

January 2012



Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday break with your children. We are quickly getting back into the swing of things at school! We have lots of exciting learning experiences going on. On our first day back, Jay Grymes was here to talk weather with our 2nd graders. They will also be using StarLab this week. Our third grade students have an exciting astronomy unit coming up! We are distributing “book worm” rewards this week for last 9 weeks AR points earned. Please make sure your child reads every day.

We will begin sending home testing packets in the next week or two. The purpose of these packets is to get your child familiar with the formatting and ways that questions will be asked on testing in April. Students who are comfortable with completing these will be confident come testing time. Please be sure your child completes these each week.

Thank you for supporting ZES. As an Auburn graduate I rarely say this but “geAUX tigers!!” As a New Orleans native, I join the rest of the Who Dat Nation in saying “Geaux Saints!”

News From Around the School

SPANISH

Congratulations to the winners of our Spanish class math competition. 2nd grade winners are Mariah A., Matthew M., Anna C. 3rd grade winners are Hunter D., Mikey C., and Julia S. In the second half of the year, we will study colors, animals, and family members. More exciting things are right around the corner!

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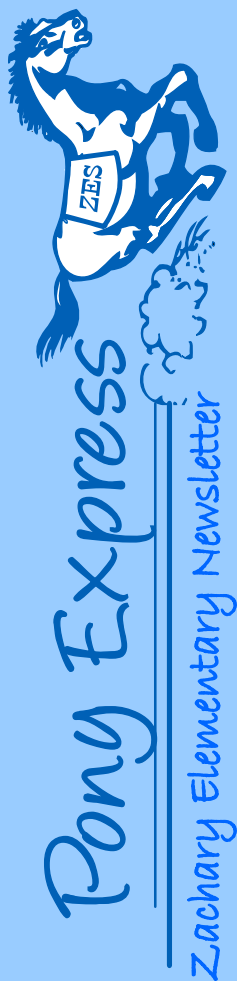
Welcome back! PE is off to a great start this 2012. This semester we will be doing different units such as soccer, basketball, softball, & football and a few others. The fundraiser hosted by the PE department, “Mustang Derby” will take place this semester. There will be more information to come in the February newsletter. This month we will be resuming our Mustang Miler program. Don’t forget to encourage your child to get 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Your child’s safety is our number one priority and that is why we are asking that you send your child to school in tennis shoes. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. Have a wonderful new year!

GUIDANCE

I am so excited to get back to see everyone! Guidance class will be all about spreading seeds of kindness! There are so many ways to spread kindness throughout the day: a simple smile, a compliment, or even offering to help someone speaks volumes about your character! I encourage you to **intentionally**.... say or do something to show kindness to someone every day. A happy smile is contagious!!!!

LIBRARY—AR POINTS LEADERS

Amelia Zetty—231	Daniel Kleinpeter—67	Shawn Murphy—55
Amy Loftin—229	Axavier Landry—67	Kiara Castello—55
Christian Dunaway—136	Olivia Wheat—64	Sanaa Miller—55
Hayden Duplantier—111	Janae Darensbourg—61	Tucker Wall—54
Wyatt Barbe—108	Kayla Butler—60	Madison Williams—54
Carrington Spears—103	Kiandra Simmons—60	Ashley Johnson—53
Abigail Yoes—90	Kyle Boulton—58	Jennee Brown—53
Cade Leblanc—82	Madden Gleason—58	Ashley Brumfield—52
Jordan Molaison—78	Jabari Johnson—56	Emma Davis—50
Anna Dupre—69	Sophia Lowe—56	Hayden Thibodeaux—50
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SECOND GRADE NEWS



It's hard to believe half of the school year has passed, but second grade started it off with a bang! Our first day back to school we were visited by Jay Grymes of Channel 9 News to talk about weather with our students. It was great to see the children show Mr. Grymes how much they had already learned about weather, and how much they learned from him.

January begins a challenging month for our students when we begin 2-digit addition. The procedure we will teach the children will be different than most of us learned when we were in school, but the children are ready for the challenge. This method will teach them to understand how math works which makes mental math much easier for them. Once you learn the process, you'll find yourself using it more and more. Your child's teacher will send how instructions, but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

We are starting to learn about verbs in Language. We will spend all of January learning how to identify a verb, verb tenses, and irregular verbs. Our stories this month in Reading are: Rainforest Babies, Mr. Putter and Tabby Write a Story, and Annie's Gifts. We will be focusing on identifying fiction/nonfiction and the setting of a fiction story. Continue to read with your child or listen to him/her read every day for about 20 minutes!

THIRD GRADE NEWS



Third graders are starting the New Year off with many engaging, challenging, and fun learning opportunities. We are continuing to strengthen our comprehension and vocabulary skills in Reading. The Writing House model is being used to sharpen our writing skills. In Mathematics we will continue to cover multiplication concepts and facts as well as practice problem solving strategies. Government and our Solar System will be the topics of study in Social Studies and Science. I Leap packets will be sent home every Friday beginning January 13th. These will be due the following Thursday. Please ensure that your child completes the packet each week by signing the outside of the brown i-LEAP packet. These packets will help to prepare your child for the i-LEAP test in April. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

STAR STUDENTS

Mylicia Washington	Raquel Wiggins	Morgan Hayes
Megan Dousay	Kathryn Hughes	Tristan Vessel
Ryan Armwood	Cairah Green	Landen Parnell
Julia Schlorke	Emmani Cole	Lane Felder
Kaydi Vance	Lorenzo Wiggins	Aaliyah Douglas
Kaleb Green	Kelly Wiley	Kayden Fisher
Easton Rider	McKenzie Hood	Taron Hamilton
Devin Scott	Macey Atkins	
Tanner Trawick	Matthew McGrath	
Kaitlyn Kahn	Amelia Sanford	
Christopher Ross	Sanaa Miller	
Ashley Johnson	Michaela Doiron	
Amaya Adams	Whitney LeBlanc	
Carlyn Hudson	Chastity Henry	
Nathaniel Turner	Nicolas Landry	
Marshall Morgan	Aubriana Hauer	



REMINDERS

Jan. 9	Chili's Night
Jan. 16	MLK, Jr. Holiday—No School
Jan. 18	Pizza Hut Night
Jan. 23	2nd Grade Spelling Bee—6pm
Jan. 24	3rd Grade Spelling Bee—6pm Raising Cane's Night

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