

# Hilldale Elementary January Newsletter

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Can you believe it is the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and a brand new year! We hope 2026 will be a wonderful year for all of you! Your child will be bringing home their report cards or checklists on Friday, January 9, 2026. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to request a conference, please contact your child's teacher or principal and we will answer your questions and help you understand how your child is progressing. 2<sup>nd</sup> semester starts getting a little harder for the students; they begin to work more independently at all grade levels; and they sometimes start getting frustrated. If you are concerned at any time about your child and the progress he or she is making, please call us or come by and we can discuss what all is going on in the classroom.



## Important Dates To Remember

Brrrrrrrr!!!! It's cold out there! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately when they come to school. Heavy coats, hats and gloves would be fantastic! Again, we will not go outside if the temperature and wind chill combined are below 32 degrees.

- 5<sup>th</sup>: School starts back
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Kids for Christ @ 7:40 p.m.; PTO Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
- 9<sup>th</sup>: PTO Hat Day; Report Card Go Home
- 16<sup>th</sup>: PTO Candy Grams Orders Go Home
- 19<sup>th</sup>: No School – MLK Day
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Kids for Christ @ 7:40 a.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: KDG Field Trip; Spelling Bee @ 1:30 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip; PTO Candy Grams are due
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>: Supply Wars

## Making Math Connections



Some helpful hints for math...

- ✓ Try to show enthusiasm for what your kids are doing in math.
- ✓ Ask them each day at dinner or homework time what they studied in math that day. Let them explain the concepts they're working on, and follow up with questions. For instance, if they're learning about decimals, you could ask how decimal points are used in money (they separate the parts of a dollar from the whole dollar).
- ✓ Then, when your children finish their homework, have them show you how they solved a few problems. As they explain their methods to you, they'll be reinforcing their own skills and they'll be proud to be teaching you something.

