

Stonegate Elementary School

Mr. Burd's Newsletter

Month of March 2010



WHAT'S GOING ON

Language Arts:

* We are using *Write Traits* and the writing process to compose effective persuasive writing pieces.

* We will examine the life of a person by reading autobiographies, biographies, and memoirs.

Math:

* We will be showing that both common and decimal fractions can represent fractional parts.

* We will show how probability can be represented both numerically and graphically.

* We will be exploring fractions, decimals, percents and their relationships to numbers.

Science:

We will be exploring the materials that make up the Earth's surface. The students begin the unit by building on their knowledge of matter, in particular that matter is made up of smaller parts. This sets the stage for students to learn that rocks are made of minerals. Making detailed observations and recording observations are key skills to be developed throughout the unit. Students explore fossils to see how fossils of organisms provide insight into organisms and environments of the past. Students complete the unit with an exploration of how erosion and weathering impact the surface of the Earth.

Social Studies:

We will continue the contemporary/historical sequence through the topic of migration. Students define migration in the context of immigration to Montgomery County and Maryland today. Students explore the push/pull reasons that brought recent immigrants to the United States and begin to describe the immigration experience. These contemporary lessons are then used to examine the economic forces that motivated Europeans to explore and colonize what has become America.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Book Fair, March 1 – 5.
- PTA Meeting, Tuesday, March 2, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Reading Night, Thursday, March 4, 2010, 6:30-8:00 P.M.
- Frederick Keys Bookmarks due, Friday, March 5, 2010
- MSA Reading, Monday and Tuesday, March 8th and 9th, 2010
- Silver Spork Reward For Students, Friday, March 12, 2010
- Black Saga Competition, Saturday, March 13, 2010
- MSA Math Friday and Monday, March 12th and 15th, 2010
- Music Night, Tuesday, March 23, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Third Marking Period Ends, Friday, March 26, 2010

ASK ME ABOUT

- Biographies
- Eve Bunting
- Seymour Simon
- Eloise Greenfield
- Autobiographies
- NED

TAKE A BOW 😊

- Fourth graders should take a bow for completing the winter Map-R.
- Fourth graders should take a bow for earning their Silver Spork Award.
- Fourth grade Black-Eyed Susan participants should take a bow.

DON'T FORGET

- * To sign your child's planner every night.
- * To review your child's Data Binder when it comes home.
- * To help your child keep their binder organized and check their backpacks frequently.