

school's chess club. Chess Club serves as a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about sportsmanship and character while learning to play a truly amazing game that has been shown to improve memory, reasoning, and creativity. The chess season culminates with the much anticipated Hilltop Elementary Chess Tournament that is held each April.

SIGN LANGUAGE

Hilltop Elementary has a Sign Language group which is made up of 3rd and 4th grade students. They practice weekly and perform throughout the school year.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The goals for this contest are to promote the love of reading, to familiarize children with the best in books, to learn to interact with others in a team setting working together for a common goal and to have lots of fun while learning. Teams of students work together with a parent coach to read and remember as much as they can about a group of books, then participate in team competition based on these books. The two teams with the most points at the local level compete with other schools in our region.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

PTA

Parent Teacher Association is the largest parent involvement organization in the United States. The vision of PTA is to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child. Involvement in PTA benefits both parent and child, taking a major step in improving our school and our community. Hilltop PTA provides many areas of involvement from local membership in PTA, Dads Club, Health & Wellness Group,

Hispanic Liaison Committee to State and National programs such as the Reflections Contest.

FOAL

The goal of the FOAL organization is to support the Elementary, Intermediate and MS/HS libraries in their effort to achieve exemplary status.

TREASURE CHEST BOOK CLUB

The goal of the Treasure Chest Club is to encourage young learners on their journey into the world of reading books. Students meet once a month with their grade level parent volunteer to experience the book just read in a variety of ways.

ARGYLE YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The AYSA is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers to help organize and promote organized kids sports leagues grades K through 6 in : football, basketball, cheerleading, drill team, baseball and soccer.

ARGYLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The foundation is a non-profit community funded organization whose purpose is to support Argyle ISD by distributing funds for enrichment purposes in program areas not otherwise funded by the district.

HILLTOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*"Where Eagles
Begin Their Flight"*



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Current Enrollment Approximately: 560
Grades: Early Childhood – 4th

HILLTOP

It is the mission of Hilltop Elementary to nurture and develop the inquiring mind according to each student's capacity within a safe, healthy environment. We strive to be the best elementary school for all children.

STATEWIDE ACCOUNTABILITY

Exemplary Campus – 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007

Recognized Campus – 2006

UIL ACADEMICS

Hilltop is currently the District 8-AAA UIL Academic Elementary Division Champions and has earned this 1st Place award most recently in school years: 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic contests help students develop communication skills and conceptual understanding. Students become problem solvers, independent learners, and apply these skills to all facets of their lives. Students study and work hard to prepare for the competitions and learn the importance of holding the highest standards of sportsmanship. The UIL Academic competitions continue for students throughout high school and college.

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Hilltop provides several types of literacy intervention.

First grade students who need extra help may be selected for 30 minutes of daily individual tutoring for up to 18 weeks, or they may be part of a literacy group that receives extra reading help four days a week with one of the specially trained teachers.

Second through Fourth graders needing additional reading instruction may also be part of a literacy group meeting for 45 minutes four days a week. These groups are formed from teacher recommendations and assessment by the reading teachers.

Dyslexia therapy is a general education program for students identified with dyslexia. Students are pulled from their regular classroom 4 days per week for 45-60 minute therapy lessons taught by a trained dyslexia therapist in small groups.

Hilltop utilizes two programs designed for students with dyslexia: Alphabetic Phonics and Take Flight (a Texas Scottish Rite Hospital curriculum).

The ESL program focuses on increasing academic achievement for students in Kindergarten through fourth grade whose first language is one other English. Hilltop's pull-out program integrates second language acquisition with content area instruction to ensure that ESL students acquire social and academic language proficiency in English, learn the knowledge and skills in the TEKS, and reach their full academic potential.

The A+ learning system uses a multi-sensory approach to learning which combines text, images, audio and video. This method of learning is research based and has shown to be

effective in teaching students with disabilities as well as an excellent mode for enhancing literacy skills in all students.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Horizon is an academically gifted and talented pull-out program for 3rd through 5th grade. The program serves those students who show evidence of academically gifted abilities by meeting certain criteria. The program provides opportunities and experiences that are suited to the needs of academically gifted students and allows them to continue to develop their potential.

OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER

The Garden Center is a place where students can go for real world hands on learning in every curriculum area. The Center includes raised beds, planting areas and an enclosed pond.

Any academic concept generates more enthusiasm when introduced in the context of the garden. Students have the opportunity to observe, hypothesize, calculate, learn or just enjoy all facets of the garden.

SAFETY PATROL

Our school's safety patrol is intended to help with morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up while building leadership skills and instilling responsibility in selected 4th graders who apply for the position in May of their 3rd grade year. We are extremely thankful to each patrol member's hard work and for their gift of dedicated service.

CHESS CLUB

Each spring Hilltop students in grades 2-4 have the opportunity to participate in the