



# Stone Ridge Newsletter

Welcome Back

January 13, 2009

## Stone Ridge Elementary

### Special points of interest:

- \* JANUARY 12TH: REPORT CARDS
- \* JANUARY 12TH: SCHOOL BOARD MEETING at High School
- \* JANUARY 13: 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE—8:30
- \* JANUARY 14TH: OETT TRAINING
- \* JANUARY 15TH: PEE-WEE SPELLING BEE—8:30
- \* JANUARY 16TH: EL CHICO NIGHT 5 TO 10.
- \* JANUARY 19TH: School is out for students
- \* JANUARY 20TH: OETT BOARD VISIT 1 to 2:30

### EMERGENCY NOTICE

**SEVERAL PARENTS ARE DROPPING OFF STUDENTS IN THE PARKING LOT TO WALK ACROSS THE DRIVE. THIS IS DANGEROUS AND NOT ALLOWED. PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE.** Mrs. McNair Dale

## IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR LEARNING

### COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our state and school recognizes that daily and punctual school attendance is vital to maximize a student's academic achievement. It is law that a student must attend 90% of the time. If a child does not attend 90% of each semester and there is not sufficient progress, a child can be retained. It is the parents or guardians responsibility to get students to school on time every day. The importance transcends the school day into life patterns which will effect your student's future employment and home life. Please make a New Year's resolu-

tion to have your child on time every day for school.

When a student arrives late, the class is already in session and instruction must continue for the good of all students. Time cannot be taken to catch a child up until an opportune time. In the Elementary setting, a student is dependent upon the transportation of the parent to be on time or ride the bus. If you're child is a chronic late arriver, YES, it is effecting your child. The effect can be as simple as everyone viewing that your child is late again. It can be as major as a child not progressing at his/her level of ability. Lastly, it is our policy that a student must

sit out of recess when they have 3 tardies. It does effect students.

Missing any class means the child has missed instruction. Make it your mission to work with your child to have them here every day with homework in hand. You will see a difference in your child's self-esteem and progress in the classroom.

This New Year is a perfect time to let your student know that this year the family will be on time to all events but especially to school. It is your child's job until he/she is out of school.

**SEE YOU AT SCHOOL.**

Mrs. McNair Dale

## Help your child plan ahead

Tired of getting phone calls from our office about missed homework, forgotten lunches, lunch money, etc.? There is a solution, look no longer...

1. Together, decide on a special place where your child can keep everything he takes to

school. Explain to your child to get it stacked in that area BEFORE going to bed. (I do this every night.)

2. Make a list of everything your child takes to school on a typical day and post this on

the bathroom mirror or anywhere that is THE important area.

3. Give your child an alarm clock. Make your child part of the plan.
4. Help your child focus on time. Teach the amount of time needed for a routine. Post the time if needed until it is learned. BE ON TIME.