



GISD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GISD – Achieving Excellence Together!

Great news GISD, we are moving and shaking at GPS and WES!!

Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) is an assessment we administer to all students K-5 to determine their exact reading level. It allows us to know how to target exactly what a reader needs to work on and helps teachers know how to target specific reading skills or behaviors with their students.

Based on that assessment, our beginning of year data (BOY) showed that we had 66% of our students reading **below** grade-level. Our teachers took the “bull by the horns” and worked tirelessly with students to grow them as readers. We have also developed a system of interventions for our most struggling readers.

Teachers’ and interventionists’ hard work, determination and love for our students has paid off. Every grade level showed **huge** percentage gains in the number of students who were on level at the middle of year (MOY) administration of DRA, closing the gap by an astounding amount in just one semester. Our students have had a tremendous amount of growth and we are confident by the end of the year we will be celebrating even more growth.

We are so proud of the work our K-5 teachers and students have put in thus far. Thank you GPS and WES for the work that you are doing. You are the foundation and we are strengthening that foundation every day with the work you are doing. When you see a GPS or WES teacher, thank them for what they are doing for our kids. These students will be GMS and GHS students before we know it and you will see a difference in them as readers!!!

Amy Maberry, GISD Literacy Coordinator/Instructional Specialist

GISD EVENTS

Jan 29	Jan 30 Lady Bear & Bear Basketball @ Gilmer (A) 5:00pm Lady Bear Soccer vs Carthage (H) 5:00pm Bear Soccer vs Carthage (H) 7:00pm	Jan 31	Feb 1 Middle Lady Bear Basketball vs Chapel Hill (H) 4:30pm Middle Bear Basketball @ Chapel Hill (A) 5:00pm	Feb 2 Bear Tennis @ Mt. Pleasant Lady Bear & Bear Basketball vs Spring Hill (H) 5:00pm Lady Bear Soccer vs Waskom (H) 5:00pm Bear Soccer vs Waskom (H) 7:00pm
Feb 5	Feb 6 Lady Bear & Bear Basketball @ Bullard (A) 5:00pm Lady Bear Soccer vs. Spring Hill (H) 5:00pm Bear Soccer vs Spring Hill (H) 7:00pm	Feb 7	Feb 8 Middle Lady Bear Basketball vs Gilmer (H) 4:30pm Middle Bear Basketball @ Gilmer (A) 5:00pm	Feb 9 Bear Tennis @ Kilgore Bear Basketball @Chapel Hill (A) 5:00pm Lady Bear Soccer vs Kilgore (H) 5:00pm Bear Soccer vs Kilgore (H) 7:00pm
Feb 12	Feb 13 Bear Basketball @ Chapel Hill(A) 5:00pm Lady Bear Soccer vs. Tatum(H) 5:00pm Lady Bear Softball @ Hawkins (A) 6:00pm Bear Soccer vs Tatum (H) 7:00pm	Feb 14	Feb 15 Middle Lady Bear Basketball vs Bullard (H) 4:30pm Middle Bear Basketball @ Bullard (A) 5:00pm Gladewater Winter Classic Tennis Invitational	Feb 16 Lady Bear Softball vs Harleton (H) 5:00pm