

# Emerson Elementary

2011-2012

4th 6 Weeks

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 20:** Spelling Bee (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)
- Jan. 23:** Bluebonnet Voting Party (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)
- Jan. 24:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Parent Meeting in Library (5:00 pm)
- Jan. 27:** Chili Supper
- Jan. 31:** Parent Information Meeting on Life Center Presentations (5:30 pm)
- Feb. 1-3:** Life Center Presentations to 4-6 gr. students
- Feb. 7:** General PTA Meeting w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Performance
- Feb. 8:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to Haley Memorial Library & History Center
- Feb. 10:** Valentine's Day Parties (2:45 pm)
- Feb. 11:** UIL Math Competition
- Feb. 17:** End of 4<sup>th</sup> Grading Cycle
- Feb. 20:** Teacher Staff Development – Student Holiday
- Feb. 23:** Family Reading Night

## Principal's Message...

Emerson Families:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very restful and happy holiday break.

As the new year begins, it's a great time to re-establish good routines and work habits with your children. High on this list is completing homework, bringing necessary materials to school, and arriving at school on time and ready to learn.

Daily school attendance is also critical.

It is essential if children are to fully develop their academic potential. There is a very strong connection between student attendance and student performance in school. When it comes to school, students who miss school miss out on opportunities to learn, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and attitudes needed to become good citizens. If children develop good attendance habits early on, they will be more likely to continue them

throughout their school career. Please give your child the advantage of the best education possible by ensuring he/she is at school every day on time.

We ask that you continue to encourage your child to strive for academic excellence as we move into 2012. Your support and commitment of making education a top priority is vital to the success of our students.

Lina Biaza, Principal



**As of January 16, 2011,  
Emerson students  
have read 9,397 books  
for an awe-inspiring  
56,710,165 words!!  
WOW!!!**

# HELPING OUR KIDS SHINE



**SCHOOL BOARD  
RECOGNITION MONTH  
JANUARY 2012**

# Counselor Comments...

Welcome back from the holidays!!! I am excited about starting a new semester! We have many exciting events planned for the spring semester.

I have a lot of information to share with you about upcoming events.....

Everyone should have received a postcard in the mail from Carver Center concerning Gifted and Talented testing. As the postcard states, Project Think/ Quest, GEM, and G/T applications are available in the Emerson office. They need to be returned no later than January 31, 2012, back to the Emerson office. If you have a 6th grader that will be testing, please ask for me when you return the application, for I need to give you a receipt and it must be stamped with the date and time it was returned. The postcard also gives dates and times of parent orientations that will be held at Carver Center.

This month I will be in the classrooms talking about "Bullies." I will talk about identifying bullies and what to do about them. I have invited some guest speakers from the community to come speak to our older kids. The 1st grade will have a "Litter Force" presentation given by KEEP MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL folks. It sounds really fun!

I am also starting new groups. This six weeks I will have a "Social Skills" group, as well as a "Children of Divorce/Loss" group. If you would like for your child to participate, I will need a signed permission slip before the child can enter into a group. The permission slips can be picked up in our office.

The Life Center will be presenting at Emerson on February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This is a program on "Sexual Integrity" and has been approved by the MISD. This program is for 4th-6th graders only. I will be sending the kids home with refusal slips very soon. If you are interested in learning about the program and what will be discussed by grade levels, a parent meeting will be held in the Emerson Library on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 5:30. Representatives from The Life Center will be on hand to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. We ask that you do not bring your kids- This is for parents and/or guardians only.

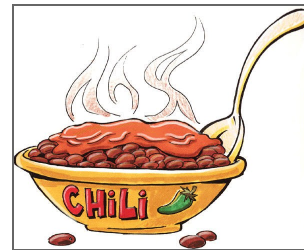
Busy, Busy, Busy time of the year!!! Call me if you have any questions at 432-699-3600.

Kris Murphy  
Emerson Counselor

## Mile of Quarters

Thanks to all for the great first effort to make a Mile of Quarters. We came really close, but not quite a mile. We will make another attempt in the spring of 2013.

