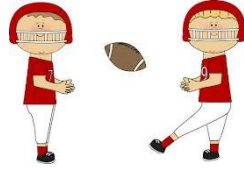


**Brockett Elementary
School Board Communications
September 2015**



Title 1 Parent Curriculum Nights:

K	August 25	1 st	August 25
2 nd	August 27	3 rd	September 1
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Parents learned more about what to expect as their children start their new school year. Title 1 was also discussed.

September 8 Mom's on Main Teacher Luncheon

Mom's on Main fed our teachers and staff a delicious meal of croissant sandwiches and chips. Thank you!

September 9 Big Kahuna Fundraiser

We are doing the Big Kahuna catalog fundraiser again this year. Orders are due on Friday, September 25. Students who sell at least 15 items will be invited to a special lunch on a party bus. The prizes this year are Minions!

September 10 Title 1 Parent Involvement Night

Parents learned about the many volunteer opportunities (Watch D.O.G.S., PTO, etc.) available at our campus. Teachers helped serve hot dogs to everyone who attended the meeting

September 11 PTO Grandparents Day Breakfast

Our PTO hosted a breakfast this year to celebrate grandparents. Thank you to all of the grandparents and other family members who attended the special event. Thank you also to our cafeteria staff for cooking the delicious meal for everyone.

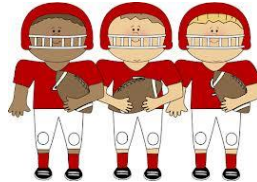
September 22 BES Site Base Meeting

Mrs. Lott will be hosting her first site base meeting of the new school year. Thank you to all of the parents, community members and teachers who will be on the team this year.

September 25 PTO Homecoming Luncheon

The PTO will be preparing a special homecoming theme meal menu for our teachers and staff. Thank you to everyone that helped make this luncheon special.

All teachers have completed their first “Positive Parent Contacts” for the school year.



In the Classrooms:



Music is in the air at Brockett. Sign-ups for the *All-Star Choir* have begun. The choir performs several times in December. Our *Students with Amazing Talent* percussion ensemble - the SWAT team - begins rehearsals this month. We are so excited to begin forming a Ukulele Club this year. Thanks to the inspiration and work of Mrs. Milacek and the generosity of many of our Brockett parents, our students will soon begin to learn to play ukuleles.



Kindergarten

It's September and we are in full swing. In language arts, we have slowly begun introducing literacy centers. We want our students ready to transition between centers, so that we can work with them in small groups. We will be learning two letters a week and two sight words a week as well. We have learned all about the letters "A", "S" and "M". We are learning the difference between letters and words, and working on our beginning sounds. We are rhyming, writing our names, listening to stories read out loud, and working on comprehension. In social studies this month, we will be learning about our school community, the Constitution and rules; along with how we use our manners. We will also be implementing our new US weekly magazines into the mix. In science, we will be

exploring our five senses and weather. In math this month, we will be learning to write and recognize numbers 1-10 and we will slowly introduce addition and subtraction concepts. So much to learn and do! We are excited about our new math and science adoptions and we are ready to dive in!



1st Grade

In reading/language arts, students will be reviewing beginning reading strategies and studying character, setting, and sequence. We are continuing to introduce Writer's Workshop. Students will be writing stories with a beginning, middle, and ending. Literacy workstations are being introduced with guided reading groups soon to follow. In math, we will begin units on understanding addition and subtraction. In science, the students will be learning what is a scientist, observations skills, and science safety. In social studies, we will be learning about good citizenship and school rules.



2nd Grade

Second grade is back into the swing of things as we start another year. In math, we are using our addition and subtraction skills from first grade and even adding three digit numbers. In reading, we have just implemented our workstations so that our teachers can read with guided reading groups soon. We are also testing our students with TPRI and DRA. In language arts, we are studying subject and predicate. Science is bound to be fun as we discuss scientists and the tools they use. In writing, we are discussing writing resources and introducing our students to well written sentences. Social studies finds us discussing our country and citizenship.



3rd Grade

Third graders at Brockett have set sail for learning adventures and we are all excited about the new school year! In math this first month, we will be learning about place value and numeration, with special attention to composing and decomposing base-ten relationships and comparing and ordering whole numbers. We will be doing a lot of hands-on activities.

Towards the end of this month, we will be introducing rounding. Students are also using their math journals for vocabulary.

In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), third graders are excited about reading! We started this nine weeks learning about author's purpose and have moved into good readers making predictions and inferring. Third graders will also learn about plot and character analysis while continuing to predict and infer while reading. One of our main goals this first nine weeks is to help each child fall in love with reading. In writing, third graders are learning how to generate ideas for writing and learning how to write a quick write. Towards the end of the month we will be focusing on the writing process and all the steps that are involved in writing an imaginative story and a personal narrative. Third graders are also reviewing their phonics skills in language arts.

In science, we started out learning the scientific method and important safety procedures while doing a science experiment. This week third graders are learning about the three states of matter and their properties. Students will also learn about mixtures and temperature.

In social studies, third graders are learning about community and what it means to be a good citizen. We will continue to strive for excellence in character and education!



4th Grade

A new school year has begun, and we are settling into our new rooms and new classes. We jumped right into learning by identifying place value to the billions!! Students will be comparing and ordering numbers, evaluating values of digits, identifying and comparing decimal place value, and adding and subtracting whole numbers. Environments and habitats will be examined and analyzed as students think about elements in different environments. What is needed to support certain environments and habitats? This will correlate with our novel study, The Legend of Thunderfoot. The theme of friendship will be taught in conjunction with our character traits as we read this novel. We also use it to help establish communities in our school. Students will learn about maps and regions of Texas in our social studies classes. This year, we will introduce students to writing by establishing purpose and also meaning. We want our students to have a love of writing! We will begin writing our first narrative.