

Highland Park's Newsletter



Principal's Message

Dear Highland Park Families,
As we welcome spring, we are excited about the opportunities ahead in April. Our students have made great strides this year, and we look forward to the upcoming events and activities. Let's continue working together to finish the school year strong!



-Dr. Blanks

From the PTA

Can't wait to see you at our PTA Movie night at the Grandin Theatre on April 9th! Check out the Highland Park website for more information!

Important Dates:

April 1-April 18

SOL Simulations

April 9

PTA Movie Night at the Grandin

April 18

Early Dismissal (2 hours)

April 21

No school
Holiday

April 25

Volunteer Breakfast



Upcoming Character Lessons

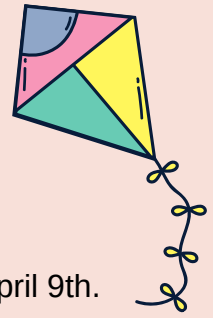
Week 31: I treat everyone with respect. Week 33: I am a good sport.

Week 32: I am a good listener.

Week 34: I am generous.



Grade Level Updates



Preschool

Preschool will start April with a field trip to Touch-a-Truck. We will finish our unit on outdoor critters and moving into our study of habitats. Both classes are raising caterpillars. We are excited to watch them grow into butterflies!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten will be examining how America has changed over time throughout reading. This will include an exploration of transportation so we will be visiting the Transportation Museum this month!

First

First grade is learning about the wind. We will read Gilberto and The Wind and Owl at Home. Students will write their own narrative in which the wind creates a problem for their character. We will fly kites in the park.

Second

Math: Revisiting addition and subtraction and computing 3-digit numbers. Wit & Wisdom: Continuing in module 3- "How can people respond to injustice?" Science: Cycles of life. Social Studies: Barter & Money

Third STARS

Exploring immigration in our literacy unit, measurement, Mali, and animal adaptations this month!



Third PLATO

Third grade Plato will visit the Greensboro Science Museum April 9th. We will begin our units on animal adaptations and government.

Fourth STARS

We will start our next novel - Woods Runner. We will continue our focus on Whole Number Estimation and Computation, then move into Elapsed Time. We are excited to explore Reconstruction.

Fourth PLATO

We will collect data from Ozobot trials to create charts, pictographs, and graphs.

Fifth STARS

We are diving into SOL preparation in reading, writing, math and science. Please continue doing homework nightly!

Fifth PLATO

In science, we will continue "digging in" to Earth's ever-changing landscape. In reading, we plan to unravel a historical novella. In math, we'll wrap up geometry and begin working with variables.



Conversation Starter

April is known for having a lot of rain. What are some ways that rain affects the oceans? What are some of the effects of rain on things around us (ground, streams, rocks, plants, etc.)? Do you like rain? Why or why not?



Riddle Me This!

What is full of holes but still holds water?

Answer in next month's edition

A hole