



“Compose Yourself” Program Brady M. 5th

On Tuesday, December 2, the fifth grade students performed a play for the PTO. It was called

“Compose Yourself”. It started at about 7:00 pm and lasted for about an hour. It was very fun. We all dressed up as the actual composers. Thanks to Mrs. Henry for practicing with us!

General 3rd Grade News Taylor S. 3rd

Do you want to know more about third grade news? I talked to Mrs. Bruton, Mrs. Cobb, and Mrs. Lilley about their classes.

Mrs. Bruton is working with her class on a lot of multiplication. Mrs. Bruton is really working with money. She thinks she’s going to put a little Christmas tree in her classroom. They’re going to give little presents to each other. She is going to put up Christmas lights, too.

Mrs. Cobb says she likes the new soap sanitizer. She does not like germs or people getting sick. We have been reading the story ‘Molly’s Pilgrim.’ We are comparing a pilgrim of today with the original pilgrims. Mrs. Cobb says we’re noisy, but in Social studies we have a lot of discussions. We need to express our emotions, as long as the noise relates to Social studies.

Mrs. Lilley thinks the new soap sanitizer is important and a good idea to keep our students well. Mrs. Lilley’s classes are going to start a unit over measurement. She thinks we’re acting like we need a Christmas break.

I think we are lucky to have wonderful teachers!

Holidays With Third Grade Teachers

Hannah T. 3rd

Have you thought about what the third grade teachers do for their favorite holidays? Well, I decided to ask some of the third grade teachers about their favorite holidays. Mrs. Bruton likes Christmas. She likes to spend time with her family, and in her classroom she puts up a tree and pretty lights. She loves to cook big dinners. People like to come to her house. Her kids like the cooking the most.

Mrs. Broussard likes Christmas, too. Her family likes eating big feasts. Then on Christmas Eve Santa Clause comes to their house and brings presents. Then they open presents on Christmas Day. Mrs. Broussard gives some presents to her son.

Mrs. Roberts likes Thanksgiving. She likes to go to her mom’s house for Thanksgiving. They have a big feast. She is not doing anything for her classroom.

All of these third grade teachers have great ideas, and I like them. How about you!!

Early Dismissal

Jade G. 5th

Attention all students! As you may know the Christmas holiday is coming up. You will be out of school for two weeks and 1 day. You will return on Monday, January 5th That is all. Merry Christmas!

U.I.L Party

Taylor S. & Kerri D. 5th

The U.I.L party for the participants of the U.I.L competition in Ballinger was on December 3 at 8:15 a.m. All of the students who competed went to the lunchroom and got a donut and an orange juice. Thanks to the second grade teachers who sponsored it. The second through the fifth graders that Jim Wilkerson photographed won the competition. Then it was over and we went back to class. We got to miss our first period class!

There were a lot participants this year for UIL! Here are the winners!!
2nd Grade Creative Writing: Tonna Stephenson placed 5th, 3rd Grade Ready Writing: Bryson Brawley placed 5th, 5th Grade Ready Writing: Kerri DeBusk placed 1st, Sarah Taylor placed 2nd, Brady Miller placed 5th, 4th Grade Spelling: Monica Maldonado placed 6th, 5th Grade Spelling: Brady Miller placed 1st, 2nd Grade Storytelling: Garret Robinson placed 5th, 3rd Grade Girls Storytelling: Kristiea Ellis placed 5th, Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Evan Williams placed 4th, 5th Grade Oral Reading: Sarah Taylor placed 2nd and Emily Terry placed 4th, 4th Grade Girls Oral Reading: Mikayla Dukes placed 4th, 5th Grade Number Sense: Alexandria Sanchez placed 5th and

Jason Ballard placed 6th, 5th Grade Dictionary Skills: Tyler Black placed 1st, 4th Grade Number Sense: Colton Turner placed 2nd.

These four UIL events were teams. 5th Grade Music Memory: Ivan Victoria, Victorino Lopez, & Kale Plumlee placed 4th, 4th Grade Music Memory: Cameron Ellis, Amanda Bowen, Katelyn Carouth, & Dakota Ellis placed 5th, 5th Grade Art: Tiffany Ramirez, Alexandria Sanchez, Arianna Jones, & James Ross placed 4th, 3rd Grade Music Memory: Bryson Brawley, Taylor Stephens, Claudia Sanchez, & Kaityn Holland placed 5th.

These last UIL events were local. Creative Art 5th: Christina Guerrero placed 1st, Ryan Fizer placed 2nd, & Jacklyn Harvick placed 3rd, 4th Grade Creative Writing: Meagan Johnson placed 1st, Justin Mason placed 2nd, & Thomas Hohertz placed 3rd, 3rd Grade Creative Art: Griffin Young placed 1st, Blake Denning placed 2nd, & Teresa Esquiel placed 3rd. See their pictures on pages 6 & 7.

We am very proud of all the students, and we thank them for their time and their excellent work! THANKS!!!

See Pages 5 and 7 for UIL Winners

GOT NEWS?
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Volcanoes

Meagan J. 4th

The fourth grade did a cool science project. We made volcanoes! The fourth grade erupted the volcanoes on Friday December 5.

The kids made their volcano with spray insulation or clay or some other materials. We used a 20 oz. bottle with baking soda inside. Then we put a lampshade or paper cone over the bottle on a piece of cardboard or paneling, maybe even plexiglass.

Some people added little toy farm animals and some grass and trees. The kids needed vinegar mixed with red food coloring. They poured the red vinegar into the bottle with the baking soda. We erupted the volcanoes during our class time.

We had lots of fun, but also we learned a lot about volcanoes.

Science Whiz

Monica M. 4th

In Mrs. Moerbe’s class we took soil and put some trash and food in it like orange peels, some pieces of lettuces, paper, aluminum foil, bread, and plastic wrap .We left the soil in the room for about a month. We had to write down our hypotheses. We took different kinds of materials to see if it would decompose or if it will not. Then we observed the soil after it was in the room for a month. The aluminum foil and the plastic wrap did not decompose. So we now know that aluminum foil and plastic wrap are not good for the Earth and the environment. The other things that did decompose made the soil richer.

What’s new in GT?

Mikayla D. 4th

The fourth grade GT class is involved in the pilot program, which is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency and Region 13 in Austin. The fourth grade GT class is doing a geography unit called “I am a Texan.”

In addition we are not only studying Texas, but also we are playing the role of an immigrant from another country. We will learn how they got to Texas and what they did when they got here.

So each of the fourth graders chose a country they wanted to research and study. We will be learning about these different cultures and how they relate to Texas.

For Christmas customs of other countries, look in the fact section.