



The Hawk Highlights.....



Principal's Greetings.....

Dear High Bridge Families,

We had an incredible Vocabulary Day Parade! The students really went out to be creative and inventive with their costumes!!! I am so proud of YOU parents for assisting in this annual event. Also, thank the parents and family members for attending. Please be on the look out for communication regarding the formulation of a PTO for our school. Now that the Pandemic is just about behind us, it is time to get reorganized as a community again! As we approach the Thanksgiving Season we have a lot to be thankful for. There are a lot of people less fortunate than we are and need your assistance. We have a canned Food Drive going on until November 18th. Please do what you can to support us in this effort!

As always, thank you for your support and Happy Thanksgiving!

~ Dr. William J. Kelly

TAG News

Our program is a pull out TAG program. The students are joined with an instructor two hours per week for enrichment activities following the TAG curriculum. There will be guest speakers and field trips this year as well! Look for more news on our website and in newsletters to catch a glimpse of all the hard work these students are doing.

In our talented and gifted program the students are extending their knowledge in specific areas. In primary the focus of the unit is organized around the broad concept of "structures". It includes lessons and activities related to physical structures, as well as explorations into the structure of many everyday things, such as words, numbers, brains & bones, games & puzzles, shapes & art, and more. The interdisciplinary curriculum includes opportunities for students to explore connections, discuss, problem solve, reason, inquire, create, and discover using a variety of tools and materials. The program is interdisciplinary, incorporating STEM, arts integration, and literacy activities. In intermediate the focus of the unit is the concept of "perseverance". The students will develop an understanding of what perseverance is, an exploration of perseverance in images and real-world examples. Students will have opportunities to explore connections, discuss, problem solve, reason, inquire, create, and discover using a variety of tools and materials. Lessons will incorporate STEM, arts integration, and literacy activities.

There will be testing this year for multiple grade levels to determine who else may be eligible for joining our program. Listed below are those dates per grade level.

3rd grade (newly enrolled) OLSAT testing- 10/18/22

1st grade census OLSAT testing- 11/8/22 - 11/11/22

2nd grade (newly enrolled) OLSAT testing- 11/29/22 - 12/1/22

4th grade census CogAt testing- 12/12/22 - 12/15/22

5th grade newly enrolled CogAt testing- 12/12/22 - 12/15/22

Kindergarten Highlights!!!!

November brings the start of a brand new quarter our way. In Reading this month we will continue working on developing the foundational skills necessary to become strong readers, such as letter recognition, letter-sound correspondence, letter formation, and blending sounds in order to form words. We will continue to read and respond to literature and informational texts, focusing on the Essential Questions "How are characters different?" and "How do our lives change with the seasons?" In Math we will continue to decompose (break apart) and compose (put together) numbers to 10. We will also begin describing and composing 2-Dimensional shapes. In Science we will continue to explore the scientific process with a focus on weather patterns, forecasting, and the changing of seasons. In Social Studies we will take a look at History-- our own and that of others-- paying close attention to and honoring traditions, culture, and diversity. Please remember to read with your student nightly. We will begin implementing a weekly reading log this month to encourage this healthy habit in our young readers.

Fabulous First Grade!

First grade is ready for the chilly weather this November! We're moving along with our academic units and improving with our reading, writing and math skills! This month in reading, we will focus on retelling stories using characters and detailed events, practice short vowels, and move into personal narratives with our writing. We will practice nouns, verbs, contractions, inflectional endings and continue our yearly focus with capitals, punctuation and meaningful sentence structure. Encourage your child to edit their homework weekly and show their best handwriting. In math, we will continue to study addition and subtraction relationships, adding doubles, word problems involving missing parts or three whole numbers and balancing both sides of the equals sign through making a group of ten. We will combine numbers that are related to make simple number sentences. Practice all classwork skills coming home from our school day. In science, we are flying into our space and technology unit, which is always fun for the students, and discovering the features of light and sound! Last, we are moving into cultures, traditions and celebrations with our social studies units. Please continue to turn in book logs at the end of each month for a grade and practice all 1st sight words listed under the reading modules in Canvas! Let's have a fabulous November and enjoy a restful and healthy Thanksgiving with your families!

