

# Stanley-Boyd Elementary

## Fourth Grade Newsletter

### Setting the Stage for Success

September 5th-8th

Over the span of the past five days we have spent a great deal of time learning new routines, identifying expectations, and practicing the 3Bs all around the school. The time we spend practicing following expectations helps the whole year run smoothly. I know we are all ready to get going on some "real" learning but these past few days have been invaluable as we are setting the stage for success!

#### What We've Been Up To...

In math we spent a few days working out different types of problems and playing different math games. We also discussed different math strategies for working on and solving problems. Next week we will be starting our first unit in the Everyday Math Series. This is the same program your student used last year but it may seem different this year because we do not send home nightly HomeLinks. Students are offered the option of receiving the entire set of HomeLinks for the unit if they want to practice the skills we are learning at home. If you would like your child to bring these home, please let me know to ensure they sign up to receive a packet.



This week during our spelling time, we have been practicing our weekly spelling routine using the names of our classmates. We didn't have a test this week but they will be starting next week. Something that might be a little different is that each week students are given a base set of words and they must choose 12 words from that week to master. Students will keep one set of these words in their Word Work notebook but another set will be added to their Assignment Notebook Binder. Feel free to use this list to help your student practice their words and do different activities should you choose. Students will be tested on their words at the end of every week.

In reading and writing we have continued to set up routines and expectations. We worked on identifying our classroom expectations for reading to self and working on writing time. The practice we did this week following these expectations will help us be more productive during the weeks and months that follow. Additionally, students were finally able to explore my classroom library. We discussed all of the rules that come along with the privilege of using the books that belong to me. Students are allowed to bring these books home but I highly encourage students to be very safe with them and to take great care with them.



Lastly, in science we started our first unit already! This unit focuses on Energy and Motion. We have been racking our brains thinking about what we already know on these topics and getting ready to dig deeper. At the very end of the day on Friday, we started getting ready for our first science activity that will take place on Monday! We can't wait!

Overall it has been a terrific first few days and we all are looking forward to more!

