

Hardin-Houston Elementary

2021

January Newsletter

Important Dates -

Jan. 4- First Day in 2021

Jan 4.- Begin 3rd Nine Weeks

Jan. 18- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School

A message from PTO:

The annual Secret Santa shop was a huge success and the students were very excited to shop for their friends and family. Thank you to all of those who volunteered for this event.

The PTO will have a meeting January 21st at 5:30pm in the school commons area. All parents interested are welcome to attend. We appreciate your support.



A message from the Principal:

Hopefully, everyone had a relaxing winter break with time to rejuvenate and get ready for the second half of the school year. I am actually thankful to return to a normal schedule, and I imagine many of you feel that way as well. I read a lot of books, cleaned a lot of closets, and spent precious time with my children and grandchildren. Being a true adventure seeker, I also spent some time hoping that things will change soon, and I can return to those types of activities I love so much. I've definitely learned to take life one day at a time!

This Friday will be CATS reward day for students who earned it. Grade cards will go home this week although many of you probably already checked them on Progress Book. Unfortunately, we will not be able to recognize our Semester One straight A students at a basketball game this year. They will be recognized on our website and on Twitter. It really is quite an accomplishment for students in grades 3-6 to earn all A's! As a new year and a new semester begins, it presents an opportunity for all students to work hard and do their very best. That accomplishment, too, brings its own sweet reward.

Upcoming:

January 18: No school





Counselor Corner

For the month of January, most grade levels will finish with the safety unit. This lesson will focus on personal safety (welcome and unwelcome touches) and personal rights.

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). Kids are encouraged to talk to a trusted adult if they receive an unsafe touch.

Other grade levels that have finished the safety unit will look at problem solving skills. Our 6th grade students will spend the next 2-3 guidance lessons creating personal short term and long term goals.

If you have any questions or concerns about lessons being taught, please don't hesitate to contact me at amakela@hardinhouston.org or (937)295-3010 ext.1002.