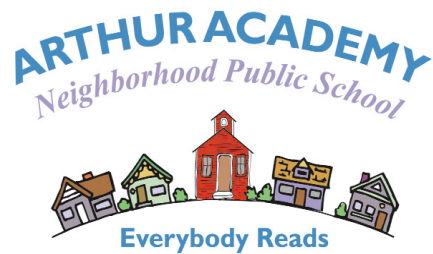


# Reynolds



May 18, 2006

Dear Families,

## **Testing:**

Beginning on May 23, all of our students will be taking the Stanford Achievement Tests in Reading and Math. ***Please plan in advance so that your children will not miss any school during next week.*** It is especially important that students get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and be on time for school next week.

We are doing some creative scheduling of testing sessions. Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be tested in two different groups, rotating between testing sessions and fun activities in the "big room" across the hall. Our teaching assistants will be in charge of art activities, free time, centers, snacks, recess, videos, etc., while teachers are administering the tests in the classrooms. This will give the children nice breaks in between the tests and also give them more space in the classroom with fewer distractions. We are confident that our student's learning will be reflected in their test scores, which we will share with you at the end of the year.

***In order to make this work, we need parent volunteers to help with monitoring the testing and helping with the activities.*** You would not be asked to monitor testing in your own child's classroom, but we could really use some extra help between 8:30-11:30 on Tues., Wed., Thurs. and Friday of next week. Please call or send me an email if you can give us some time to help with our testing.

## **Warm Weather and Reminders:**

- Please be sure that your child dresses appropriately for school during this warm weather. Flip-flops, sandals without back straps, halter-tops, and "spaghetti" strap shirts are not appropriate school attire. Children who do wear "flip-flop" type shoes will not be allowed to play at recess, as the risk of tripping or twisting an ankle is too great.
- We have many children arriving at school later than 8:30. Late arrivals disrupt the class and make it hard for the children to get their day off to a good start. Please remember that students should arrive between 8:15-8:30.

### **Summer Programs:**

- Multnomah County Libraries have a fun summer reading program that is open to all children. It is a game-type activity that encourages children to read on their own over the summer and rewards them with prizes, t-shirts, etc. Registration is at your local public library through May 26.
- The David Douglas Arthur Academy staff will be teaching a part-time summer school program during July and August that will focus on reading and math. Sessions will be 1-1/2 hours per day, 3 days/week and cost \$60 per week. If you would like more information and/or want to register your child, please call Ms. Arnold at the David Douglas School, 503-252-3753.

### **RAAPO Meetings**

The last meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. Daycare will be provided free that evening for children 2 years and older, but you must contact Dayna Brown to make a reservation for your child. Your board members for next year will be elected that evening, so please make every effort to attend.

### **Surveys**

We now have 84 responses submitted to the Oregon Department of Education online Charter School Survey. Thanks to all of you that took the time to give your opinions. Once these are tabulated, I will share the results with you. If you have not yet completed yours, please do so before the survey closes **TOMORROW** so that everyone's opinions are represented.

**[www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/](http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/)**

***Please submit one of each of these surveys for EACH child at our school.***

**Remember there is no school on Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day Holiday.**

***The entire staff thanks you for our beautiful flowers and all the treats this week. We all feel very appreciated!***

Fondly,

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