

Jack Frost Elementary



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Principal's Corner

Thanks to all of you that helped to make the start of the school year so successful. I anticipate that this school year will be the best yet! We have many activities planned for this year to help promote the parent and school connection

and hope that you and your family are able to attend a few of these events. We will be sending out surveys so that you are able to give us feedback on how we can better help serve you and the needs of

our scholars.

If we can be of any help please feel free to contact us and we will be glad to help! See you soon!

Monica Martinez,
Principal

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Pre-Kindergarten News

The Pre-K team would like to thank all of the Pre-K families for a great start to the new school year! We are so excited to have your little scholars! In September, we will be learning about Self Awareness, The Five Senses, Hygiene and Safety. Please remember to have your scholars wear shoes with backs. This helps keep your scholars safe at

recess and P.E. We will continue to work with your scholars on listening skills and counting objects to 10. Out of respect for all the scholars' learning time, please be sure to have your scholar at school on time. We do not go to our classrooms until our class is finished with breakfast. The cafeteria opens at 7:30, and we would like to leave the

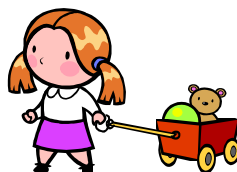
cafeteria to go to class by 8:00. Your little scholar will be counted tardy if they arrive after 8:00. Thank you for your help!



Kindergarten News

WOW! What a great start to a new school year! The kindergarten scholars have been busy learning rules and procedures, as well as becoming familiar with the many different places and faces at Frost. In the classroom, we have been busy exploring with math manipulatives, and reviewing colors, shapes, and letters. We have also been focusing on "Me and my family", and will conclude the month of

September with our Teddy Bear/Transportation Parade and Picnic. This will be an exciting event! The month of October will also have lots of fun-filled



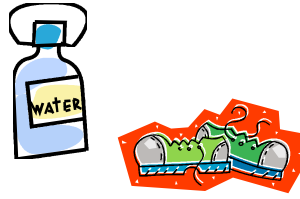
learning including a field trip to the pumpkin patch, and the Halloween parade, rotations, and parties. Please remember to check and initial your scholar's folder each day and sign-up for a conference with his/her teacher for parent/teacher conference day. Thank you for your support at home! We look forward to a fantastic year!

First Grade News

Thanks so much to all of our families for helping the first grade scholars get off to a great start this year. We appreciate your support!

The first two weeks of school have been busy and productive. We have reviewed academic material and established routines and procedures. Our focus has been "listening skills". All scholars have had training on "Whole Body Listening" with Mrs. Mickan. This concept will be used throughout the school. It is very important for the scholars to listen to their teachers!

All scholars need to wear tennis shoes or other closed-toe shoes to school each day. Please leave the sandals and flip-flops at home; we really don't



have time to change shoes during the day. We are working hard to learn how to tie our shoes; your assistance at home is appreciated!

Scholars may bring a water bottle to school; we will send all water bottles home each day to be washed or recycled.

In math this month we will be working on comparing attributes of shapes, number lines, and basic addition. In language arts we are concentrating on punctuation (capitals, periods), sight

words, and writing sentences.

Following directions and accepting 'No' have been the focal points of our social studies lessons. We will soon begin our unit on Earthworms in science.

This is a favorite unit for our scholars each year. We will observe, measure, and record data as we learn some new facts! Our spelling units will begin this month. Each week a list of words will be sent home on Monday. Please help your child practice the words at home. Every Friday we will have a

Spelling test. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!



Second Grade News

Second grade Scholars at Frost are off to a great start!!

We are working on math facts and we encourage our Scholars to practice these facts at home. Being able to recall your Math facts quickly will help with higher level math problems. Try to incorporate addition and subtraction into everyday use. For example when setting the table say "we need five glasses. I have one. How many more do we need?" When traveling in the car have your child look at a license plate and add two of the digits together. Then try subtraction or multiplication.



In Language Arts we are working on sentence structure. Your Scholar should be able to create sentences, use capitalization, punctuation, and recognize nouns and verbs. We will continue having spelling and vocabulary words each week. Please listen to your child read each night. After they are finished reading, ask them questions about what they read. If they don't remember, have them

reread for comprehension and sign their reading log.

In Science we are learning about plants. We will be planting brassica seeds, grass, and wheat. We will be observing them as they grow.

Thank you for allowing us to work with your children. Please feel free to contact us about anything that concerns you or your child.



News from the Reading Teachers

Beginning readers have a big job, translating the sounds they hear in speech to the letters they see in books. One way we can help is by having fun. Read books with rhyming patterns, sing songs, chant silly nursery rhymes and jump rope games. Help your child listen for the words that end the same, and then try to make up new rhymes. Try to see who can list the



Don't forget to read with your children!

most words, both real words and nonsense words.

