

Roscoe Elementary School Newsletter

Make a Difference

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The Principal's Piece

Project Based Learning: Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes are busy with PBLs right now. Project Based Learning is a great way for students to engage in authentic learning across content areas, conduct research around a problem, develop a hypothesis about the problem, investigate and determine if their hypothesis is correct, and use critical thinking to help them determine why it is or isn't correct. Ask your child about their PBL.

Connected: Staying connected helps build positive relationships. How can you stay connected? Check your child's backpack/folder/binder each night for notes, homework, and graded papers. Ask your child about school – what they learned, who they worked with, what book they read, about his/her PBL, etc. Post the newsletter and other important papers in a place where you will remember to look back throughout the week. We often get busy and need reminders of up and coming events.

Fill a Bucket: This week we read, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud. It describes how each of us are born with an invisible bucket. This bucket represents a person's mental and emotional health. We can help fill each other's bucket by saying and doing kind things. We can also fill our own bucket by caring for others and being kind to ourselves. As part of our "Make a Difference" theme, we are always reminding and encouraging our students to say kind things and be kind to one another. This book and the idea of filling our buckets is a great way to encourage acts of kindness. Ask your child what they did to fill someone's bucket today. Let them know what you did to fill a bucket today as well.

Happy Birthday

Sept 6: Aydin Cruces – 2nd

Sept 9: Tyler Jackson – 1st

Sept 9: Raylan Neff – 3rd

Sept 9: Elijah San Juan – 3rd

Sept 10: Jose San Augustin - Pk

Sept 12: Colson Moffett – 4th


Reminders

- **Circle Drive:** Thank you for not parking in the No Parking areas. Let's keep the left side clear so traffic can keep flowing.
- **School Dismisses at 3:10 on Fridays!**
 - **Montessori dismisses at regular time.**



Montessori The Montessori classrooms have some new "friends" in class. These are actually their class pets!!

Mrs. Jackson's class has a long eyelash crested Gecko named Glowly. The kids enjoy watching her and love getting to hold her on the ellipse. Mrs. Wilson's class has a hamster and a turtle. Each day a different student has the job of feeding the pets. During the three hour work period students may take turns observing the pets and recording their observations with drawings. The students become very excited when Boomer (the hamster) runs on his little wheel or sits in his food bowl! They also like to inform her that the turtle is trying to escape from his pond. Mrs. Elmore's class has 3 tanks of fish (one of catfish and two of guppies and a Plecostomus) plus a bearded dragon named Eggy. The kids love to watch them and write about them/draw pictures of them in their journals. They especially like to watch Eggy when he hunts and eats crickets. Mrs. Martin's class has two crusted geckos. One is named Plowboy and the other is Tillis because he lost his tail on the way home. Every day the kids help with their bowls, mix their food, make sure they have fresh water, and mist the cage to make sure it is a tropical environment. They absolutely love the geckos. They love to watch them jump from plant to vine to the side of the aquarium. Students are learning the letter Hh and beginning the study of North America. In Music, Montessori students are working on moving their bodies in different ways to music.

1st-5th Grade  In music, the First-Third graders are still finding the difference between beat and rhythm. The 4th and 5th graders are reviewing note names and rhythms so they can start working in groups on percussion, xylophones and recorders. This week 1st & 2nd grade students will be taking the TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory). First Grade will be reviewing phonics, nouns, and verbs. They are working on subtraction in Math. In Social Studies, students will be learning about citizens and responsibilities. In Science, they will be learning about Science equipment. Please help your child study sight words and read library books every night. In reading, 2nd grade will be working on independently reading a grade level book and paraphrasing what the story is about. In math, students are learning to model, write, compare, and order 4-digit numbers with a 1 in the thousands place. In 3rd grade Math, students are reviewing rounding and place value and then moving into addition. Great job on doing Think Through Math! Continue to work toward the goal to complete at least 30 lessons. In 4th grade, students continue to water and measure their cotton plants in the greenhouse to research the process of photosynthesis. In Social Studies, they will begin learning about the "First People in Texas!" Fifth graders are continuing to read about Brian's adventures in Hatchet. They are studying factors and divisibility in Math. In Science, they have finished conducting their PBL experiment and have started working on posters. They need the support from the parents and teachers to keep their binders organized. Thank you for checking your child's binder each night.



4-H News

- Nolan County 4-H Web Site: <http://nolan.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/>

Counselor's Corner

Please visit my website and find links to helpful website4s as well as counseling referral forms and current events. www.rcecounseling.weebly.com

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 12:** Drone Demonstration
- **Sept 18-20:** Kids on the Land Trips
- **Sept 25:** Report Cards Sent Home
- **Oct 8:** No School
- **Oct 10:** Elementary Fall Pictures
- **Oct 11:** Montessori Fall Pictures
- **Oct 12:** Fall Festival 5-7pm
- **Oct 16:** Project Fair 6pm



Word of the Week:

rare (adj) – not occurring very often; not found in large numbers. *There are rare animals in Australia. Two-dollar bills are rare in the United States.* **rarely (adv)** - not often; seldom. *People rarely write letters to friends anymore.*