



HIS Insight

March 2025

Hello School Community

This past month of school at H.I.S. has been amazing! It was so good to see all of our students smiling faces! Our teachers and students have been busy working hard every day at H.I.S.! High expectations have been communicated and are still being set for our students to strive for excellence daily. Our students are already exceeding those expectations every day!

Upcoming Events

April 4- Student/Teacher Holiday
April 7- 6th Grade Chromebook Check-In
April 10- End of 5th 6 Weeks
April 11- Student Holiday/Staff Development
April 16- Reading STAAR Test
April 18- Student/Teacher Holiday
April 22- 5th Grade Science STAAR Test
April 24- Math STAAR Test
April 29- Kona Ice





I had a great time with all the 5th Grade classes this week. The CL lesson focused on JOY and the benefits of happiness. We used the lesson you did previously with your class over Kintsugi. As you know, we focused on adding things that bring us happiness and joy to the clay heart. We talked about where our happiness comes from, the neurochemicals that are released, and that our choices belong to us therefore we are responsible for our JOY and happiness. When then agreed that even the things we hold closest to our hearts sometimes cause us pain and disappointment. However, just like the practice of Kintsugi, we become stronger and more beautiful through all these trials and hardships. We then glued our hearts back together with gold glue.



4th Grade

Our mathematicians continued to focus on targeted skills through group work and STAAR review.

Our readers reviewed text structure; making connections from self to various texts and society, as well as how to retell and summarize a story. Students worked hard to sharpen their reading and writing skills to prepare for the STAAR.

Our scientists learned about our planet's water cycle and the phases of the moon. Our historians explored the 1900s in Texas.



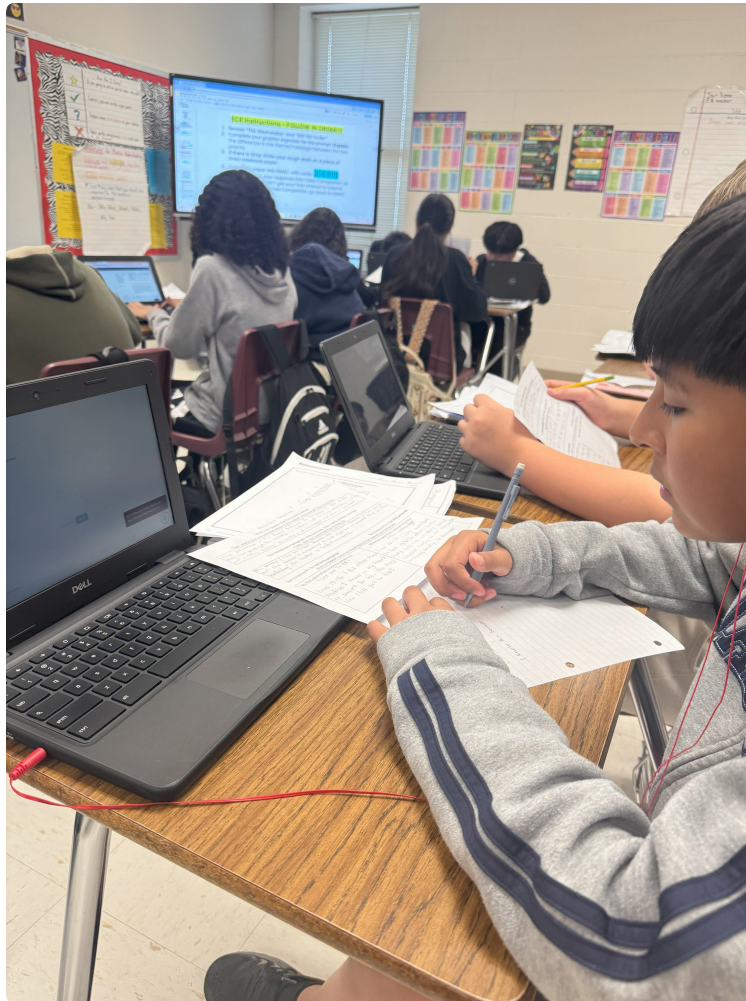
5th Grade

During the month of March, our readers worked on revising and editing practices and continued to improve their ability to respond to both short and extended constructed responses. Students analyzed plot elements, including introduction, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution with plot maps. Additionally, students continued building comprehension and grammar skills.

