

# PARENT A GLANCE

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SUBJECT	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
Ideas students are learning	Students will actively engage in reading using multiple strategies & identify theme as the underlying meaning of a story.	Students will understand the elements of fiction, including characters, setting, problem, and problem resolution.	The student will measure time and temperature in degrees Fahrenheit and Celsius.	Weather-- Creation of winds, night sky, water cycles and the effects of the oceans on land.	The student will learn about the role Texas played in the Civil War and the battles in the South.
Skills	Students will identify character, setting, and plot, preview predict, visualize, ask questions, monitor and fix up, and summarize.	Students will apply the use of abbreviations, titles, colons, and hyphens in their writing as needed.	The student will use a thermometer to measure temperature and changes in temperature.	Identify, observe, describe changes and events in the environment.	The student will learn skills such as analytical, critical thinking, prediction, and map skills.
Work and assignments to look for	Students will complete journal entries, Character Web, <i>Reading Between the Lines</i> , Book Jacket, and completed TAKS passages.	Students will create a character chart, write several episodes about that character, and write a fiction or fantasy story.	The student will create a table identifying the high and low temperatures for two Texas cities.	Collect data from observing the sky to write a weather forecast. Use cotton balls to make a cloud display.	The student will create an annotated illustration of life as a slave.
Questions Parents Can Ask	What parts of the story helped me identify the author's big idea? How do I use what I know to answer questions accurately?	Did you create an interesting and believable character? Did you include a problem and solution in your story?	How does a thermometer help you find the temperature? What is the temperature for freezing? Boiling water?	How do storms affect the land? What effect does climate have on different plants and animals in a region?	Explain the differences between a farm and a plantation.
Special Notes	Your child will take the TAKS Reading test at the end of the six weeks.		An example of a number line is a thermometer; it displays numeric values in order.	Discuss how just observing the sky can help you predict what the weather will be. Watch the weather forecast together and discuss.	Discuss with your student why the Southern States seceded from the Union.

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SUBJECT	Elementary Health	Elementary PE	Music	Art	
Ideas students are learning	Students will learn more about making responsible and informed decisions.	Students will learn more about the impact of activity on overall health and to use skills in game-like situations.	Perform easy rhythmic, melodic and chordal patterns accurately and independently on rhythmic, melodic, and harmonic classroom instruments	Students are learning about space and how to effectively use space.	
Skills	Students will demonstrate consideration to others who communicate in unique ways such as with someone who is deaf.	Students will be learn about rules and understand how compliance is important.	Read and write music notation.	Students will be developing the ability to use space correctly and identify it in other artworks.	
Work and assignments to look for	Textbook reading assignments.		Sing in groups, blending voices, matching dynamic levels, and responding to the cues of the teacher.	Your students will be creating an artwork using space in a meaningful way..	
Questions Parents Can Ask	What have you learned in your health lessons about being a good role model in terms of your health towards your sister/brother/family?	Ask you student why they think rules are important in a game and why it's important to follow the rules.	How do you "read" Music?	What is space? Show me space in your environment. How did you use space in an artwork?	
Special Notes			PTA Programs and Performances.	Art is specialized and open-ended. The program allows the art teacher to select different media and will include a variety of projects.	