The following are the classes that won the individual week total. Week 1 Ms. Shaw kindergarten, Week 2 Ms. Hamilton 1st grade, week 3 Ms. Tate 6th grade, week 4 Ms. Terebessey kindergarten. Thanks to everyone for their participation.



**Chili Supper on Friday, January 27.  
Fun for the entire family. Jumpers,  
chili cook-off, silent auction and  
much more. Plan now to attend.  
More information to come in your  
child's backpack soon.**



## WELCOME MS. CAMBELL & MS. REAMS

A BIG Emerson welcome to Candice Cambell and Callie Reams!! These two individuals have joined the Emerson staff beginning on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Cambell was hired as an additional Special Education teacher to replace Ms. McCown that took a job at Parker Elementary. Ms. Cambell comes to us from Goddard Jr. High where she

is in her third year of teaching. She graduated from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Ms. Cambell grew up and went to school in Andrews, Texas

Ms. Reams earned her degree from The University of the Permian Basin with a Cum Laude distinction. She completed her student teaching experience at Parker Elementary in the fall of this year. Ms. Reams is a West Texan as well growing up and attending the Midland ISD schools. She will be replacing Ms. Lowder that retired from her third grade position at Christmas.

Ms. Cambell and Ms. Reams are excited to be at Emerson! They are energetic, positive about working with children and look forward to being involved with all stakeholders.

## The Latest from the Library

All students come to the library at least once a week to check out books. I hope that students in Grades 3 – 6 are reading 5 or more bluebonnet books so they can come to our voting party on Monday, January 23, at 2:30 in the cafeteria. Harlin Rhoads will be performing magic as we celebrate reading and vote for our favorite bluebonnet title along with 200,000 students in the state of Texas. The Texas winner will be announced in February.



Our library schedule is on the Emerson website under “Library.” Please make sure your students bring their books back on their library day so they can check out more books!

Susan Harmon  
Librarian

## Pre-K

Pre- K will be studying animals during the month of January. Winter is such a fun season to explore. I have loved hearing stories about the snow. Our mid-year Benchmark has begun and I am excited to see how much we have already learned. Keep working with your Roadrunners at home. Happy 2012!

## 1st Grade

We are back in full swing. We started with reviewing rules and procedures. We have begun our parent conferences, so if you have not set one up please get with your child's teacher. We are very proud of the progress the children are making.

We will be learning the letters Bb, Uu, Zz, and Cc. We are learning about narratives (fiction) and expository (nonfiction/ informational) texts. We will be studying bears, hibernation, learning about blubber, winter, penguins, and Martin Luther King, Jr. In math, we are practicing counting to 110, learning about addition and subtraction symbols and story problems.

We are emphasizing compare and contrast in our texts. Parents please be sure to review problem/solution with your readers at home. Please continue to log the books that your child reads in order to have plenty of tickets for Reading Rodeo at the end of the school year. Science will consist of weather, seasons, and astronomy. If you have any materials on these topics that would benefit our students, please feel free to share. Measurement, basic facts, and place value will be the topics in math for this six weeks.

## 2nd Grade

Second Graders are learning about line segments, polygons, quadrangles, 3-dimensional shapes, and have just recently started participating in Accelerated Math. In science, we are learning about weather. In Language Arts, we have been reviewing contractions, antonyms, synonyms, verbs, nouns, adverbs, and adjectives. We are learning about pronouns. We are always working on our interesting compositions in writing!

## 3rd Grade

*This six weeks the students will be studying a unit on the solar system and all of its components. The students will be constructing models to investigate the size and position of the planets and the interactions of the Sun, Earth, and Moon. They will also be exploring the characteristics of the Sun and its importance to our life on Earth.*

*In reading, students will apply their comprehension skills and strategies to procedural text. They will also use graphic features of texts to locate and use information. In writing, students continue to use the writing process as they write for specific purposes and audiences. Students choose the genre/form that is appropriate for their purpose and audience including writing in the form of a letter. Students continue to gain knowledge of words as they study vocabulary in context and apply it to reading and writing.*

