

# C.A.M.P. NEWSLETTER

4<sup>TH</sup> SIX WEEKS

TARVER-RENDON ELEMENTARY

It's hard to believe but we have completed the 4th six weeks.

This year has gone by so fast.

This six weeks we have worked on 2 CAMP skills:

Listening (review) and Disagreeing Appropriately

Disagreeing Appropriately

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a calm and pleasant voice.
3. Say "I understand how you feel".
4. Tell why you feel differently.
5. Give a reason.
6. Listen to the other person.

Important Dates:

February 28- Parent University

March 7 & 8- Combo Days- All students have PE

March 10- Fun Run

March 23- Barn Dance: Details coming home soon!

April 4 & 5- Combo Days- All students have PE

# COMPUTERS

- Kindergarten

- It's keyboarding time!

Students are learning how to sit correctly at the computer as well as proper hand and body position. They are learning the location of the letters on the keyboard by playing online keyboarding games.

## 1<sup>st</sup> grade

First grade students are learning to keyboard with ALL of their fingers. They have been logging into their Typing Agent account to practice home row keys and proper body/hand position.

They also created pixel art while developing navigation skills in spreadsheets.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Students have researched a tundra animal and an African American. They will create multimedia projects this six weeks using their research.

2<sup>nd</sup> graders have also discussed internet safety rule and digital ethics.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Internet safety, social media rules and digital ethics were discussed with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

Students researched 2 objects in our solar system and will collaborate online through Google Drive to create a group Google slide show this six weeks.

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Students discussed rules for social media, digital ethics and cyber bullying.

Students researched a person from the Texas Revolution, Texas Republic or Texas early statehood. They will create a multimedia presentation with their research this six weeks.

# ART

## Kindergarten:

Students created western art after reading “Armadillo Rodeo”. They also created a still life picture focusing on shading, graduation and form.

## 1<sup>st</sup> grade:

Classes shared the book “Diggin Dirt” and created soil environment art. First graders also created mosaics to give them an understanding of perspective and white space.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade:

Students created simple designs on plastic cups, melted the cups and made Dale Chihuly melted cup art. They also created 3D salt dough world maps.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:

Classes read “How I Became a Pirate” and created their own pirate maps. They drew deer and made natural antlers using brown ink.

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

Students drew a one point perspective drawing of the Alamo and sketched different animals during a field trip to the Ag Center.

# MUSIC

- Sound is all around us – there is no place on Earth without it. You just can't get away from it! The only place where there is no sound is in outer space. Because sound is in our lives at every moment, it is important to understand where it comes from, how it works, and how it affects us. While the relationship between music and science is not as apparent as the relationship between music and other subjects, it still exists. There is a science behind the difference between music and noise. Physics can be used to explain why a violin has the funny f carved on its side, or why a guitar has different sized strings, or why you can feel a drum beat in your chest. Scattered throughout the science lessons at Tarver Rendon are lessons that touch on music skill, such as understanding the five senses in Kindergarten or sound energy in second grade. At the same time, music lessons touch on the same subjects, the relationship between pitch and instrument size, the effects of air speed and fingering when playing recorder, the pitch differences in the sizes of bars on the xylophone, just to name a few.
- If you would like to try some super cool sound experiences (experiments) at home I suggest the book, [The Science of Sound and Music](#): by Shar Levine and Leslie Johnstone. It contains very fun and engaging experiments with sound.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- All grades have been working on the fundamentals of basketball. Students have been developing and refining their shooting and dribbling skills.
- Students are also learning the rules for basketball.
- Fitness Gram testing begins in March. Students are practicing the skills they tested on.
- Our annual Fun Run is on March 10. More details will be sent home soon.