Our mathematicians prepared for their state assessment. Our students continued working diligently and with 'grit' to commit the knowledge and skills required to successfully problem solve real-world situations involving all of these 5th grade math standards.

Our scientists finished their benchmark during February and will begin to review standards in preparation for their science STAAR test.

Our historians discussed westward expansion, Indian Removal, and the Industrial Revolution.



6th Grade

In 6th grade, students are working diligently to prepare for their STAAR tests in ELAR and Math. In Social Studies, they are learning about Egypt and Mesopotamia. They are starting an Ancient Civilization project this week.. In Science, students are creating their Earth Layer Models as they discover those layers and the minerals and rocks that reside there.



Special Programs

ESL 4-6th Grade-

All ESL students took the TELPAS this month. They have worked very hard and prepared for this assessment all school year. We are excited to all the growth that our students have made.

Mrs. Lopez's Class-

Students gave been working hard to prepare our garden for planting!

Specials



Art

4th Grade artists painted a paper plate to make it a flower shaped loom. 5th grade artists finished drawing bugs from observation. 6th grade artists finished their graffiti name art and then began working on their grid drawings.

Now all grade levels have started their clay projects!

Check out more on Artsonia <https://www.artsonia.com/artshow/47315/81960>

Music

The drumming skills of our music students have been impressive! After performing challenging rhythms and cover songs, some of these students will go on to be superior percussionists in the band next year. Next up, Boomwhackers... Students will love playing these colorful, super durable instruments - all you have to do is whack them

PE

Students have started their Track Unit! We have worked on relays, sprints, and field events.

TECH

4th graders mastered their logins, learned many new computer terms and were introduced to Type Tastic, our keyboarding program. 5th graders are also tackling Home Row Keys. 6th graders are trying to improve their Google Doc skills to allow them to create, edit and share their documents. They are also working on their keyboarding skills. They want to type faster and with more accuracy.

Band

Our band students are growing into fine young musicians. The spring concert coming up on May 2nd will be a testament to the time and work they have put in this year.

Spanish

6th Grade Spanish class has been working hard to learn the Spanish alphabet, months of the year, days of the week, and body parts in Spanish!

Library

REALLY WARM spring weather is here! Yea!

Students, parents and teachers **ALL** delighted in spring break!

Teachers and students are getting ready for the STAAR ELAR, Math & Science tests in three weeks, beginning April 16th.

The students are enjoying the 15-minute weekly Read Alouds in the 4th & 6th grade Social Studies classrooms and 5th grade ELAR classes..

We began a new novel in the 4th grade classes,

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling.

In the 5th grade we are reading ***Wait Till Helen Comes***.

I'm reading chapter 6 of the award book, ***Mick Harte Was Here*** to the sixth grade.

4th Grade-Why does John Midas only like chocolate?

5th Grade-What does Molly view from her bedroom window?

6th Grade-Why did Mick want to be cremated?

Read Alouds:

4th Grade ***The Chocolate Touch*** by Patrick Skene Catling

5th Grade ***Wait Till Helen Comes*** by Mary Downing Hahn

6th Grade ***Mick Harte Was Here*** by Barbara Parks

I am presently reading ***The Residence***, by Kate Anderson Brower, a great historical novel of President Kennedy through the Obamas and their residency in The White House.

Happiest Reading ever! 

Attendance Matters!

Enrollment:

4th Grade- 139

5th Grade- 154

6th Grade- 148

Total Enrollment: 441

Weekly Attendance: 97.14%



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