

Kate Bell Elementary
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COLLEGE READINESS

HIGHER EXPECTATIONS

The HISD College Readiness Department is committed to providing higher education access to all HISD students and works closely with campuses and district departments to create and maintain a college-bound culture throughout the district. Starting in elementary school, students and parents are highly encouraged to take charge of their learning, connect with others about post-secondary education, and dive into preparing for college early.

Please visit www.houstonisd.org/Page/93355 for more information the district has for your child's future educational success.

Kate Bell Elementary understands the need for students to become a high school graduate and college degreed. However, Kate Bell Elementary can not do it alone, we need the community as well to ensure the higher expectations are being met.

WHO TO CALL

The **teacher** is always the best first contact.

Others to contact:

Front Office

281-983-2800

Nurse

Melody Hall

Librarian

Betty Moore

Cafeteria Manager

Maria Bolanos

Registrar

Rocio Morelos

Counselor

Susan Wicks

Secretary

Berta Bonilla

Teacher Specialist

Karen Harris

Magnet Coordinator

Inocencia F. Gonzales

Asst. Principal

Waymond Ervin

Principal

Dr. Edrick Moultry

PRE– KINDERGARTEN

MS. TEDDER : MS. BELLO : MS. ROBERTS : MS. ADNANE

TEACHER CONFERENCE TIMES

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM



Students learn about thoughtful choices, smart choices, healthy choices, safe choices, and kind choices. They learn how to evaluate pros and cons of decision making and how to generate solutions to problems.

Parents,

Please review the High Frequency Words with your child(ren) and work in collaboration with your child(ren)'s teacher to ensure success.

TEA RATING

Kate Bell has met standard for the last two years!

This year, we have distinctions in Reading, Science, and College Readiness.

The distinction means that more than 25% of our students score at commendable levels on the STAAR test.

Thank You Teachers, Students, and Parents for all of your hard work!

KINDERGARTEN

MR. RHODES : MS. KING : MS. PRINCE : MS. COTRINO : MS. MARTIN

TEACHER CONFERENCE TIMES

9:45 - 10:30

What are Kindergarten students learning?

E/SLA (English and Spanish Language Arts)

- Students will identify the common theme, character traits, recurring phrases, and story elements found in the various types of fairy tales, fables, and folktales.
- Students will identify the main idea, analyzing characters, plot, and setting of a story to determine the story's genre through hearing and reading stories about different fictional animal.
- About the different customs and traditions that exist within the global community.

Math

- Students will compare numbers to 20.
- Students will develop an understanding of addition and subtraction situations by modeling.
- Students will compare the weight of given objects.



Reading is the key to success!

FIRST GRADE

MS. VALDEZ : MS. FRANKLIN : MR. GONZALEZ

MS. MARSHALL : MS. DILLON

TEACHER CONFERENCE TIMES

10:30 AM TO 11:15 AM

What are 1st Grade students learning?

E/SLA (English and Spanish Language Arts)

- Students will explore the world through various land forms, water ways, oceans and modes of transportation.
- Students will explore, experience, and identify various family traditions and celebrations.

Math

- Students will use multiple models and counting strategies to develop number sense and represent numbers to 99 in flexible ways.
- Students will generate, compare, order, and represent comparisons of numbers to 100.
- Students will develop and use strategies for whole number addition and subtraction computations in order to solve problems.
- Students will use tools to describe and measure length.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kate Bell after 3 is full of activity. At any given time, Monday through Friday the following is happening:

Dance
Soccer
Yearbook
Tutorials
Gymnastics
Camp Cougar
Baseball
Garden Club
Basketball
Track
Cross Country
Parent meetings
Art Club
Student Council
Science
Computer/Robotics
Literacy Night

SCHOOL HOURS

7:45 AM to 3:00 PM

BREAKFAST

7:30 AM to 7:45 AM

TARDY

8:00 AM

**This may change.

CHECKOUT TIMES

9:45 AM to 2:00 PM

BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATIONS

** After 2:00 PM
with teacher permis-
sion and with a week
notice.

SECOND GRADE

MS. FOSTER : MS. VASQUEZ : MS NGYUEN

MS. BAXTER : MS. GUTIERREZ

TEACHER CONFERENCE TIMES

11:15 AM TO 12:00 PM

What are 2nd Grade students learning?

