



Growing Creative Minds and Caring Hearts Heusner Elementary

A Note from the Principal

Learning to read is one of the most important things that we can teach our students to set them up for lifelong success. "The inability to read is associated with lifelong consequences such as lower academic achievement, dropping out of school, diminished earning potential, higher risk for incarceration, and less access to resources that can help alleviate physical and mental health challenges." There is much evidence that shows if students have not learned the foundational reading skills by the end of first grade, they are highly likely to experience chronic reading difficulties. The good news is that we can prevent and reduce reading problems! One of the ways to ensure that students have a strong reading foundation is to teach: phonemic awareness skills, phonics skills, fluency and comprehension and written expression.

Things you can do as a parent to help support your student as an early reader:

- Read to your student.
- Ask questions about their reading before, during and after.
- Have your student read at home 15 to 20 minutes each night.
- Encourage writing.
- Ensure that your student is at school and on time.
- Reach out to your child's teacher if you need resources.
- Point out print and words in your child's environment.

Lori Munsell, Principal



Heusner Mission

The Heusner Community is committed to creating a respectful and engaging environment that inspires the love of lifelong learning where all students will become powerful thinkers, effective collaborators, and empathetic citizens in preparation for a successful future.

At Heusner students are our first priority, therefore...

- We believe that all students should experience and achieve success.
- We believe in being innovative to ensure student success.
- We believe in the importance of building relationships and developing the whole child to impact school success.

Heusner, growing creative minds and caring hearts!



Heusner Pride Families

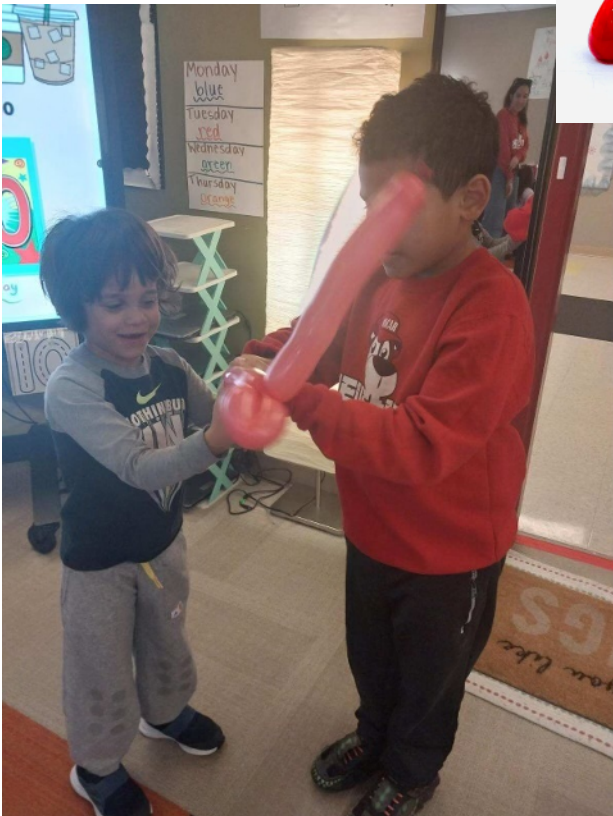
Heusner Pride Family Time

Heusner students met with their Pride Families to learn about the learning disposition: Embracing Challenges. Students learned that good learners embrace challenges. Students worked through a fun challenge to make a balloon dog. Students talked about having a growth mindset and the attitude that "I can do hard things."



I CAN...
EMBRACE CHALLENGES

- I have a growth mindset.
- I can do hard things.
- I use strategies to solve problems.

A cartoon bear wearing a red baseball cap with the word "OSCAR" on it. To the right is a smiling brain with arms and legs, holding blue tools. Below the brain is a yellow sign that says "1-2-3 LET'S DO IT! Wish well! STAR" with a star icon.



Students embraced the challenge of learning how to make balloon animals during Pride Families on January 19, 2024.



P.E.

