

Fall



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Zachary Elementary Newsletter

## From the Principal's Desk

Gorgeous weather, football, and exciting field trips all let us know that Fall is here! Our students are working hard and having fun whether they are enriching their geology unit at the New Orleans Zoo or reading books to prepare for AR Night. Your child's first report card of the year will be sent home October 16<sup>th</sup>. You should hear from your child's teachers if you haven't already to arrange a conference time. We thank you for taking this time to come to school to learn about your child's classroom performance.

Thank you parents for your support of our Fall fundraiser. We will use these profits to provide materials and supplies for special projects. We also will be able to purchase software programs, teaching materials and books, among other things. ZEPO has been very busy with Star Student programs, planning our homecoming float, and collecting an organizing Box Tops and Community Coffee labels. If you are interested in assisting with any of these, please let me know. Thank you to ZEPO for all of your hard work and support of ZES.

Have a wonderful month!

*Jennifer Marangos*

## News From Around the School

### SPEECH

The speech therapy department is proud to announce that we have three graduate students from Southern University: Brittney Moore, Catrese Rasco, and Ashley Fletcher. They are working hard towards their master's degrees and state and national certification via the American Speech-Hearing Association. They are under the guidance and supervision of Clara Wicker, M.Ed., CCC/SLP and Gail Robins, M. Ed., CCC/SLP.

### SPANISH

Has your child told you Buenos dias (Good Morning) or Buenas noches (Good Night)? The children continue to learn greetings and how to respond to them. Students are also learning about Hispanic Heritage Month, which will be celebrated this year from September 15, 2009 to October 15, 2009. Check out the fun Disney Channel programming celebrating the occasion. Our travels around the world have taken us to South America in Uruguay where we learned about how the ancient Uruguayans made decorative paper. We traveled to Argentina where we saw a dance called the Tango and colored a picture of the flag. We are also learning names of colors in Spanish.

**Use your Spanish words!**

### LIBRARY



SMENCILS will be sold during library, computer lab, and Destination math for \$1 each. Smencils are made from 100% recycled newspaper and come in 10 delicious scents—bubble gum, cinnamon, tropical blast, grape, cotton candy, black cherry, very berry, orange, watermelon, and root beer. These funds will be used to support AR programs.

**DON'T FORGET  
AR NIGHTS !!!**

### P.E.

We are already into the eighth week of school! Time flies when you're having fun! The students are really working great on their tossing skills, dancing, and cooperative games. Our students have just about perfected the overhand and underhand toss and have learned many new fun dances. As for our cooperative game activities, the kids are working well together and enjoy working together as teams. They all have competitive spirits and love to compete against each other. We are working on being good sports and congratulating the winning team. Since the weather is cooling off, we will be going outside more and letting the students run some on the track. We would like to thank you as parents for continuing to send your children to school in tennis shoes. They do so much better as far as participating successfully and it is much safer for them as well. Until next time...*The P.E. Dept.*

### ART

The art program for the 2009-2010 school year is well under way. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are learning about the seven Elements of Design—Line, Shape, Color, Value, Form, Texture, and Space. They began learning about line and its many uses. Their project was to recreate a drawing done by artist, Pablo Picasso, and draw it upside down. This trains the students to focus on the line instead of the object itself. Shape is their current project. Piet Mondrian is the artist they are learning about and his use of line and shape. Their paintings are being created in the unique style using tempera paint. The next project will be learning about color. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have a very challenging year. Their first project of the year was learning drawing techniques to create simulated texture in the art work they create. The Impressionism movement occurred in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Students are learning about numerous artists called the Impressionists. These artists studied color and reflected light lending to magnificent paintings. Monet, Renoir, van Gogh, and Degas are just a few artists about which the students are learning. They are also recreating an Impressionist painting by using chalk pastels.

### UNDER THE DIRECTION OF... MS. DAY, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Weekly guidance lessons have been fun and educational. We are discussing and using role play to practice life skills on topics such as making decisions, dealing with stress, communicating our feelings, being a good friend, and standing up for your rights.



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**  
*To have a friend, you must be a friend!*

### Congratulations to these AR top 5:

Jordyn Bernardi—141 points  
Adam Williams—38 points  
Kamryn Stewart—37 points

Joshua Lavender—34 points  
Ann-Marie Olsen—29 points

## SECOND GRADE NEWS



The end of the first nine weeks will soon be here. Don't forget we will meet with each parent the first nine weeks. We will also have our first AR night. On Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30, the students will be able to come to school with their parents and use the computer labs to take AR tests. Books will be available for their use, but they will be able to take more tests if they come prepared with books already read. If you plan to attend, make sure your child brings their AR login information.

