

The Hillcrest Herald

October 2021



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HILLCREST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Hillcrest Elementary School

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (Day C)	2
					Fall Picture Day	
3	4 (Day D)	5 (Day A)	6 (Day B)	7 (Day C)	8 (Day D)	9
			12:30pm Early Dismissal (Grades 1 through 5) 8:50am-10:20am AM Kindergarten 11:00am-12:30pm PM Kindergarten			
10	11	12 (Day A)	13 (Day B)	14 (Day C)	15 (Day D)	16
	No School for Students and Staff District and School Offices are Open			6:00pm HSA Meeting		
17	18 (Day A)	19 (Day B)	20 (Day C)	21 (Day D)	22 (Day A)	23
					5 th Grade Group Picture	
24	25 (Day B)	26 (Day C)	27 (Day D)	28 (Day A)	29 (Day B)	30
	Drug Free Looks Like Me! Wear red to kick off Red Ribbon Week	Sock it to Drugs! Crazy sock day	Hocus Pocus Keep Your Dreams in Focus! Dress up as what you want to be when you grow up	Team Up Against Drugs! Dress in your favorite sports team gear	Say Boo to Drugs! Wear your Halloween costume to school 2:15pm Fall Festival Parade 6:00pm-8:00pm HSA Fall Festival	
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A Message from Mr. McEaddy

Greetings Hillcrest Royals,

We welcome the change in seasons and the start up of the school year. We anticipate a wonderful learning experience for all our scholars as we embrace our School and District's initiatives.

October is also Red Ribbon month. The sole purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to celebrate and encourage positive choices and maintain a healthy drug-free lifestyle for young people and adults in the United States.

In addition, October is National Fire Prevention Month. Importantly, National Fire Prevention Month is an excellent opportunity to learn about fire hazards and the importance of practicing fire safety every day.

During October, students and families will also be engaging in fall fun activities. For example, students in all grades, K-5, may choose to wear costumes to school on Friday, October 29, 2021. Our Fall Festival Parade will begin at 2:15. We also encourage all families to attend our Home and School Association Fall Festival Movie Night on October 29, 2021, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Importantly, children are not permitted to wear scary costumes, scary masks, sharp-edged props such as sticks, swords, knives, and weapons for everyone's safety.

As always, thank you for choosing Hillcrest, a place where we soar together!

All the best,
Principal McEaddy

Lots of Learning and Fun in Kindergarten

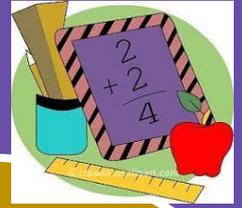
Last month, we worked really hard on learning our daily routines. We are continuing to practice them in October. October 1 was our picture day. It was fun to get dressed up and get our picture taken at school! In Kindergarten, this month during math class, we will be learning about comparing numbers up to 5 and practicing ways to show more and less. In Foundations, we will be learning 8 new letters and their sounds as well how to form them. We will continue to work on lots of other skills too, preparing us to learn to read. This month we will be learning about fall, fire safety, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Halloween. We may not all celebrate the same holidays, but learning about other cultures is a great way for us to understand our classmates!





First Grade Has Been Busy

Our character trait for this month is responsibility. We are learning about this important skill throughout our day.



In math, we are learning to add doubles. Please practice adding double facts to ten at home.



In Social Studies, we learned about why schools have rules. We are now learning about how to be a good helper at school.

Know the Rules



We started Unit 2 in Foundations. This unit focuses on how to write capital letters, making a prediction in a story, and reading short vowel words.



We started MTSS. Each child is working hard. The kids are practicing their sounds, reading books, and learning to write a sentence.

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Second Graders had Fun Welcoming Fall



Mrs. Carbino's class wrote "Goodbye Summer- Hello Fall" poems.



Mrs. Zambino's class created pictures of scarecrows to learn about adjectives.



Ms. McKeown's class made fact family candy corn in math.

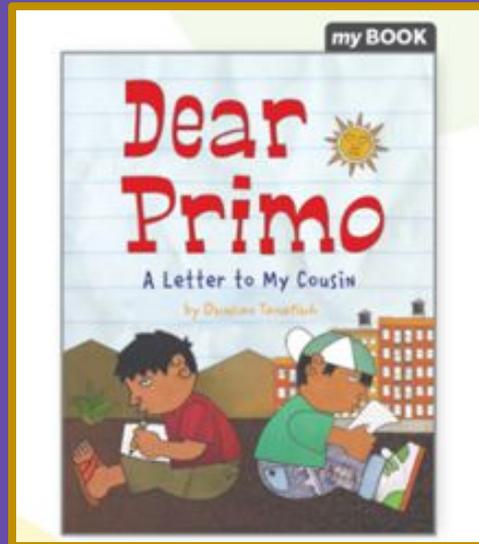
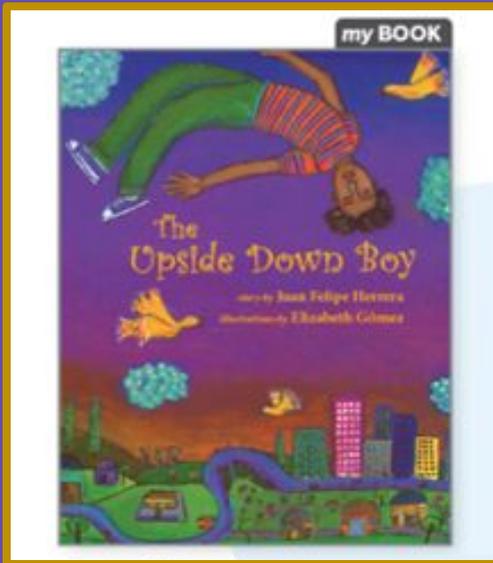


We are looking forward to our trip to Sugartown Farm later this month to continue celebrating fall!