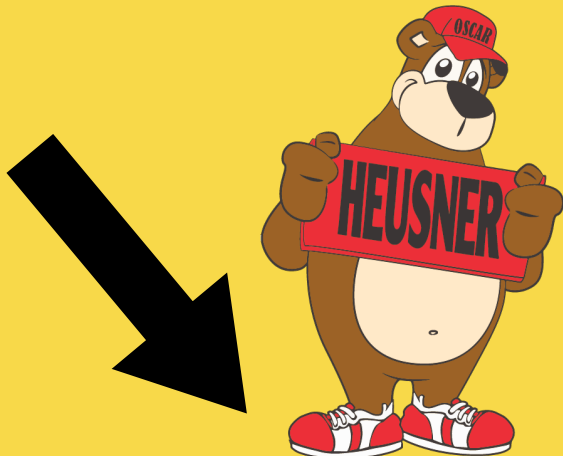
Students wrapped up January with indoor golf.



This month students will begin basketball activities. They will start with basic dribbling practice and work their way into shooting and passing. Students will also practice defensive strategies such as guarding, taking away, and passing lanes. To end the month of February, students will have a short jump rope unit.



Be like Oscar and wear your tennis shoes to P.E. class!



A Look Ahead:

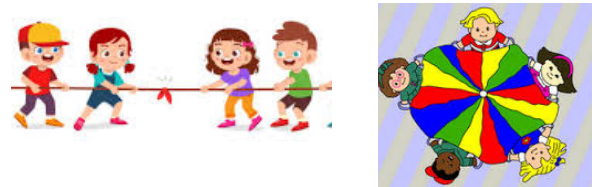
March



April



May



Don't Delay! Sign up Today for:

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Visit: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/heusnerelementary/>
Next, look for your child's teacher
Click on the time and day that is convenient for you

We can't wait to see you at Conferences!




3:40pm-7:20pm



8:00am-7:20pm

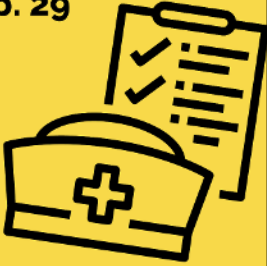



Notes From the *School Nurse*



HEARING CHECKS

Students will have hearing checks
Feb. 14 & 15, 2024
Rechecks Feb. 29



Please notify the Front Office
when your student is absent by
9:00 a.m.

You may email or call:

heusner.attendance@usd305.com

or

785-309-4200



Reading News!

