

# Goodman Elementary School Newsletter

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I had the greatest First Week of School in my career last week! I have been in education for 23 years and this will be my 10<sup>th</sup> year as a principal. I am so proud of our students who followed their teacher's instructions all week. It was such a treat seeing all our students back and welcoming our new students to Goodman Elementary. This year is going to be a strong year full of promise for wonderful things to happen. We are **READY**, we are **RESPECTFUL**, and we are **RESPONSIBLE**. When we are ready with all our materials and on time for school we are prepared to learn. When we respect our teachers and our classmates we will all get along and have a happy day. When we take responsibility for our own learning, we will grow to be winners! We will work together and we will be successful. **READY, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE!**

#### Pre K Cubs

In Pre-K, we are building the foundation for your children to be successful. We are introducing students to what is expected in school. We are also introducing the importance of being friends and working together.

We are going to be very busy during this month. We will be learning about Friends and the importance of working and playing together. Providing students with the importance of being a friend helps build a positive community in the classroom. We will continue to practice on routine and procedures this month as well. Providing students with

¡He tenido la mas grandiosa Primera semana de Clases! He estado en el campo de la educación por 23 años y este será mi 10mo año sirviendo como principal. Estoy muy orgullosa de todos los estudiantes que han seguido las instrucciones de los maestros durante esta primera semana. Ha sido un placer y un deleite el poder ver de vuelta a nuestros estudiantes y dar la bienvenida a los nuevos estudiantes. Este año será un año poderoso lleno de maravillosas promesas. Estamos **LISTOS**, somos **RESPECTUOSOS**, y somos **REPOSABLES**. Cuando estamos listos con nuestros materiales escolares y llegamos a tiempo demostramos estar preparados para aprender. Cuando respetamos a nuestros maestros y compañeros todos se hace mas llevadero y tendremos días felices. ¡Cuando tomamos responsabilidad y la demostramos en la dedicación al aprendizaje, creceremos como ganadores! Recuerda trabajando juntos alcanzaremos el éxito. **¡LISTO, RESPECTUOSO, RESPONSABLE!**

rules provide them on what the teachers expect from them.

#### Dates to Remember

September 5 & 23: Student

Holidays/No School

September 22: Send family portrait.

#### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Grade levels Informational Meetings
- ◆ Second Grade PTA
- ◆ Hispanic Heritage Day

**Ready**  
**Respectful**  
**Responsible!**

*“Real-life,  
problem solving,  
and hands-on  
experiences  
constitute the  
core of quality  
learning”*

## Kindergarten Cubs

We are very excited to have your children in our classrooms! We started our school year by learning about school safety and classroom rules. We would like your help in reviewing school safety, classroom rules and by practicing with your child their lunch number. In addition, we

would like for your child to practice writing their name and practice reading and writing the sight words that we send home weekly. Thank you for all of your support and cooperation. We are going to have a great year in kindergarten!

## Marvelous First Graders

Welcome First Grade Students and Parents! The First Grade Team looks forward to a successful school year with your child and you. We want to share some information to help make this transition from Kindergarten to First Grade a success. First Grade curriculum expectations and standards are very important and we want all of our parents involve in your child's education. Students have homework everyday and are expected to finish and return homework on time. Please sign

our Bear Tracker every day. Reading is the key to success in 1st Grade, have your child read EVERYDAY day!! We will also be writing everyday in 1st grade. Some of the things we will focus on are handwriting skills, grammar and the writing process. During Math we will learn number sense, add/subtract using 1 digit numerals, fractions, telling time, count and recognize coins, and many more math skills. Our **Orientation Meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** Communication and support are the keys to making this a successful year. We look forward to meeting each of you

## Second Grade Stars

Second Grade has started out the year with great expectations. We have been working on procedures and routines. Our students are creating Journals for Science, Social Studies, Math, Writing, and spelling. The first two weeks we all reviewed Safety Procedures at school, at home, and at the

science lab. We will begin preparing for our PTA performance on September the 29<sup>th</sup>. Our theme will be “A Healthy Me”.

## What's The Word in Third?

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We are studying how to identify different genres of books and how to identify elements in a story. In math we are learning about place value, regrouping, and pictographs. For science our focus is on Science Safety, Notebooking, and Properties of Matter. Our Social Studies activities include identifying directions, map reading, and Celebrate Freedom on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

As we begin this school year it is important to remember the following: Regular attendance is important to student success. School begins at 8:05 a.m. Have all school supplies. Complete homework. Read everyday.

