



# Stonegate Elementary School

## Fourth Grade Newsletter

### November 2010

#### WHAT'S GOING ON

##### Language Arts:

- \* We are using lessons from *Write Traits* and the writing process to write to inform.
- \* We will continue to incorporate many aspects of the curriculum in our study of the genre fantasies and fables.
- \* We will be using Literature Circles to demonstrate understanding of the text.
- \* Students in the HGC reading class are continuing their study of ecology. They are reading stories from a variety of genres- from science fiction to poetry. As we are beginning the second quarter, homework will become more frequent and expectations higher. Students are expected to come to class prepared to work with all of their materials. Parents are encouraged to discuss stories we are reading with their students.

##### Math:

##### Mrs. Morgan's Class:

- \* We will be studying patterns and relationships. Through the analysis of geometric shapes and structures, we will explore plane figures and 3-dimensional figures.

##### Mrs. Summers' and Mrs. Thebaud's Classes:

- \* We will be studying multiplication and division facts 0-12.; identifying factors and multiples of a number; using the order of operations to evaluate expressions; identifying unknowns in word problems; and writing and solving algebraic equations.

##### Science:

- \* We are observing, discussing and reading about ecosystems.
- \* We will explore how organisms interact with each other. What affects the survival of an organism?

##### Social Studies:

- \* We are reading U.S. maps and identifying geographical features of the United States. The children will begin a research project on a chosen Native American tribe.

##### Write Traits:

- \* We are focusing on creating an organized writing piece.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS



- **Early Release Day,**  
Nov. 11 and 12 @  
12:35 P.M. for  
Parent Conferences  
and  
Nov. 24 @ 12:35 P.M.  
(Thanksgiving)
- **No school**  
Nov. 25 - 26  
(Thanksgiving)



#### ABOUT TEST READY

- Provides practice in test-taking skills in reading comprehension
- Higher-order thinking skills are included in the questions: including recall, opinion, interpretation, evaluation and extension of meaning
- The selections include such genres as narratives, informational text, poetry, biographies, letters, notices directions and tall tales.

#### TAKE A BOW



**Fourth graders** should take a bow for a successful field trip to the Agricultural Farm!

**Parents** should take a bow for our fun-filled Halloween parties!

#### DON'T FORGET

- \* To sign your child's planner **every night**
- \* To help your child keep their binder organized and check "Take Home" folder for school wide notices
- \* Please review the data binder with your child and set a November academic goal for reading and math!