

Stone Ridge Welcome Back

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 3, 2008

Gifts to our Community

Our students collected, with your help, a cafeteria full of toys and items for the Piedmont Service Center. Every classroom opted to forego their gifts to each other in order to meet the needs of our community. This has been a difficult year with weather which takes a toll on any community.

On the last day of school before our holiday break, students took a walking tour through the cafeteria to view what our school had collected. Parents were invited as they arrived for the classroom parties to tour the cafeteria. All of us were amazed at what we had accomplished as a school.

In addition to the collection of items for the Piedmont Service Center, we conducted a *Hats On Week*

which extended until the end of the school year 2007 for Jordan Hasley. She is our student who is battling Leukemia very successfully but with the toll it has on any family. The students paid one dollar per day to wear hats while the teachers paid five dollars per day to wear jeans.

It was a big success with the check given to the family before we left for the holidays.

Stone Ridge captured the holiday spirit by thinking of others rather than the hype of receiving gifts. Our students make a difference in every arena of life. Whether it is educational, leadership, sports, or character, we lead the way.



Jordan Hasley as our First Grade Terrific Kid. Her smile encourages each of us.

Thank you for supporting Stone Ridge Elementary and what we hope to accomplish for life long citizenship.

Thank you to Cheryl Oden for the fund raising event of our very own Stone Ridge Cookbook. It can still be purchased through our office for \$12.00.

Dates to Remember in January

No PTO meeting in January

5th grade Spelling Bee 9

Sequoyah Club 10

El Chico Night 11

School Board Meeting 14

Report Cards go home 14

Geography Bee 8:45 15

Academic Team (4th) 16

NO SCHOOL 21

Academic Team (5th) 23

PeeWee Spelling Bee 30

Special points of interest::

Parent Portal is available to fourth and fifth grade parents. If you do not have your passcode, contact your teacher or Pam Gruntmeir.

Grade levels send home newsletters to keep you posted on grade level events and times.

Promote reading at all times.

Academics at Stone Ridge Elementary

We have many opportunities for student success at Stone Ridge. Qualifying fourth and fifth grade students compete with other schools in our area to show their expertise in mastering

information. This team meets before school and is led by Mrs. Farris and Mrs. Dowling.

The Spelling Bees will take place this month. Students placed in their classroom before we left for the holiday break.

The Geography Bee is our newest event for competition. It is a national program which we entered this year. The Geography Bee will be held on January 15th at 8:45 here in our school.