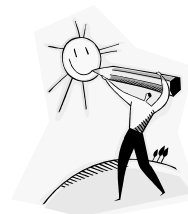


Kindergarten News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am happy to inform you that your students' first year of school is nearing its end. Thank you for all of your support with reading the shared stories with your students. They have really progress. There is however, still much to do. Review your students' sight words regularly and periodically reread the older Shared Stories. Continue working on counting coins and counting to one hundred. Kindergarteners will receive a skills packet to complete over the summer break. The skills reinforced in the packet will help the students prepare for first grade. I am so proud of each and every student!!! Have a beautiful summer vacation.

Miss Tabrizi



SFA News (Success For All)

We are in our final quarter of the 20009-10 school year. The final SFA Test will begin the week of May 17. Many students have made great gains in there SRI Reading Score. We have had celebrations for the students that have gone up a level or two. These students received a 25 Caught Being Good Certificate. Also we congratulate 13 students that have made The SRI 1,000 Point Club. Any student who scored 1,000 points or above has had their picture taken. These pictures are hanging up in the hallway both upstairs and down stairs. The sixth grade students who made the club are: **David.B, Shavon.D-H, Martell.D, Ja-mari.D, Nathaniel.H, Devonne.L, Angel.S, Andrew.T, and David.W**. The Fifth grade student is **Evan.R**. Fourth grade students are **Hailei.M, Michael.S, and Frances.W**. Thank you to all the parents that have helped make the "Read and Respond" Program a success. Please keep reading with your child everyday. It is so important to keep reading in the summer. Please visit the local Library this summer! Read, Read, Read to improve your fluency levels. **Mrs. Baumgart— SFA Facilitator**

Parents and Students: Are you aware that the practice of reading transfers to any endeavor you may want to pursue? The more you practice reading, the better understanding for all subjects you want to study. Research has proven that students who read seldom and poorly, rarely achieve a higher level of thinking or performing. The elementary years are the best time for learning. However, many students while away the time not reading often, or reading material that has little value toward the education process. Also most stories on television, and video games are passive activities, and do not engage active thought processes. Begin now to prepare for summer reading. Visit the library for suggestions for reading materials at your child's level. Don't forget to obtain the reading scores from your teachers as a guide.

Ms. B.K. Thomas, SFA tutor

School Nurse

Please remember the physical and immunization requirements for students entering Kindergarten and 6th grade. A physical exam that is signed and dated by the provider with the required immunization record is needed to register your child. In addition, a vision exam is required for all kindergarten students and will be enclosed in a packet that will be mailed home to you. Also, all kindergarten, second and sixth grade students are required to show proof of having a dental exam. Please make your appointments now to have the physicals, dentals and vision exams completed.

Each school year a new medication authorization form needs to be completed by your physician for any student who needs to take medication at school. All students who have medication administered at school will have a form sent to parents to have this done over the summer. Please let me know if you would like a form sent to you. The physician should fill out the front and the parent or guardian needs to sign the back for it to be complete.

Thank you for all the uniforms you provided for our students through this school year. Your assistance was greatly appreciated by all! Have a safe and happy summer!



Mrs. Errico

Many community resources have summer programs that have fun, recreational and educational activities to enrich children's lives. Some may have fees others are free. Please take advantage of some these programs:

Ivanhoe Park District Riverdale 708/849-9853 or
708/841-0095 Dolton Park District - 708/841-2111.

Special Recreation Services - 708/596-9823
(programs for children with disabilities)

South Suburban College for Kids - 708/596-2000
ext. 2231, Chicago State University 1-800-979-9151

Nina Foundation - 708/862-4323

Sadie Waterford Manor Center - 708/339-0040.

Debbie Devine-Anderson. . . Social Worker



**Ms. DA. as she works with
the Earth Day
project**



1st Grade News

Thank you to the Parent Council for the Book Swap, Earth Day Cleanup, Popcorn Day and the other activities. You have been wonderful! The Peaceful Student trip to Hollywood Park is at the end of the month. Please remind your child that this trip is a reward for good behavior. We will be doing a first grade activity with both classes. More information to come. The end of the year will bring many tests and assessments to show how much the children have learned. Please keep up with their reading and homework. Thank you for a good year.

Mrs. Browne and Mrs. Wheaton

2nd Grade News

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over!! We certainly have had a fun filled year learning new concepts and skills. It is wonderful to see what the students have accomplished this year!