Playing with language is a great way to work on phonological awareness, which is one of National Reading Panel's key skills for reading success. And it's fun! Try it the next time you are stuck at a stop light, or waiting in line at H.E.B. You will probably both be laughing before long, and you will definitely be helping with reading!

Library News

Greetings from the library! The library is off to a great start. In Pre-K the students are learning how to come to the library and listen and participate in story time. In Kindergarten the students are learning how to come into the library, listen to a story, handle books correctly and learn how a library functions. Kindergartners will check out books in about six weeks.

First graders are reviewing library etiquette. First graders check out one book. Please remember to return books when they are due so others may check them out.



Destination Book Fair

Read Around the World

September 22-28

Tuesday-Friday 7:30-3:30

Thursday night 5:30-7:00

Monday 7:30-11:30

**Help support the Frost
Library!**

Remind your scholar to keep their library books in a safe place away from pets and little ones.

Second graders are reviewing library routines and manners. Second graders check out two books. The library is open every morning from 8-8:30 for open checkout and students may change their books after checking with their teacher.

In the past the library has lost books due to water bottles leaking in the student's backpacks. This causes the book to get wet and then mold sets in. I have asked the students to carry their water bottles in a separate part of their backpack from their library books.

Art News

The scholars have had a great start in the Art room this new school year! Pre- K artists have started paper plate self-portraits using collage materials. Next they will create hot air balloons that will be showcased at the Book Fair. The Kindergarten artists are studying line by creating abstract works of art and they even got to paint with glue! First grade is learning all about line and line patterns by creating a fish that will



fool your eye. The second grade scholars are trapped in a Picasso painting and will be creating a collage self-portrait.

I would greatly appreciate the following donations: kid-friendly magazines for collage, newspapers, buttons, beads, yarn, fabric scraps, and plastic containers with lids.

I believe in keeping your children as clean as possible while they are in art, therefore I am asking for donations of used adult sized L or XL T-shirts that we can use as paint smocks. Thanks in advance!

News from Coach Rhoads

In Frost Physical Education class students acquire the skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle through physical activity. We teach the basics of throwing, catching, kicking, striking, rolling, and all kinds of locomotor and non-locomotor movement. We work on spatial awareness and cooperation daily. Our goal is for your child to understand the importance of exercise, sleep and healthy nutrition. We are so fortunate to have P.E. everyday and with lots of great equipment. We buy that

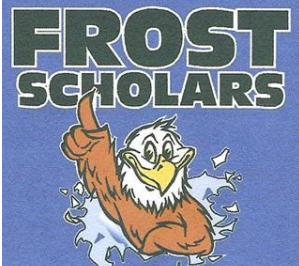
equipment with the money we earn through BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION. Please help us out by collecting box tops and sending them with your child. Each class has a monthly competition with the winner of the



most box tops receiving extra P.E. time. For the month of September, HEB is offering the chance for you to earn 70 box tops for your class simply by purchasing ten items that have box tops on them. Lastly, it is very important for us to keep your child safe. Please have your child wear TENNIS SHOES to school everyday. Flip-flops, crocs, sandals, dress shoes and boots are not safe for your child or for others.

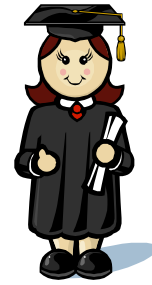
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Ready to Learn!*

Counselor's Corner



Welcome to Frost Elementary for the 2009-10 school year! I am so excited to be here. It has been a great start for all, from Pre-K to 2nd grade. Here are a few simple reminders about making this year even more successful for your child:

1. Attendance – please try to send your child to school everyday unless he/she is sick.
2. Communication – very important between parent and teacher (telephone, e-mail or a written note)
3. Plenty of Sleep – students should get 8 – 10 hours of sleep each night and eat breakfast too!

4. Be involved – join PTA and/or volunteer in class.

5. Ask questions – ask your child questions about their day and what he/she has learned.

Let's get off to a great start! Frost Elementary Scholars deserve the best.

Karen Cavanaugh
Counselor

Special Thanks To

Our Science committee for all the planning and prep for our Science/Math Night!

Our PTA board for always being so cheerful and for listening to our concerns!

Michelle Watson for all her hard work in coordinating the Cookie Dough Fundraiser for Frost and McCoy!

Our teachers for working so hard to get school off to a great start!

Our Math committee for gathering all the materials needed for Science/Math Night!

Our community for coming together to help students in need!

Our teachers/staff for making Back to School Night so successful!



Dates to Remember

September 21

Book Fair Begins

September 24

Math/Science Night

September 25

Fall Cookout

September 30

Group Pictures

October 5

Fire Prevention Week Begins

October 9

Parent/Teacher Conferences (Student Holiday)