E/SLA (English and Spanish Language Arts)

- Students will learn **about Expository** text which communicates information about a topic using facts and details. It includes specific terms and material that help classify and define the topic.
- Students will learn **about Procedural** text that consists of recipes, instructions, and directions.

Math

- Students will use a variety of strategies to develop automaticity and computational fluency of addition and subtraction.
- Students read, write, and describe whole numbers to 500 using a variety of representations, strategies, and manipulatives.
- Students will represent the types of addition and subtraction as it relates to

KATE BELL SPOTLIGHT—HEAD START PERSONNEL

Kate Bell has exemplary Head Start personnel. They ensure the academic advancement of our Pre-Kindergarten students every-day. The Head Start staff is very hard working and cares about the students' education and well-being at Kate Bell.

The staff members are:

Ms. Kindle

Ms. Briosio

Ms. Escobar

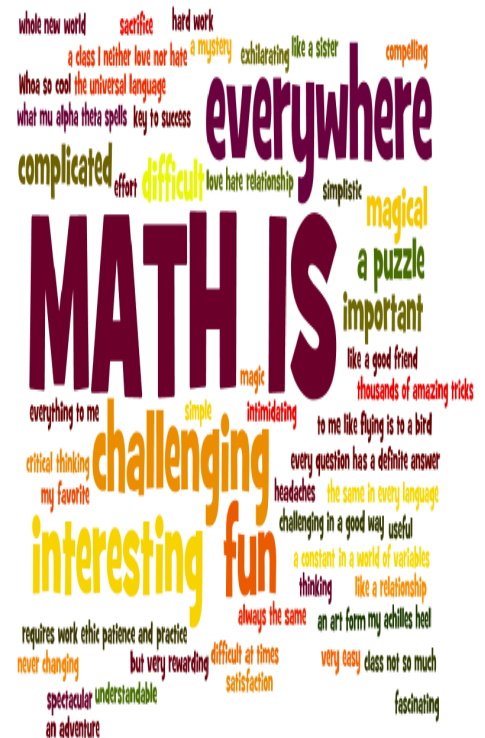
We are very appreciative to have such a wonderful group of hard working people that love Kate Bell Elementary.

WHAT FAMILIES CAN DO: IDEAS TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN AND ENJOY MATHEMATICS

Be Positive!

If you have a negative attitude about mathematics, chances are your child will, too. Help your child have a "can do" attitude by praising your child's efforts as well as his/her accomplishments.

Acknowledge the facts that mathematics can be challenging at times and that persistence and hard work are the keys to success. Relate mathematics learning to other endeavors that require hard work and persistence, such as playing a sport. Struggling at times in mathematics is normal and is actually necessary to, and valuable in, understanding mathematics. (From the National Council of Math Teachers)



Learning to read is a challenge for many...

LITERACY

READING ALOUD AND THINKING ALOUD

Good readers unconsciously create visual images in their heads while they are reading. It's all part of the comprehension process. While you are reading to your child, think out loud about the images you see or the questions that may arise. That means explaining the ideas, pictures, questions, and connections that go through your mind as you read a passage. Here's an example of a think aloud:

The title of this book is Bobby: The Bravest Boxer. There is a picture of a dog on the cover so that tells me Bobby is a boxer dog instead of a man that boxes. I wonder what the dog did that proved his bravery. I need to read ahead and find out. Oh, on the next page it says, "Bobby got very nervous when the children were playing outside all alone, especially if they are near the street." That tells me that Bobby may do something to protect one of the children in the family. But how? I have to read on to find out more. (from K12 Reader)



THIRD GRADE

MS. CHAVEZ : MS. BERGER : MR. GARZA : MS. WHITE

MR. HUERTA : MS. CLAY : MS. ROBINSON

TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME

12:45 PM TO 1:30 PM

What are 3rd Grade students learning ?

