



# KREINHOP'S HOWLING WOLFPACK NEWSLETTER

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## Kreinhop Mission Statement

The Kreinhop Elementary community will foster a safe environment, in which innovative technology and research based instructional strategies will be used to develop responsible, collaborative self-managers, who are life-long learners in a diverse society.



*From the Principal.....*

As the end of the first nine weeks gets closer, we are looking forward to having the opportunity to discuss student academics and progress. Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, October 12, 2009. Students will have a school holiday on this date. Parents who cannot attend on October 12 will be scheduled for a conference at another date or contacted by phone.

Applications for "free or reduced" lunch were sent home the first week of school. This is just a reminder that applications must be submitted every year. This week is the "cut off" for those who have not re-applied for this program. The Klein ISD Food Service office.

Thank you to all our parents for supporting our school fundraiser. Delivery of the cookie dough and other items will be on Wednesday, October 28th. has sent out notification reminders.

## Candidates' Forum for Voters

The Klein ISD will sponsor a trustee candidates' forum for voters on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Klein High School auditorium at

16715 Stuebner-Airline Road.

## KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten has already had a busy school year with a great start to our learning! We have begun studying letters and their sounds as well as some sight words. In Math the students have learned about shapes and solid figures. We have also learned about sorting objects by their attributes. Johnny Appleseed helped the students culminate their study of the 5 senses by tasting, smelling, touching, hearing, and seeing apples. Kindergarteners are learning to follow school rules and procedures in all the various classes and places they attend which are: Art, Music, P.E., Library as well as the cafeteria and playground. Showing respect for our flags, other people and ourselves is also part of our daily social practice. We look forward to more exciting things to learn about as our Fall season begins.



## FIRST GRADE

Welcome to first grade where we will explore and learn so many new things! Students are actively working in all subject areas. In Science, we explored plants, living and nonliving things while learning to use our senses to make observations. Rules, laws and good citizens make a community is our study for social studies. Different ways to make numbers, addition and graphing will complete our study for math this nine weeks. In reading, we are developing strategies to understand what we read. Students are in-

creasing their stamina to read for extended periods of time as they read to self and partner read. Technology is incorporated into all subjects. Our journey has just begun and we are excited to be a part of your child's life!

## FIFTH GRADE



Novels and reading textbooks are not the only way that your children are learning to be lifelong readers. We teach reading skills in all subjects including math, science, and social studies. One thing that we are focusing on is what to do when you come to a selection that you do not understand. Rereading, using context clues, connecting the text to background experiences and other texts, and picturing the text in your mind are just a few ways to enhance understanding.

In math, students have worked hard on adding numbers with decimals. Next, we will learn how to multiply whole numbers and decimals while looking at patterns in multiplication. Steps to problem solving are applied daily.

In Social Studies, we are learning about the "First Americans". In the coming weeks, we will learn about the English colonies in North America during the late 1600s and early 1700s. We will learn the various reasons for establishing each colony and examine the economy, culture, and governing structure of each colony.

Science is full of hands-on labs that are keeping the students ac-

tively engaged. We have just finished studying the Solar System. We will move forward to study light and sound energy. Toward the end of October, we plan to cover matter in its solid, liquid, and gaseous states and the properties associated with each.

While the students are hard at work in school, we are hoping to get our parents working hard on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade end of year celebrations! Please contact the PTO if you would like to help with planning and preparing your child's celebration of elementary school!



### LIBRARY

The Kreinhop Library has been transformed into the Kreinhop Rainforest where our patrons will be "Going Wild With a Good Book". Librarian Gunder-son and Assistant Straughter are assisting our readers as they find great books to explore and enjoy.

We are looking forward to our "Storybook Pumpkin Contest". Parents may assist their children in decorating a pumpkin to look like a favorite storybook character using craft materials and their imagination. Our pumpkins will be on display in the library from October 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.

In November, we are looking forward to our visit from author and illustrator, Jarrett Krosoczka who will be reading from his books and autographed copies will be available for purchase. Please check the Kreinhop website for a list of his books and illustrations.

Our Fall Book Fair will be held from November 17<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be "Destination Book Fair" and our Kreinhop readers will be encouraged to "read around the world". Plan to join us for a fun family event and an opportunity to begin your holiday shopping!

### MUSIC



Kreinhop Crescendos Choir to perform at the AERO's HOCKEY GAME on October 16, 2009. Everyone is invited to attend the game. A bright green order form went home but check the Kreinhop website if you still need an order form. Cost is \$10 CASH ONLY and money is due by October 9th. Hope to see you there!!!! If you have any questions email [aculber-son@kleinisd.net](mailto:aculber-son@kleinisd.net)



### REMI NDER

Please assist us in the handling of custody related issues. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide the principal a certified copy of the court order affecting any other person's right to their children. Should you have any questions, please call: Dora Williams, Principal, 832-484-7400.



