

Santaquin Sentinel

December 2012

Santaquin Trading Post

Our Santaquin Trading Post is open Wednesday(s) from 8:30am-8:55am and 2:30pm-3:00pm to exchange books! Students and parents can **purchase** books for 25 cents and **sell** books for 10 cents, with a note of consent from their parents! Come check it out and let's get reading!



Fourth Grade 'Write Nite'

On Thursday evening, November 15th, the fourth grade teachers at Santaquin Elementary were excited to hold their first annual 'Write Nite'. This was an opportunity for parents and students to receive instructional strategies and tools to encourage writing at home. *Prizes and writing materials were given away to those in attendance at the end of the evening!* Families learned about all Core Writing Areas, to include: opinion, informational and narrative. Thank you for supporting student learning through our Parent Literacy Night.

Message from Mr. Argyle

When failure is not an option ...

We do not practice until we get it right;
We practice until we cannot get it wrong!

This quote is used in the fire service in reference to the level of training needed when lives are on the line. We cannot afford to fail when it comes to our children's educational success. Therefore, we continue to improve in *our* practice as educators and encourage all students to practice in all areas of *their* education until we "cannot get it wrong". Great accomplishments take place each day with our students as we watch them learn and grow. Thank you for all you do as parents and families to support and love our students.

Behavior Incentive Program

Walk in the halls ... keep hands to yourself ... appropriate noise level. These are the things students at Santaquin Elementary are being recognized for! Teachers, faculty and staff are keeping a watch out for students who are working on these school-wide goals and recognizing them with Positive Behavior tickets that teachers collect in each individual classroom. In the lunchroom, students work to keep the noise monitor light from going to red by using "inside voices" while eating. Ten days without going to *red* equals a whole school reward! Student names are periodically drawn and the deserving winners get to come pick a reward from the treasure box! Keep up the great work, students!

"Road to Success" Reading Program

We are so excited to officially begin our "Road to Success" reading program for the 2012-2013 school year. Our **School-wide Reading Goal** was determined by adding all grade-level daily reading expectations and calculating for the year. This year we will shoot for **2,736,820 minutes!** This will earn the *whole* school a Pizza Party! **We want all students reading!**

December: Gingerbread House celebration with Mr. Argyle

January: "It Pays to Read" Assembly -- two bikes

February: Valentine's Day cookie decorating celebration with Mr. Argyle

March: "It Pays to Read" Assembly -- two bikes

April: Pizza Party celebration with Mr. Argyle

May: "It Pays to Read" Assembly -- two bikes

December Calendar

LPIC Committee	3 rd
Fifth Grade Literacy Night	5 th
Faculty Meeting	6 th
PTA Board Meeting	7 th
"It Pays to Read" Celebration Assembly	12 th
Author Visit	14 th
Literacy Collaboration	17 th
Intervention Specialist	18 th
Team Leader Meeting	19 th
Holiday Singing in Gym	17 th -20 th
School Community Council	20 th
Faculty Meeting	20 th
Early Out at 12:00pm	21 st
Christmas Break	24 th -1 st
School Resumes	2 nd

Ideas for Parents

Have your student keep a journal of things that happen at school. This journal could include: new friends, favorite subjects, interesting happenings, fun things learned, mental image sketches, etc. This is a great way to practice writing skills and see how your child is progressing!

Pledge of the Santaquin Chieftains

I pursue excellence in everything I do.

I accept responsibility for myself.

I show respect for myself and others.

I will make a difference for good in the world

Counselor's Corner

97 Ways to Praise & Encourage a Child

-- Dr. Louise Hart, *The Winning Family*.
Increasing self-esteem in your children and yourself.

Wow! * Way to go * Super * You're special * Outstanding * Excellent * Great * Good * Neat * Well done * Remarkable * I knew you could do it * I'm proud of you * Fantastic * Super star * Nice work * Looking good * You're on top of it * Beautiful * Now you're flying * You're catching on * Now you've got it * You're incredible * Brave * You're fantastic * Hooray for you * You're on target * You're on your way * How nice * You're smart * Good job * That's incredible * Hot dog * Dynamite * You're beautiful * You're unique * Nothing can stop you * Much better * Good for you * I like you * I like what you do * Beautiful work * Spectacular * You're precious * You're darling!



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