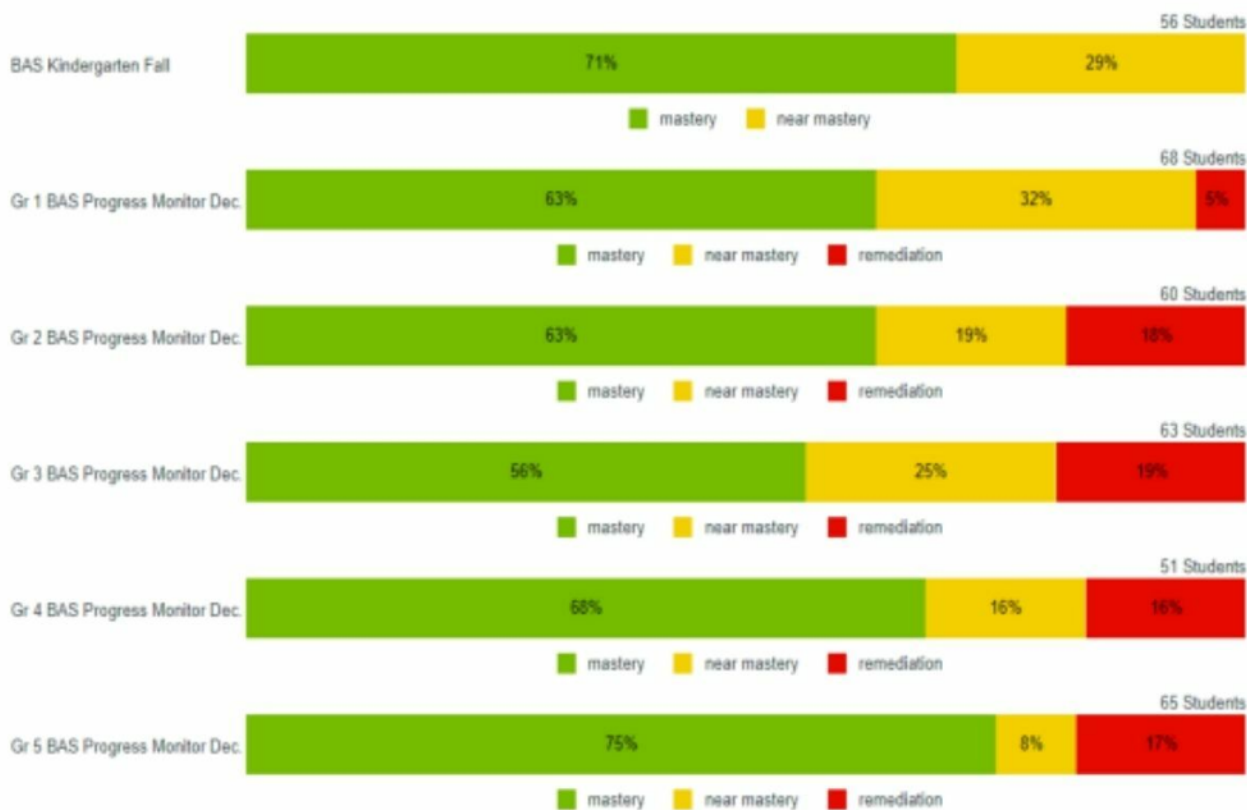
Lots of fun activities planned for our Heusner students!

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY



We are recognizing students that have mastered their phonics skills! Ask your child if they are 'Word Wizards!'

BAS – Heusner – Progress Monitor – December 2023-2024



Heusner students have made many gains in reading!

WHAT IS MATH FACT FLUENCY?



