

THE EMERSON CONNECTION

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Keyara Howell.jpg

Reading With Dad

On Tuesday, March 24, more than 100 Dads and kids met at Emerson for "Reading with Dad." Valerie Peterson-Washington and her husband Dudley presented activities for enthusiastic dads and their sons and daughters. Pictured to the left is Keyara Howell (3rd grade, Ms. Hartle) with her dad. The next session will be held on April 14th at 6:00. All dads welcome.

FREE Tax Preparation

This year, United Way of Greater Houston invested \$500,000 with Neighborhood Centers, Inc. Neighborhood Tax Center program to provide free tax preparation for low-to-moderate income families—potentially saving them hundreds of dollars in fees.

There are 17 free, Neighborhood Tax Center sites located around the Houston area (please see the enclosed flyer) inside this newsletter. For more information, parents can call 2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE by dialing 2-1-1.



Law Day

On Friday, March 27, 2009 the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes welcomed a number of lawyers from the Mexican American Bar Association. They asked the students about their various goals and what one must do in order to reach their goals. They shared with the students a little about their own backgrounds and their goals, some as early as 3rd grade to become a lawyer or judge. All goals are reached with self motivation, good grades, discipline, and a commitment to finishing school. We would like to extend our appreciations to the judges and lawyers who took time out of their schedules to visit with our students: Judge Joe Villarreal, Judge Veronica Torrez, Judge Jose Cantu, David Romero, Angelica Hernandez, Aimee Maldonado, Al Flores, Janeri Rivero, and Silvia Mintz.



A Word from Title I

GT Project Showcase

Mark your calendars for the Emerson Elementary GT Project Showcase on May 12, 2009. GT students are busy researching their topics and will display their work at Emerson Tuesday, May 12. The most outstanding projects will be Sent to the West Region GT Project Showcase on Monday, May 18, 2009.



Box Top\$

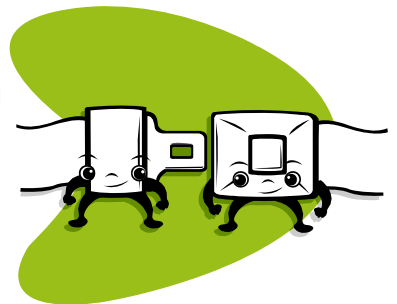
Box Top\$ for Education

Continue to bring your Box Tops! Most Box Top\$ labels can be found on many General Mills products such as Ziploc, Pull-Ups, Hamburger Helper, etc. Each Box Top\$ coupon is worth 10¢ donated to our school. Keep collecting!

Safety Tips from Officer Brown

- Always wash your hands before eating
- and before leaving the bathroom
- Wear your seatbelts in moving vehicles
- Keep shoe strings tied to prevent tripping
- and falling

Remember, Always Think Safe!



Parent Connection

Chip/Medicaid Outreach



HISD Health and Medical Services will provide an outreach service for families needing CHIP and/or Medicaid health coverage. The HISD health team assisted 41 children and 45 families at the West Region store location at 6200 Bellaire in February. Another outreach date has been scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the same location. HISD Health and Medical services extend their thanks for getting all HISD students enrolled in some form of health coverage.

Upcoming Events

Spring Break

- March 16 - 20

High Frequency Word Evaluation (Grades 1-2)

- March 30 - April 10

Report Card Day

- April 1

TAKS Math Test (Grade 5)

- April 7

TAKS Math Test (Grade 5)

- April 7

Spring Holiday

- April 10

Reading With Dad

- April 14

Earth Day

- April 22

TAKS Reading Test (Grade 4) (Retest for Grades 3 and 5)

- April 29

TAKS Science Test (Grade 5)

- April 29

Websites for Kids

<http://www.m-w.com>

Merriam Webster Dictionary online

<http://www.famoustexans.com/>

Famous Texans

<http://www.kids.gov>

The Official Kids' Portal for the U.S.
Government

Eagle Award



At the beginning of every month, faculty and staff nominate an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in meeting the needs of students or being a collaborative team player. The winner receives a designated parking spot for the month and a small eagle figurine to keep. For the month of

March, we congratulate

Mr. Baez.
Way to go!

A Kid's Guide for Parents

A Reading Rap

Please read to me every day,
And listen to what I have to say.

I am also going to really need,
Lots of good stuff for me to read.

Good readers are usually found,
In homes with books and newspapers around.

I will also do just swell,
If you will read a lot as well!

If you set an example by reading too,
I'll learn it's the smart thing to do.

On reading I will really get hooked,
If we go to the library and get me booked!

Please take me out into the world to see
There's lots to do besides watch TV.

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