

HIGHLANDER HAPPENINGS

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Pre-K II



Pre-K I

This month, Pre-K I learned about community helpers. A fireman, a nurse, and a police officer visited our classroom. We ended our unit by dressing up as our favorite community helpers!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy learning how to read, going on a (teddy) bear hunt, studying bats, experimenting with worms, and exploring life as a pioneer at the Heritage Village Farmstead. We studied the State Fair of Texas by tasting and graphing our favorite fair foods and learned about the Creative Arts Exhibit from two award winners.



First Grade enjoyed a field trip to the Dallas Arboretum, made applesauce inspired by Johnny Appleseed, had our own craft fair with blue ribbons, and pulled letters out of a magic hat using wands. We weighed and measured pumpkins and learned about their life cycle through planting, baking, and tasting seeds.

First Grade



Early Childhood students have been learning about their different voices, and elementary classes learned about Johann Sebastian Bach and his magnificent music. We are getting our voices in shape, and it's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas in the music room!

Music



Work Hard, Play Hard

We've had a lot of fun this fall with Founder's Day, Donuts With Dad, Back-to-School Luau, Highlander Pumpkin Patch, and Book Fair, but nothing was more rewarding than collecting donations for Hurricane Harvey victims and working for Feed Lake Highlands.



Sixth Grade

Sixth Grade has been learning why ancient civilizations thrived where they did. After a lecture on Greek culture, the class visited the Greek Food Festival. We are writing research papers on Ancient Egypt using three primary sources and are practicing our study skills and time management. While reading "Swiss Family Robinson", we learned about the spirit of adventure. In science, we studied ecology by pulling apart owl pellets and reconstructing the skeletons.



Second Grade

The Second Grade classroom was transformed into a rainforest! Students brought their leopard gecko and tree frogs to visit, and we enjoyed a homemade crocodile cake. We also visited the Frontiers of Flight Museum.



Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade has been studying how European explorers used spices to preserve their food. We sampled turmeric, paprika, ginger, saffron, and more. We also completed our character book reports and studied vertebrates.



Third Grade

Third Grade has been exploring our world using geography. In Science, we have studied animals and plants.



Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade began its study of European settlements in the U.S., reading "Johnny Tremain" and learning to recite "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere". In science, we studied invertebrates and conducted petri dish experiments.

