo  
If you hum this while you wash them  
They'll be cleaner times two



The CDC says that **keeping your hands clean** is one of the most effective things you can do to prevent the spread of diseases like the H1N1 flu

Yale EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
<http://www.yale.edu/emergency/emergency/index.html>

Let's start the school year off with a great start and promote the best health possible. Flu season is around the corner.