Toward the end of October, the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will also attend their first field trip of the year. We are all very excited about visiting New Orleans. For some of our students, this will be their first time there. If you need another field trip form, let your child's teacher know.

In language, we've start our unit on plural nouns. Plural nouns can be a tricky skill for students. Remind them...add 'es' when a word ends in x, z, s, sh, or ch.

Students have grown since the first day of school. We're so proud of how hard they are working with their reading. Take time each night, 10-15 minutes, to enjoy reading with your child and share the love of reading. As the famous credit card commercial says... "It's priceless."

In math, we are working on understanding numbers to 100. We are also working on strategies to help them remember their addition and subtraction facts. Please help your student practice their facts every night; it will make harder addition and subtraction problems easier for them.

In social studies we are learning map skills. Help your child explore maps you may have around the house. We are also excited to have community leaders visit our classes this week. We will be visited by our Mayor, Superintendent, Police Chief, Fire Chief, a judge, and a city councilman. Please ask your child about their experience. We will also have some fun projects this month, and science lessons on sound at the end of the month. October will be very busy and fun for all of us.

## THIRD GRADE NEWS

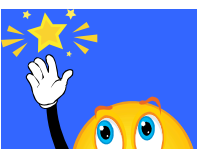
Third graders have done an excellent job of settling into their new school environment! Please continue to monitor your child's homework assignments for accuracy and completion.

In Math we will continue to explore addition and subtraction concepts as we integrate these skills into problem solving opportunities. In Language Arts we are strengthening our reading skills through comprehension and vocabulary activities and by reading to one another in reading groups. We have been extending our study of map skills in Social Studies by learning about the different types of maps and how to interpret them. Our trip to the New Orleans Audubon Zoo was a fun and interesting way to enrich what we have learned in our Geology unit.

The third grade teachers of Zachary Elementary would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who continually support us in our responsibilities of educating your children. Let's continue to have a great year!



### STAR STUDENTS

Alan Zhang	Mackenzie Johnson	Beau Lockhart
Ethan Russell	Trevonte' Shepherd	Taylor Le
Earille London	Michael Stubblefield	Devan Altazan
Tristan Winders	Mary Grace Hardin	Alex Caillier
Kaitlin Dilworth	Jalisa Washington	Craig Waxley
Jonah Houtman	Thomas Shepherd	Logan Thompson
Dylan Jackson	LaDelwyn Mealey	Colt Crain
Brooklyn Eubanks	Will Drew	Nya Ferguson
Logan Walker	Blake McCray	Jimmie Mouton
Savannah Hooge		Hunter Amy
Cacelia Norris		Caynan Byrd
Aaric Gutter		McKenzie Young
Ethan Sevario		Eric Zuccaro

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

<b>Oct. 2</b>	Free Dress Day
<b>Oct. 5</b>	AR Night—2nd Grade 4:30-6:30 PM
<b>Oct. 8</b>	AR Night—3rd Grade 4:30-6:30 PM
<b>Oct. 9</b>	End of 1st 9 Weeks Limo ride to Chuck E. Cheese for fundraiser winners
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Teacher In-Service—No School for Students
<b>Oct. 13</b>	Fall and Class Pictures <i>Students must wear uniforms.</i>
<b>Oct. 14-16</b>	Early Dismissal @ 1:15pm
<b>Oct. 16</b>	Report cards go home
<b>Oct. 23</b>	Homecoming—early dismissal 1:15 PM
<b>Oct. 23</b>	Beauty & the Beast @ ZES

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Fundraiser. Congratulations to following winners:

#### TOP 2 SELLERS:

Jalen Norwood (sold 101 items)—Wii videogame system and a gift basket  
Arquel Carter (sold 99 items)—Wii videogame system and a gift basket

#### 28 students won a limo ride to Chuck E. Cheese on October 9:

Jalen Norwood	Colesie Davidson	Brendon Curter	Hayden Frank	Kennon Hollman
Arquel Carter	Zahria Spears	Tquarius Johnson	Marlashia Claiborne	Christopher Bennett
Corey Mason	Jordan Soares	Kyra Griffin	Kaitlyn Alsander	Katy Knecht
Kylie O'Brien	Kelsie Littles	Noah Sullivan	Blake Patin	Spencer Hutchinson
Cierra Barker	Kolby Matthews	Madeline Conerly	Jacie Conrad	
Brian White	Katley Palmer	Joseph Thompson	Madeline Beasley	

**287 student names will be entered into the drawing for the \$50 Toys R Us gift certificate.**