*Third Graders will continue working on Multiplication and TCharts this 6 weeks. We will also revisit Place Value and Estimating, skills taught in the 1st 6 weeks. Please continue working at home on basic facts in addition, subtraction, and multiplication.*

## 4th Grade

We are excited to be back after our time off!! To start the year off in Math, we are working on measuring area, perimeter, volume, multiplication, and division. In Reading, we are learning how to locate information for research, how to skim and scan text, and to use reliable and unreliable sources. In Writing, we are gearing up to write a research paper on a self-selected, non-fictional person, place, or thing. In Science, we are learning about the sun's energy and the Solar System. In Social Studies, we are reading, "A Paradise Called Texas", which takes us on a journey with a young, German girl who moves to Texas in the 1800's, and discusses the hardships she and her family endures during the trip.

## 5th Grade

Fifth graders in math are studying all types of graphs. We are also reviewing fractions, divisibility rules and factors. All students should have their math journal everyday in class! We are moving right along in Social Studies, we have finished up the Revolutionary War and now continue studying the signing of the Declaration of Independence and our forefathers. In our writing class we continue to practice writing in cursive and establish procedural writing such as formal and informal letter writing. We are reading and enjoying a study unit on American Tall Tales. This week we read about John Henry and the focus was personification, onomatopoeia, and theme. Next week, we will be reading about David Crockett and on to Pecos Bill.

Fifth graders just finished learning about the moon phases in Science... ask your student what phase the moon is in at night. We are starting to learn about "weather and climate". Mr. Vesper, a meteorologist from the Weather Center by the airport, is coming to talk to the students about weather. He will discuss how the cold/ warm fronts move, high/low pressure, and different weather symbols. Let your child read the weather report in the newspaper or tell you about the weather from watching the news.

## 6th Grade

In Math, 6th graders are studying ratios, proportions and rates for the first part of the six weeks and will also study measurement and measurement conversions (both metric and customary measurement) for the second half of the six weeks. In Science, we are learning about speed and motion. In Social Studies, we are wrapping up our study of Central & South America. Reading this 6 weeks will be focused on persuasive texts. We will be reading a variety of stories, studying various forms of media, and will also read the novel "Number the Stars". OIL has started and the meet will be on February 11 at Lee High School. Practice is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:20-4:00. Tutorials have also began and are held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for both math and reading. If your child did not receive a tutoring letter, and you feel they need additional help, please contact either Mrs. Tate or Mrs. Fischer.

## SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

The annual Science Fair was held at Emerson on December 9 for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Over one hundred fifty two students participated in the various categories of Physical Science, Earth Science and Life Science. The following students were our Science fair winners. These students have qualified to participate in the Regional Science Fair at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin which will be held on March 3, 2012.

### Fifth grade Winners

#### Physical Science:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Grayson Jones

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Chloe Terebessy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Sara Wheelless

3<sup>rd</sup> Place/ 3 way tie/ Baylee Britton, Kyle Carby, Izak Vasquez

#### Earth Science:

1st Place- Tristan Ruiz

2nd Place- Alex Wright

3rd Place – Evelyn Ramirez

#### Life Science:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Bryce Sanchez

2nd Place – Isabel Davenport

3<sup>rd</sup> Place/ 2 way tie/-Zach Burcham, Nikayla Johnson

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners:

#### Physical Science:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Sarah Dehlinger

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Tommy Frances

3<sup>rd</sup> Place/2 Way tie/ Dillon Harguess, Sam Palmer

#### Earth Science:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Hannah Martinez

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Aron Estrada

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Ramon Rico

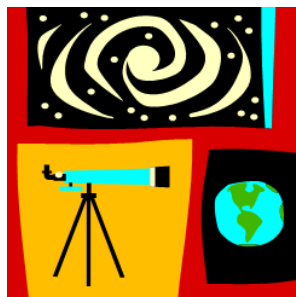
#### Life Science:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Bryce Lewis

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Matthew Barnett

3rd Place- Claire McPherson

We want to express our sincere THANKS to the Marvelous Science Fair Judges throughout the community that donated their time and expertise to this event! We appreciate Mr. Pete Schrenkel, from Vision Natural Resources and also our Partner in Education, for recruiting many of the judges! Emerson also sends out a thank you to several former Science teachers that judged as well: Debbie Luikens/ Harrell and Donna Byerlotzer. Congratulations to all the Emerson 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for participating in the Science Fair! The knowledge that was displayed through the Scientific Process was elaborate, attractive and relevant!