Second Grade News!!!

I can't believe it is already November. It seems like the school year just began.

This month will be a busy one academically.

We are finishing our Language Arts module about Citizenship and have learned much about how we can be good citizens. Soon we will begin Module 2: Look Around and Explore! In this module our Essential Question will be How does exploring help us understand the world around us?

In Writing, we are learning about the writing process as we write our own imaginative narratives.

This month in Social Studies, we are completing our unit about our community and country. Beginning in Quarter 2, we will learn about culture and traditions around the world.

During November, we will learn about adding two-digit numbers in Math. We will learn many strategies to show how to regroup tens and ones. We will also focus on real-life situations this month as we solve word problems with addition.

This month in Science, we will discover how the earth's surface can change quickly as with earthquakes, volcanoes, and floods. This should be an exciting unit of study for all.

In Health, during November, we will be learning about how to care for and protect one of our most important organs-- our heart.

This November, as in all months, we are very thankful for all of your support and help.

Third Grade Happenings.....

As the crisp leaves of November rustle, students will have many opportunities to interact with informational or nonfiction text. Students will answer the Essential Question: How does food get to your table? Students take a close look at the Performance Task that shows the process of how food is grown and made. The Reading Benchmark is on the dates 9th and 10th. It mirrors the standards of the MCAP which students take in April including typed essays. Remember the Weekly Reading log is due each Friday. In math, at the beginning of November, students will continue the exploring multiplication unit which was an introduction to multiplication. The second week of November the students will begin the 2D- figures unit. During this unit, students begin by examining the attributes of different polygons to determine how to sort and categorize them. They will focus on quadrilaterals, recognizing that shapes with different attributes are in this category because of their shared attributes. Finally, students explore perimeter with a variety of shapes and in a variety of contexts. Social Studies: The month of November will focus on our government and its function. The focus points will be: 3 branches of government, citizens' rights and responsibilities, American symbols and documents as it relates to the role of our government, and how people can better cooperate when they respect authority and follow rules and laws. Investigate the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object. Make observations about the cause and effect relationships between electrically charged objects and an electric force. Observe and measuring an object's motion to provide a pattern to predict future motion. Generate and compare possible solutions to a problem that meet the criteria and constraints of the problem.

Fourth Grade Happenings!!!!

In **Reading** over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about the qualities needed to rise to the occasion, with a focus on the genre of realistic fiction. We will read texts and view videos about what it takes to meet a challenge. Discuss the Topic: Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to discuss the topic: • Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week. • Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned from them. In **Math** Fourth graders are learning how to divide whole numbers of up to 4 digits by 1 digit. They work with division as the inverse operation to multiplication. They work with a wide variety of contexts that lend themselves to division. They develop their understanding of division as rectangles of given areas (dividend) with one known length (divisor) and one unknown length (quotient). They use rectangles to develop an understanding of partial quotients, first with a diagram, and then with a partial quotient algorithm. Students learn how to interpret the remainder based on the context of the division problem. Our **Social Studies** Unit will celebrate culture and diversity this quarter! We will look deeper into how Maryland's culture has changed over time by examining the various cultures in Maryland's past and present. We will also remember and share that we are all part of one culture or another and that there are many different and wonderful ways to celebrate and connect our own cultures and those of others around the world. In **Science** sees some fun this Quarter as we explore changes in the land over time. We will investigate rock layers, Earth's surface and geologic makeup, and fossils as we look for evidence of change over time...a chance to be real explorers.

Fifth Grade News Flash!!!!!!

With the month of November upon us, we find ourselves wrapping up first quarter concepts and preparing our students for a strong start to quarter two skills. Students will be completing Benchmark Assessments in both reading, science, and math on November 10-11, 2022. These tests provide data on student progress with objectives and concepts from the first quarter.

