



STEVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Husky Herald

How to Reach Us...

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From the Desk of the Principal



Dear Families,

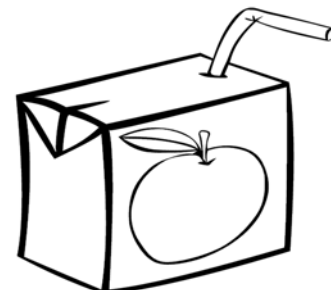
Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. For the first time in many years the students of Stevens and Moser Schools are together under one roof. I am happy to say that the transition went very smoothly. Not only did Stevens school gain some

85 new children, we also gained four classroom teachers and several support staff members from Moser. The children seem to have settled pretty quickly and it almost seems as if they have always been here. In addition to the new students and staff, Stevens School has also gained three new portable classrooms. These new classrooms are housing two fourth grade classes and a fifth grade class. All four fifth grade classes are now in portable classrooms. The older portables have been repainted and recarpeted and are looking pretty nice. Finally, the old leaky gym roof has been replaced with a brand new one.

As the new school year begins I would like to encourage our parents to become members of the PTO. Our PTO does amazing things for our school and your help would be appreciated in whatever way you can provide it. The PTO meets the first Wednesday of the every month at 6:30 in the school library. I look forward to seeing you there. Finally I want to remind all of our parents that if you have a concern about any school related matter that has come to your attention, I

COLOR IN THE JUICE BOX

Coloring helps younger learners improve their fine motor skills. Work with your child to correctly grasp their crayon and to identify colors. Your child can identify the type of fruit on the juice box — or the category to which it belongs: fruit, vegetable, etc. Find the shapes in the picture.



Kindergarten: The kindergarteners have adjusted well to their school, routines and expectations. They are enjoying making new friends and sharing about themselves. Our first theme is families and the children are excited to share about their families! They are busy writing their names, learning letters sight words, reading together and learning numbers. We visit the school library once a week to listen to a story and select a book. The books stay in the classroom for the children to read throughout the week. We encourage you to visit the town library and read to/ with your child daily!

BOGGLE: How Many Words Can You Make?

Rules: 1) The words must only use a single letter on the "board" once; 2) All letters in the word must be connected on the "board" horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

F	I	N	E	I
J	T	I	E	O
D	E	S	E	L
W	L	T	F	I
I	D	U	E	N

Grade 1: Our students have made a wonderful transition to first grade. They are adjusting well to a full day of school, eating lunch in the cafeteria, and working at their own desks. Students who attended kindergarten at Stevens School last year have given a warm welcome to our new friends from Moser School as well as those who are new to our school district. In Reading, we have been reviewing letter identification and sounds as well as Kindergarten high frequency words. In Math, we have been using the counting up strategy to count objects.

WAYS TO PROMOTE LITERACY AT HOME:

- Model, model, model! – Let your child see you reading and writing often!
- Give books as presents thereby sending the message that books are special and pleasurable.
- Encourage reading and writing about your family's culture and heritage.
- Set a daily time for electronic games off and books on!

Grade 2: The Second Graders at Stevens School are settling in, learning new classroom routines and reviewing Husky Hero expectations. In math, the students have graphed student birthdays and are reviewing basic facts with problem solving. In Language Arts we are working on reviewing short vowel sounds and discussing story characters and settings. Please encourage your child to read at home independently. We look forward to meeting you at our Open House in a couple of weeks.



Upcoming Events

09/15	Board of Education Meeting	09/20	Open House Grades K through 2
09/22	Open House Grades 3 through 5	09/22	Ident-a-Kid

Grade 3: The third graders began the year in math by using the TIMS lab method to investigate first names in their classrooms. They analyzed their data to decide who had the shortest and longest names as well as the most common number of letters. They began reading in their Treasures anthology with the story *First Day Jitters*. They have also been busy completing story maps in small groups and choosing a "just right" book for independent reading. They are being introduced to the scientific method by experimenting with sinking and floating. We are looking forward to a great year.

From the Health Office

Families: Please remember to notify the school if your child will be absent. Understanding and constant communication are vital in helping the schools render the best possible care and protection to your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 860.258.7751.

Grade 4: We are so pleased with the start of the new school year. Students have made a fine adjustment to fourth grade. We have wasted no time and have jumped right into our studies. In Math, we have gotten to know our classmates by collecting data and graphing and analyzing the information. In Reading, we are working on understanding the problem and solution of a plot and identifying the main idea and details within a nonfiction text. We encourage all fourth graders to practice their multiplication facts and to spend some time reading each day. We look forward to a great year.



MATH DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to school from the Math Resource Department here at Stevens. The Math Resource teachers are Mrs. Baltazar and Mrs. Manzi and the Math Resource Paraprofessionals are Ms. Dabruzzo and Ms. Glaude.

At times, these teachers may be working within your child's classroom. At other times, they may take small groups of children down to the Math Resource rooms.

The decision to provide extra support will be based upon results of the AIMS web testing for Kindergarten and 1st grade, Blue Ribbon Testing for 2nd and 3rd grades, and CMT scores and Blue Ribbon Testing for 4th and 5th grades. All screenings and testing will be completed during September and October and parents of students who qualify for extra math support will be notified by mail.

All of us in the Math Resource Department look forward to all of our students continued growth and success in the area of mathematics.

Grade 5: The fifth grade students are off to a fine start in their final year at Stevens School! In math, they have been busy counting the eyelets on their new back-to-school shoes, analyzing the data and creating bar graphs. The students are enjoying reading together in their Treasures books and are also busy getting ready to take Accelerated Reading quizzes on their independent reading novels. Parents--- Save the date! On Tuesday, October 4th there will be an informational meeting about Nature's Classroom. It will take place at Stevens School at 6:30 pm. The fifth grade takes great pride in their new portables and looks forward to showing off their new classrooms at Open House on Thursday, September 22nd.

Addition Puzzle

Compliments of [mathgames4children.com!](http://mathgames4children.com/)

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Recommended Reading...

Younger Kids: *CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM* by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault

Intermediate: *MAGIC TREE HOUSE* Series (Book #1: *DINOSAURS BEFORE DARK*) by Mary Pope Osborne and Sal Murdocca

Older Readers: *PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS* series (Book #1: *THE LIGHTNING THIEF*) by Rick Riordan