

Hardin Houston Elementary

2019-2020



Newsletter

Upcoming:

2/6: 5th grade immigration Days at Ross Historical Society

2/7: 2 hour delay for teacher professional development

2/13: 1 hour early release, parent teacher conferences

4:00-7:30 by appointment

2/17: President's Day, No School



A message from the Principal

We have four more weeks left in this quarter. Time is passing by quickly! There is still time for students to get their grades up if they have fallen behind. Likewise, the ability for grades to slip exists as well. Remind your child to keep up on homework and read consistently so that he/she can meet the AR Goal for the quarter in grades 2-6. The CATS reward day will be adjusted this quarter to March 11 rather than March 13. Students who earn the privilege will get to go roller-skating. We will pay for the cost of admission, and students will cover the cost of skate rental. Students who have their own skates are welcome to use them. A form will be sent home to let you know if your child earns the reward.

State testing begins in March. The schedule is printed below. Please look it over and make sure your child is present on testing day if at all possible. Students typically perform much better when they take the tests with their teacher and their classmates. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

I've noticed that it is staying light longer in the evening. It's exciting to see the subtle signs of spring approaching. Enjoy this short month!

State Testing Schedule

ELA:

3rd grade: March 30, April 1

4th grade: March 31, April 2

5th grade: April 6, April 8

6th grade: April 7, April 9

Math:

3rd grade: April 15, April 17

4th grade: April 16, April 20

5th grade: April 21, April 23

6th grade: April 22, April 24

Science:

5th grade: April 27, April 28



Counselor's Corner

February is an exciting month. Not just because it is Valentine's Day and guidance lessons, but the elementary guidance department is partnering with FFA on some future activities. Students will have opportunities for Random Acts of Kindness and other events sponsored by Houston High School FFA chapter. Ask your child about any new events

In grades K-3, students will finish our safety unit on safe and unsafe touches. These grade appropriate lessons discuss how physical touches such as a high five, fist bump, hug and hand shake can all be welcomed touches that make us feel good; however, there are other touches that make us feel scared or cause us to feel uncomfortable. These unwelcomed touches can be in the form of hitting or touching our private parts (parts covered by a bathing suit). Students are encouraged to follow 3 steps.

Shout

Run

Tell

With some of the grade levels doing more than one lesson a month, students may be a little ahead of other grade level; therefore, students in those grade levels will focus on tattling versus telling. By looking at tattling, students figure out other ways to solve situations besides always telling an adult. Rules we follow are:

Be a Danger Ranger

Be a Problem Solver

Is it a Now or Later Problem

MYOB – Mind your own beeswax

The rest of our students will look at problem solving in a different way. Fourth grade students will look at problems as Big Deal vs. Little Deal and how does our reaction match the size of our problem. Sometimes it is just a change of perspective and looking at other ways to deal with the problem. Fifth grade students will focus on conflict resolution. This is a great skill to have when we run into an issue with a friend. Regardless of the title, students will have some strategies to use when solving problems.

Students in the sixth grade will complete their career lesson. Earlier, students looked at careers that matched their skills and abilities. Now students will look at the careers and discover the skills they need and how it relates to school success. Hopefully with this perspective on careers students will see how their academic success is related to their goals for later in life.

As always, any questions or concerns about the lessons please don't hesitate to contact me.

New preschool typical sign-ups for next year. There will be an online signup on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 PM. More detailed information will be on the webpage as well as frequently asked questions about the process.