Thank you to all parents and family members who volunteered their time on Earth Day for our beautification project. It was a wonderful experience for the children. Park School looks beautiful!!

Your child will be receiving a summer work packet. The summer packet will focus on work that will help your child be well prepared for third grade. It is never too early to begin preparing your child for the next grade level and to also recognize the areas that he or she may need additional help in. **All learned curriculum should be reinforced during the summer so your child doesn't lose his or her skills. Staying in a routine is very beneficial and will only make the transition from summer to the beginning of the new school year easier.**

Mrs. Lopez & Ms. Monroe

3rd Grade News

Spring has arrived!! Thank you for keeping your students in uniform. Please remember that classrooms still have variable temperatures, so keep a light navy blue or white sweater on hand. Along with spring comes unacceptable behavior due to the rise in temperature. Please continue to reinforce the Park School Principles: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Many students are still participating in the Peaceful Student Contest which is rewarded with a trip to Hollywood Park in May. Primary students must earn 60 Caught Being Good Tickets to qualify. Getting a detention or being out of uniform would keep them out of the contest.

Third graders still have much to learn before school dismisses for the year. One of the most important is their multiplication facts. The fourth grade teachers have stressed this skill as being absolutely necessary to be successful in fourth grade. Please practice them with your child as often as possible. Your child can make multiplication flash cards using index cards, so they can practice anywhere (in the car, or on a trip).

Homework seems to have fallen out of the routine for many students. We understand that now there are more things for them to do outside after school and some have more programs to attend, but homework is still as important as ever. Students are to complete all homework sent home, not just what they choose. The Read and Respond form for SFA is still being counted in class and needs to be completed. Reading 20 minutes every night should be a life long routine. Thank you for your continued support. **Mrs. Shelley and Mrs. Robinson**

4th Grade News

The end of the school year is approaching but students need to stay on task and focused until the very end! Remember to read daily with you child. Practice those multiplication facts! Summer packets will go home at the end of the month. Please have you child do only a page or two a day throughout the summer to keep refreshed for their next school year. Peaceful student contest is in full force and students must meet all Park school principles to attend. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe!

Mrs. Jardine & Ms. Nelson

5th Grade News



Students as they work on the Earth Day Project

I know it seems so close to the end of the school year and you may feel like it's already over, but this is the final push to retain as much information for 6th grade. In language arts we are completing our books of poetry. During the school year we learned about different types of poems and thought.....LET'S MAKE OUR OWN!!! This has turned out to be a very positive experience.

We also learned a lot about Earth Day and why it's so important to take care of mother earth. Did you know that it was a dumping ground in the middle of the ocean that you can see from space??? So it's important to turn off lights that are not being used, turn off the water while brushing your teeth, make sure that your trash gets into the garbage, and recycle whenever possible. **Ms. King, Ms. Rosas, Ms. Taylor**

6th Grade News

Dear Grade 6 Families-

Although we are entering the home-stretch of the school year, it is important that our students continue to focus, work hard, and learn. Please continue to ask your student about what they are doing in school. Homework is still assigned on a daily basis, including the 20 minutes of reading for Success for All. We also have a couple of important dates coming up soon. Our class trip to Medieval Times will take place on May 18. This trip will take place during regular school hours and there are still some spaces available for Parents/Guardians, so if you would like to join us, please contact your student's homeroom teacher. Our Grade 6 Step-Up will be held at 9:30 on Thursday, May 27th. The Step-Up will last approximately 45-60 minutes. Specific notices on suggestions for dress and additional details about the Step-Up will be forthcoming. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms. Green- Mr. Kiffmeyer "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."John Dewey

Office News

- **2010-2011 Registration:** Look ahead and mark your calendars for registration for the Fall Semester, it will be on **Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 9:00am to 7:00p.m. here at Park School. This is a one day registration.**
- If you are planning to move this summer, please stop in the office and fill out a transfer request form.
- **The last day of school is Friday, May 28, 2010, from 8:55am-10:00am.**

Have a safe and happy summer!

Ms. Brown and Mrs. Harris

Once again the 21st Century afterschool program has come to an end. All

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students obtained great success through learning, Language Arts, and Math within the A+ Learning program. Also teachers did an outstanding job of assisting students with homework.

Through these enormous efforts, we hop that Park School students have reached or exceed their I.S.A.T. goals and are ready to do so again next year.

Sincerely, Mr. Jennings & Ms. Henderson

21st Century Coordinators