E/SLA (English and Spanish Language Arts)

- Students will learn about how-to articles, recipes, instructions, and directions. It tells how to do or make something in clear and simple text.
- Students will learn about **Folktales** and **Legends**. These are stories that were told aloud for many years before they were at last written down. A **legend** is an old story that was told for many years before being written down, that tell about the great deeds of heroes from a particular time and space.

MATH

- Students will learn a variety of strategies, including number lines, to estimate the solution to addition and subtraction problems.
- Students will learn mathematical process standards to represent and ex-



FOURTH GRADE

MS. MOON : MS. VEGA : MS. LIGHTFOOT: MS. KING

MS. MURRAY : MS. JOHNSON

TEACHER CONFERENCE TIMES

1:30 PM to 2:15 PM

What are 4th Grade students learning ?

ELA

- Students will learn **Persuasive** text presents evidence to convince the reader to take a certain action or to believe something.
- Students will learn **Procedural** text which includes how-to articles, recipes, instructions, and directions.

MATH

- Students will learn to collect, organize, display, and interpret data on a frequency table, dot plot, or stem-and-leaf plot and solve problems using the data.
- Students will learn to develop and use strategies, to solve one- and two-step whole number multiplication and division problems.

FIFTH GRADE

MS. KAMAU : MS. HEYDE : MS. BASILE : MS. ADEDOKUN

TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME

2:15 PM TO 3:00 PM

What are 5th Grade students learning ?

ELA

- Students will learn about **Paired** readings **Paired** readings are two separate passages that require readers to exercise not only their general reading comprehension skills but also their ability to compare and/or contrast the main ideas, authors' purposes, and organization of texts of the two pieces.
- Students will learn about **Fiction**. **Fiction** is a genre that includes stories about imaginary characters and events and always has these features: (a) characters (b) plot; (c) setting; (d) narrator; and (d) theme .

Math

- Students will learn to solve problems involving multiplication and division of fractions.
- Students will learn to solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions with unequal denominators. Students will simplify numerical expressions involving the addition and subtraction of fractions.



Grade	Math	Reading	Writing	Science
3	April 21	April 22		
4	April 21	April 22	March 30—31	
5	April 20	March 31		April 22
5 Retest		May 12		

KATE BELL ELEMENTARY

DATES TO REMEMBER!

GRADING CYCLE

2nd 9 WEEKS

October 27 —December 19

WINTER HOLIDAY

December 22 — January 5

SCHOOL RESUMES

January 6

COMMUNITY ACTION

Attendance matters for success in school and in life, and absences can easily add up to academic trouble.

At HISD, missing more than 10 percent (or 17 days) of school a year can lead to a student **not receiving a grade or being retained**, but more importantly, it represents lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.

- **A child is considered chronically absent if they miss two or more days a month.** That includes un-excused and excused absences.
 - **Attendance matters as early as kindergarten.** Studies show that children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade have trouble mastering reading.
 - **By grade 6, chronic absence is a proven warning sign** that a student is at risk of dropping out.
 - **By grade 9, good attendance can predict graduations rates** even better than eighth-grade test scores.
- Attendance also affects a school's budget.** When students miss class, their campus' average daily attendance rate drops, which can reduce the funding it receives to

LOST and FOUND

We have several jackets, sweaters, lunch kits that are missing their owners. Please come to the lost and found to retrieve your items.

FROM NURSE HALL,

MEDICINE

Please notify the nurse , if your child has medicine at school. All medicine will need to be stored in the nurse's office during school hours.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Parents please know that students must be in compliance with immunizations required to attend school presently. Kate Bell strives to reach 100 % for IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE each school year. **PLEASE KNOW THAT WHEN YOU RECEIVE A LETTER TO BRING IN UPDATED IMMUNIZATIONS YOU ARE COMPLYING WITH THE LAW.**

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KATE BELL BULLENTIN

Winter Holiday Program

Wednesday, December 17 @ 9 AM

Thursday, December 18 @ 9 AM & 6:30 PM

PTO

Membership is \$10 a family.

Please confirm with your child's teacher about holiday parties or birthday parties in advance.

Your Voice - Please gives us feedback.

Kate Bell is GREAT at:

Kate Bell, please ADDRESS:

Please submit to the Front Office.