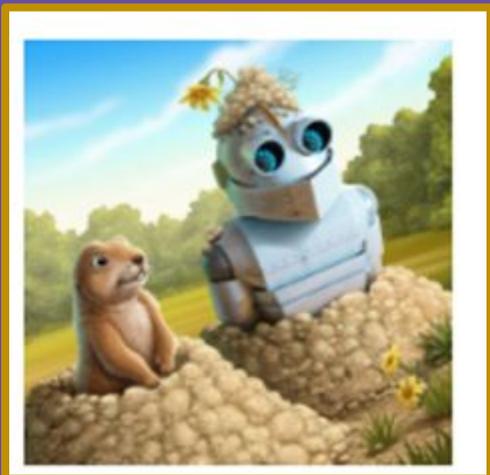


Third Grade is Busy in the Fall

The Third Graders are very busy having completed their first Module in Language Arts. In Writing, they completed narrative stories about their summer experiences. We are already deep into Module 2 and excited about the new stories we will find there.

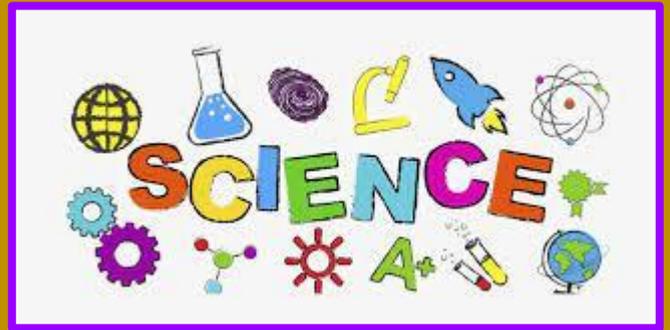


In Math, multiplication has taken up most of our time. We are busy learning the many strategies that can help solve a multiplication problem. We are trying to memorize multiplication facts. Division is our next Challenge!



The Third Grade classes are split in Science; some classes are doing Sound, some Water, and some Plant Growth and Development. We are completing hands-on experiments, discussing our hypotheses, and becoming real scientists!

Fourth Grade Science Lessons

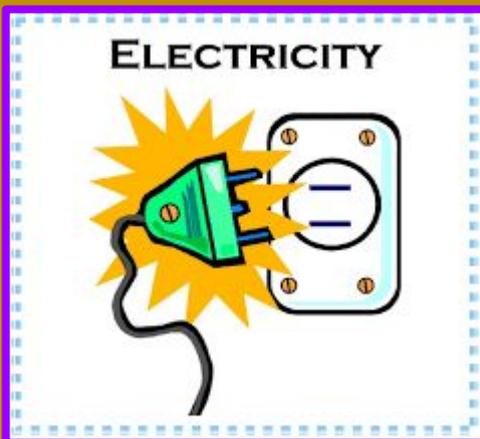


Live instruction of science is back in the fourth grade, and the children have been loving it.

For the first science rotation, Mrs. Rosser's class has been feeling out of this world learning about "Our Place in Space" and researching planets.

Mr. Martin's class was electrified to learn about electricity and electric circuits.

Mrs. Satterthwaite's class got down and dirty learning about rocks and minerals, while Mrs. McCauley's had a ball using Skittles to model erosion!



Building Community in Fifth Grade

Fifth grade life skills students are part of an inclusion program at Hillcrest Elementary School. Inclusion is when regular education and special education students work together towards building a community of learners. Mrs.

Dwyer's life skills class starts their day with Dr. Fox's homeroom. These students work together on social studies, science, and reading work. Sometimes, they even get to do fun activities such as building their own tipi as part of the social studies curriculum!

Dr. Fox's class really enjoys working with Mrs. Dwyer's class. They even signed up to buddy up with Mrs. Dwyer's students! It is so rewarding for all students to work in an environment where learning differences and physical challenges are transcended through understanding, acceptance and mutual respect. We love inclusion!



A Note from Mr. Vaile...

Hello Hillcrest Families,

My name is Mr. Vaile and I am the general music and chorus teacher here at Hillcrest Elementary. This year I am excited to offer in person music classes once again! We have been busy learning new songs and performing on classroom instruments.

I would also like to say thank you to all who have joined our 4th and 5th grade chorus. Please see the rehearsal schedule for October and November below. All Rehearsals will take place on the stage at 8:25am. We are looking forward to having our first in person concert on December 14th.

4th & 5th grade chorus rehearsal schedule

4th Grade

October 18

October 25

November 1

November 8

November 15

November 22

November 29

5th Grade

October 6

October 13

October 20

October 27

November 10

November 17

November 24