For **Math**, the month of November will begin with students working on decimal place value, writing decimals in different forms, rounding decimals, and comparing decimals. Students will move on to work with addition and subtraction of decimals. For **Science**, students will continue exploring Space Science concepts. Students will explore how constellations in the sky change with the seasons and how gravity pulls everything towards the center of the earth. They will then transition into the study of the Earth's systems. In **Reading**, students will continue to read, analyze, and evaluate both nonfiction and fiction texts. We will be cycling through the reading skills of making inferences, comparing and contrasting characters actions and words and how these impact the plot of the story, analyzing plot structure, and summarizing text. The intermediate phonics skills that we will review include r-controlled vowels and vowel teams. Each phonics skill has a set of 8 keywords that students focus on for spelling practice which can be found in their reading journals. For **Social Studies**, students will continue to explore the impacts of exploration on indigenous peoples in the Americas and we will question the effects of the development of European colonies in America.

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Study Smarts

From a Social Studies test at the end of the month to a spelling test every Friday, studying is a skill scholars will need throughout their academic careers. Help your child study with these tips. **Start a habit-** Encourage your student to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something he/she does the evening before a test. For example, he might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After he/she finishes their regular homework, spend a little time reviewing notes and handouts. **Tackle textbooks-**When your scholar has to study a chapter, have him to "preview "it to increase understanding. Try glancing at the graphics, headings and photos. Tip; If your student finds a section hard to grasp, he could read a picture book look up the words in the glossary. **Mix it up.** If your student reviews information in several ways, he'll be more likely to remember it. He might use colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card. Then, shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that he spells each word or recite each fact aloud.

Conflict Resolution Strategies
Personal Educational Plans
Communication
Gratitude

A Parent's Guide To Dealing with Stress

1. Get enough sleep
2. Exercise
3. Think Positively
4. Treat yourself now and then. You deserve it!!
5. Divide house hold chores
6. Eat well.

Important Dates To Remember:

November 8, 2022

Election Day (Schools and Offices Closed)

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November 21-22, 2022

2 Hour Early Dismissal (Teacher Grading Time)

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November 23-25, 2022 Thanksgiving Break

Hello parents/guardians! The Music Notes Newsletter will update you on musical happenings for the current month in all General and Special Education Music classes. Be sure to watch for additional notes in upcoming HBES Newsletters!

Musically yours,
Mrs. Clarke

Music Notes

The musical concepts that will be covered during the month of November for the following grades are:

5th Grade

Students will be able to:

- Define the Bass Clef and the instruments/voices for which it is used.
- Define Descant Singing.
- Recognize that traditional Chinese music uses string instruments.

4th Grade

Students will be able to:

- Sing in canon and sing a part song.
- Perform a simple song containing an ascending and descending melody.
- Define Melodic Ostinato.

3rd Grade

Students will be able to:

- Define Musical Alphabet.
- Perform a canon and a round.
- Name the lines and spaces of the treble clef staff.

Third grade students will be learning how to play the recorder in the 2nd half of the year. Stay tuned for more information!

2nd Grade

Students will be able to:

- Play and move to a simple piece of music using meters of 2, 3, and 4.
- Describe how meters help us count beats and play rhythms by organizing them into measures.
- Recognize that rhythm can be felt best when we sing, play instruments, or move to music with a steady beat.

1st Grade

Students will be able to:

- Play percussion instruments in meters of 2, 3, and 4.
- Listen and imitate patterns on rhythm instruments.
- Create a rhythm pattern using graphic icons.

Kindergarten

Students will be able to:

- Sing pitches sol and mi in a song.
- Move different ways to a steady beat.
- Identify same vs. different rhythm patterns in a game.

Adaptive Music:

Students in CSEP and CRI classes will learn many of the same concepts in ways that are meaningful to them. Students in CRI will do more movement activities and instrument playing.