Important dates:  
September 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> CoGAT testing  
September 13<sup>th</sup> Bilingual parent meeting  
September 14<sup>th</sup> Progress reports go home  
September 15<sup>th</sup> -Parent information meeting (Miller, Cortez, Stone Classes)



2008-2009  
Golden Performance  
Award

## Fantastic Fourth Graders

We would like to welcome all of you to have a FANTASTIC year with us! We realize that teaching your child is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. Our goal is to ensure that each student has a motivating and safe learning experience in the classroom. In order for us to do our best, your child needs to get a good night's sleep, have breakfast in the morning, arrive to

school on time (8:05), and complete/turn in all homework. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Our conference time each day is 10:00-10:45 a.m. Mark your calendars for our **Parent Information Meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Fabulous Fifth Graders

Welcome to Fifth Grade. We are so excited to have your child join us this year. Our year is off to a great start. We have many exciting events planned this year, including our annual trip to Camp Carter and Science fair projects.

Please join us on **Sept. 1 at 6:00 P.M.** in the cafeteria for our parent orientation and Camp Carter meeting. We look forward to meeting you!



## Sixth Grade OSOS

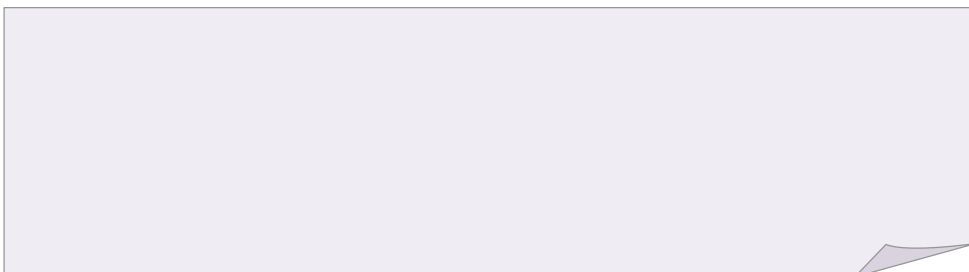
Sixth grade is off to a quick start to organization and success this year. All students are required to maintain an AVID binder with specific supplies to keep up with all the content we are doing this year, like:

- The 5 themes of geography
- The scientific method

- Algebraic Thinking
- Summarization
- Use of graphic organizers



## INFO Bits



### TIPS for SQUARE PEGS

“Square Peg. Round Hole.” No matter how much people try to fit us into the “round hole” we just will **not** fit. Have you ever caught yourself saying, “Why are you not like your brother?” Perhaps you find yourself thinking, “I just don’t understand why they can’t seem to get it? All my other kids did!” If **YES**, than you **might** be parenting a “square peg”. This section is dedicated to changing the way **WE as adults** work, teach, parent and discipline “square pegs”. Rather than trying to push a square peg into a round hole that leaves everyone feeling frustrated including **YOU**, we will explore practice tips for nurturing some of our most creative children.

**Bilingual Education - El Sabelotodo**

Es difícil creer que ya comenzó el nuevo año escolar. ¡Bienvenidos a Todos! Se que éste año será un gran éxito para todos. Le damos la bienvenida a todos los estudiantes y padres nuevos a nuestra comunidad Goodman. Es importante pensar que el entusiasmo del padre, el apoyo y el compromiso de éste, inspira al niño a hacer lo mejor. Su hijo recibe la mejor educación cuando usted y el maestro trabajan en equipo. Juntos se puede lograr magnificas cosas. Porque usted es tan importante en la educación de su hijo como lo somos nosotros, le exhortamos a tomar un poquito de tiempo de su ocupado horario para que se familiarice con nuestra escuela y los nuevos cambios. También, recomendamos que en casa se cree un ambiente ameno en donde su hijo se sienta a gusto hacer sus tareas y logre exceder los parámetros establecidos. Muchas gracias por su compromiso por la educación de su hijo.



**PAWS on PTA**

PTA would like to welcome you to an excited new year. It is time to become a PTA member by joining us!! Membership is only \$5 per family!

- \* Second Grade PTA Night is coming up September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00Pm.
- \* Hispanic Heritage Day – Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>



**Family Involvement**

Mrs. Lazo is Our family representative. She is very excited and eager to begin this new year with awesome workshops to help our parents and students. Workshops are coming soon!!

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