

SCHOOL'S IN SESSION!



Brooks Elementary

A Title One school

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The Fantastic Four Newsletter

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Class News

Mid—year DRA testing began last week. Your child will read one on one with their teacher to be assessed on reading level. Reading level is determined by fluency, word accuracy and comprehension. Mid-year MAP testing will begin in January.

Once all the MAP and DRA testing is completed and analyzed, we will send the results home.

In math we will continue our place value unit.. The students are doing well applying multiple strategies as they solve problems with place value

Students will continue learning the genre of opinion writing.



Word Work for the Week

Your child should know how to read and spell these sight words: away, got, head, later, leave, read, saw

Students should also be able to apply their knowledge of the variant vowel /oo/ to read and write words: off, soon, why, through, enough, brew, soup, blue, cartoon, pursue.

We will also work on irregular past tense verbs.

Ideas to Help Your Child Do Better at School

Author: Dr. John H. Wherry. **Source:** The Parent Institute.

Homework: Try playing "Beat the Clock" with your child during homework time. Look over the assignment and figure out about how long it should take to complete it. Allow a little extra time and set a timer for that many minutes. No prizes are needed. There is great satisfaction in getting the work done on time. Have a regular place for your child to do homework. Use a desk or table in a quiet room. Be sure there's plenty of light. Find a regular time for homework. You may want to make a rule: "No television until homework is finished."

- During homework time, turn off the TV and radio.
- Set a good example. While your child is doing homework, spend some time reading or working yourself. Then when homework is done, you can both talk about how much you've accomplished.



Funny Bone

What is green, white, and red all over?
A. A sunburnt elf.

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?
A. Rude-olph!

What do cows say at Christmas?
A. MOOey Christmas!



Reminders to Parents

No School

December 18-31, 2017

Please have your child access Dreambox, Lexia, or Zearn over the Christmas break.

No School

January 1 & 2, 2018

Back to School

January 3, 2018



Upcoming Events

Operation Christmas Child
December 13—please send in a new toy for Hillview Police Department's toy drive for Operation Christmas Child.

Christmas Parties
December 15 at 1:50 p.m.

Special Area Red Week **December 11-15**

Art/Music Mrs. Denison
Library Mrs. Kimball
P. E. Mrs. Russell

Special Area Orange Week **January 3-5**

Art/Music Mrs. Kimball
Library Mrs. Russell
Science Mrs. Denison

Thank You!

We had a great time last week!

Thank you for coming to the Christmas Concert and allowing your child to visit the Santa Shop.