



Stonegate Elementary School

Fourth Grade Newsletter

Month of May ~ June 2011

WHAT'S GOING ON

Language Arts:

* We are using *Write Traits* and the writing process to compose personal expression writing pieces.

* We will analyze the elements of poetry to facilitate understanding and interpretation.

Math:

* **Mrs. Thebaud's and Mrs. Summers' classes** will be developing measurement skills, converting units within the metric and customary systems, calculating the area and perimeter of shapes, and exploring transformational geometry.

* **Mrs. Morgan's math class** has been exploring the topics of collecting and organizing data, finding measures of central tendency and analysis of data. We have also examined the different ways data can be displayed through a variety of graphs/displays. Units Five and Six will cover measurement, transformation geometry, probability and mathematical properties.

Science:

* We have begun exploring the materials that make up the Earth's surface for our third unit of study "Earth Materials". The students began the unit by building on their knowledge of matter, in particular that matter is made up of smaller parts. Examination of our "mock rocks" and determining its ingredients 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.

Social Studies:

* We will continue to learn about the Maryland Colony, which will culminate in visiting St. Mary's City on May 26th. We will also study the three branches of government and their individual powers.

Write Traits: * We are focusing on using strong word choice in our writing piece.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Bay letter information for parent chaperones and leading an activity: Thursday, May 12
- Career Day: Friday, May 13
- Instrumental Music Concert: Tuesday, May 17 @ 7:30 P.M.
- Power Point Presentation for all Fourth grade classes: Tuesday, May 24 @ 10:45.
- Field Day: Wednesday, May 25 (rain date -June 3)
- Field Trip to St. Mary's City: Thursday, May 26
- No School: Monday, May 31
- Chesapeake Bay Trip: Thursday, June 2
- Last day for students: Thursday, June 16

ASK ME ABOUT

- Poetry
- Seymour Simon
- Eve Bunting
- Eloise Greenfield
- St. Mary's City
- Science Experiments

TAKE A BOW



Fourth graders should take a bow for behaving so well at the Smithsonian.

DON'T FORGET

- * To sign your child's planner every night.
- * To help your child keep their binder organized and check their backpacks frequently.