



Stone School Snippets

THE SUMMER ISSUE

May 27, 2011

Current Happenings at Stone...

- The fifth grade "marine biologists" in the Red Pod studied the coral reefs of Belize, Hawaii and Florida. Students studied animals from the reef and wrote reports about them. Then basic materials from the recycling bin became "living" creatures for their classroom's coral reefs. Mini projects that students have chosen to complete are still being created as they wrap up their investigation of the reefs. Thanks to students for their hard work and dedication and to their parents for supplying the materials that made it all possible!
- Mrs. McNabb's class is busy getting ready for 2nd grade. Everyone plans to read over the summer and practice math facts. We also plan on talking advantage of the great summer reading program at the Addison Public Library.
- Our third graders were honored with a visit from Mayor Hartwig on Tuesday. He gave a wonderful presentation on the history of the Village of Addison. All eyes were on the mayor as he spoke about how Addison became settled and his job as mayor of our city. He also told us about how he and the city government try very hard to make this a good place to live. Did you know that Addison is known as "The Village of Friendship" and that it has a population of 37,000? This visit was an exceptional learning experience for all 3rd Grade.
- Mrs. Wilson's Cheetahs, Sabertooths, and Alligators (Reading and Math groups) have worked hard this year to meet classroom expectations such as working together, following directions, and showing respect for the teacher and for each other. Each group has filled in all the stripes on at least two tigers and earned celebrations, and we are hoping to earn one more before the end of the year.

Registration– PLEASE READ!

If you have not registered your child yet, please do so as soon as possible. It's important that our enrollment counts are as accurate as possible.

If you are moving, please notify the office that you will not be returning to Stone School .

Summer Reading Slide

Research has shown that 'summer reading slide' is very real. We know from numerous research that without continued reading in the summer, students fall back in their reading achievement. Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a November 2002 report from [Johns Hopkins Center for Summer Learning](#) "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year.... It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills." (Reading is Fundamental, 2007)

The good news is that the latest research shows students who read at least 4 books over the summer maintain or even increase their skills. The teachers will be sending home summer book lists with the students, but we also encourage you to join the Addison Public Library's Summer Reading Program! Also, check out our fun reading calendar and other tips in this issue of the Snippets!!

Celebration of Learning

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Celebration of Learning! We know how busy this time of year can be for families. We had a terrific turnout.

It was a very special night for Stone School. Our students worked hard on projects and research for our "Waterways" theme. Over the past several weeks, our students have collaborated, problem-solved, researched, created, built, prepared, and more... We hope you enjoyed the wonderful things you saw!!

ACADEMY AWARD

EXPECTATIONS:

May 23 and 30

Summer and Bike Safety

Upcoming Events:

- ☺ **May 27:** 4th grade field trip
- ☺ **May 27:** 5th grade field trip
- ☺ **May 30:** No School– Memorial Day
- ☺ **May 31:** Gillen, Lodhi, Trzesniak field trip
- ☺ **June 3:** Field Day
- ☺ **June 6:** Last day of school for students
- ☺ **June 6:** Student Step-up Day
- ☺ **June 6:** Talent Show
- ☺ **June 6:** Student Last Day of School
- ☺ **August 24:** First day of school

THANK YOU!!

We'd like to take a moment to recognize all of the parent volunteers who have helped build community in our schools and supported our programs this year. There are so many of you who have helped by volunteering at school, planning events, running/supervising events, making donations, working with students, sending in items, copying, hanging, cleaning...the list goes on! All you do does not go unnoticed and we thank you for making our school stronger. We are partners in your children's education and we value the strong rapport we have with our parent community.

The Stone staff and students would like to thank the following parents for volunteering at Stone School this year:

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Mary Koulouvaris	Porzia Scarabaggio	
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TIPS FOR SUMMER READING FUN!!!

- **Keep books in the car and make sure a good book gets tucked into sports bags and campers' backpacks.**
- **Get your child his own library card.**
Take or allow him to go to the library often browse for books and enjoy special activities.
- **Help your child select books on topics he is interested in and on his reading level.**
A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at his reading level is to have them choose a page in the book (not the first one) and read it. If he doesn't know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.
- **Have plenty of books, books on tape, magazines, and other reading material around for kids to read.**
- **Stock up on inexpensive books that can be exposed to the elements or swapped for others at camp.**
- **Connect reading with other summer activities.**
For example, read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing. Perhaps you will visit the beach or go camping. There are many good books about the beach and camping!
- **Set goals and reward reading.**
Reward reading with more reading. If your child finishes one book, stop by the store and let him pick out another.
- **Let your kids see you read.**
Read the newspaper over your morning coffee, take a magazine from the rack in a doctor's office while you wait, and stuff a paperback into your purse, pocket, or briefcase. Your kids will catch on to the fact that reading is something you like to do in your spare time.
- **Make reading together fun and memorable.**
Even if your child is a super reader, they still love to be read too. You may want to use different voices for different characters when you read to your child. Reading together is a time for closeness and cuddling-another way to show your love as a caring adult. Children love to read letters and notes you write them. Maybe have a day of no talking only writing and reading each others notes.
- **Read it, then do it.**
Does your child want to learn magic tricks? Juggling? Computer games? There's sure to be a book that can help him. Have your child read the instructions and then give it a try. Going somewhere? Spend some time researching the area together and reading about places to see and things to do!