Valentine's Day Class Parties

will be held on

Friday, February 10th

from 2:45-3:15 pm

You should be receiving information

from your child's teacher

or Room Parent at a later date

Please **do not** send

Valentine's Day treats/candy

on Tuesday,

February 14<sup>th</sup>

## EMERSON'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ART CONTEST

THIS YEARS THEME WILL BE:

"IF I WAS AN ANIMAL"

DATE: DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> TO JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

THIS IS FOR VISUAL ARTS: PAINT, SCULPT, PHOTOGRAPHY, CHALK, DRAWINGS ETC..

WE WILL HAVE AN ART SHOWING AT OUR ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER FRIDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2012.

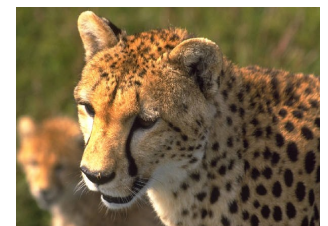
PLEASE PICK UP INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM AT THE LIBRARY OR OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL EITHER MISTY BLACKBURN AT (432) 260-2313 OR EMAIL

[MISTYMOOSE@SUDDENLINK.NET](mailto:MISTYMOOSE@SUDDENLINK.NET)

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# 4th 6 Weeks “A” Honor Roll

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Kiah Alderson  
William Aston  
Nathan Atkinson  
McKenzie Barr  
Ava Bassemier  
Rose Benzenhafer  
Carter Biggs  
Tyler Bryant  
Logan Bunch  
Kayleigh Conde  
Angel Cruz  
Meghan Fischer  
Aiden Garcia  
Kai Green  
Ellaina Greene  
Ricky Guerrero  
Dylan Hamill  
Kinsey Hopper  
Harrison Hughes  
Shawn Kelly  
Gage Madrid  
Meckie McCoy  
Gage McNeely  
Adison Neighbors  
Emily Nguyen  
Tory Nichles  
Emerson Otts-Smith  
Nevaeh Overton  
Joshua Reed  
Ebyni Rumbaugh  
Brooklyn Rushton  
Desiree Sebree  
Mia Smith  
Nicholson Smith  
Hayley Sockwell  
Kari Tate  
Charles Whitaker

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

Solle Distefano  
Luke Elliot  
Angel Escontrias  
Brooke Helton  
Jack “Will” Herndon  
Abigail Hightower  
Kristian Kersh  
Deric McClellan  
McKia McCoy  
McKenna McCoy  
Brody Mendoza  
Emerie Muniz  
Audrey Perez-Gardea  
Emily Pickett  
Mia Pressler  
Kaleb Prieto  
Claire Reeves  
Sydnee Robinson  
Damon Rogers  
Cayden Ruiz  
Ian Sample  
Tyler Smith  
Leslie Terrazas  
Cooper Tuxhorn  
Madison Wade  
Tayler White

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Mackenzie Chandler  
Mason Deller  
Avery Kate Desparrois  
Cody Fischer  
Madelyn Kennedy  
Avery Lange  
Jaxon McCoy  
Sean Ramirez  
Owen Riley  
Regan Roye

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Evelyn Abendroth  
Liana Diaz  
Presley Friedrichs  
William Gallegos  
Lindley Hobbs  
Julianna Hogan  
Allie Wheelless

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Jacob Chrane  
Destiny Christ  
Sara Diaz  
Tori Gray  
Grayson Jones  
Brooklyn Leary  
Seth Reed  
Sierra Wadsworth  
Sara Wheelless

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Matthew Barnett  
Sara Dehlinger  
Bryce Lewis  
Madison Sena  
Taylor Walker  
Christina Yanez