EACH GRADE LEVEL HAS IT'S OWN STANDARDS FOR FLUENCY

Kindergarten: counting by 1s and 10s to 100, addition and subtraction within 5

1st grade: addition and subtraction within 10

2nd grade: addition and subtraction within 10

3rd grade: multiplication and division with single digits

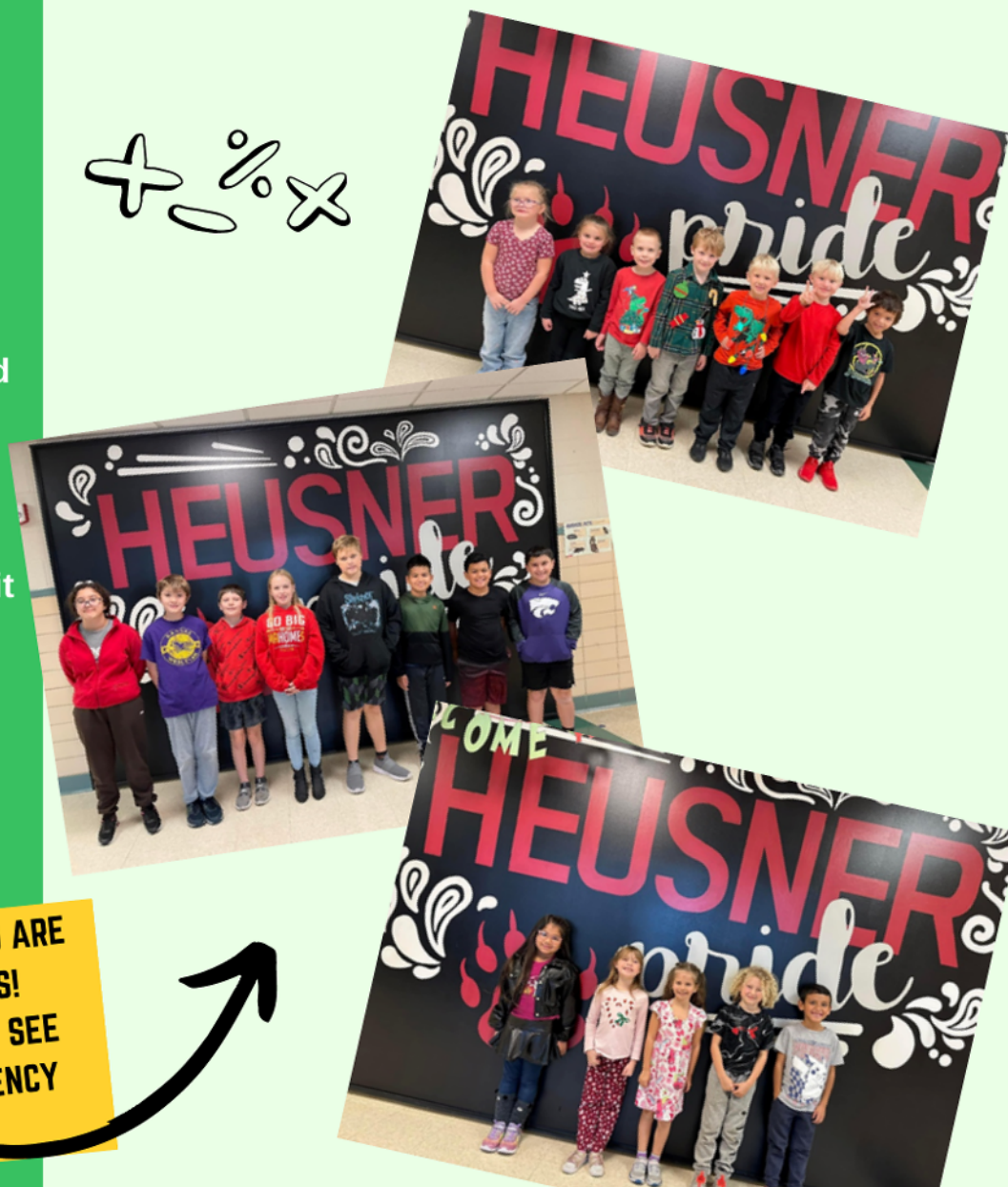
4th and 5th grade: addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers, extend and apply multiplication and division fluency

Math fact fluency is the quick, effortless, and automatic recall of basic math facts in all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

When students achieve automaticity, they can retrieve math facts from their long-term memory without conscious effort or attention (or counting on their fingers!). This allows them to devote more time to advanced problem-solving and learning new skills. Fact fluency not only saves students time but also significantly impacts their future math success.



WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE KIDS WHO ARE MASTERING THEIR MATH FACTS! CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE MORE KIDS WHO ARE FACT FLUENCY MASTERS!



SAVE THE DATE
BE TOTALLY AMUSED AND EXCITED

**HEUSNER
ELEMENTARY
CARNIVAL**

**March 2nd, 2024
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm**



**JOIN THIS NEW ANNUAL EVENT AS WE
CELEBRATE WITH FUN GAMES, ACTIVITIES,
AND RAFFLE PRIZES! MORE DETAILS WILL BE
COMING SOON!**



Heusner February Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6 *PTA Moved to Tuesday! 7:00 P.M.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Feb 5 Site Council - 12:00 p.m.

Feb 6 PTA Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Feb 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences
(3:40 p.m.-7:20 p.m.)

Feb 8 Parent Teacher Conferences
(8:00 a.m.- 7:20 p.m.)

Feb 8 NO SCHOOL

Feb 9 NO SCHOOL

Feb 12 NO SCHOOL

Feb 14 Valentine Parties 2:45 p.m.

Contact Us

Lori Munsell - Principal

Sandi Renz - Lead Teacher

Melissa Williams - Secretary

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