

Stratfield School Newsletter

From the Desk of Ms.
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Welcome Back Stratfield Students and Families!

Dear Stratfield Families,

The 2016-2017 school year is in full swing! Thank you for your support in getting the students back into the swing of things! The students have already acclimated themselves to the daily schedules and I see tons of smiles accompanied by hard work! Students have begun exploring the new **Bridges** math resource to accompany our Balanced Math Model. This K-5 resource supports our existing math program with school and homework resources. One of the resources that we have incorporated into our K-5 daily instruction is **Number Corner**. It is a daily practice of skills and concepts which targets the mathematical standards throughout the school year. You can expect unit letters to come home throughout the year that will help you support your child at home and provide information about this instruction.

Welcome back to the school year! We are the Language Arts Specialists here at Stratfield. We work to build literacy within the school community.

One of the most important things that you can do to build your child's literacy life is to encourage him or her to read as much as possible. This can include reading to your child, your child reading independently or having him or her read to you. For our younger children, this can include telling stories through pictures. Look below to see how the minutes can add up. Happy Reading!

Student A	Student B	Student C
Reads 20 minutes a day	Reads 5 minutes a day	Reads 1 minute a day
3,600 minutes a school year	900 minutes a school year	180 minutes a school year



Sincerely,
Jennifer Stowell and Jennifer O'Connell
Language Arts Specialists

Reading Incentive Dance Party

Congratulations Stratfield Students!!! We hit our goal of reading at least 90,000 minutes over the summer! Stratfield students read...106,097 minutes!!!! We celebrated this past Friday with a whole school DANCE PARTY!!!!



Art at Stratfield

Our Stratfield artists are off to a great start. Kindergarten is beginning the year with some drawing exercises centered around the book “Beautiful Oops!” Our 1st and 2nd graders are concentrating on drawing animals using simple shapes. The 2nd graders also trying their hand at patterned backgrounds. 3rd grade is practicing faces and facial features in preparation for our spooky fold out faces. 4th grade is working on gigantic insects with a focus on how to work using a reference photo. 5th grade is concentrating on learning the basics of creating depth and distance in their art work which we will build upon as we explore different aspects of perspective drawing throughout the year.

Mr. Matarrazzo

Extra Recess

The elementary schools have increased the number of minutes for students to engage in non-instructional activities. Each student will have 30 minutes of this time in the 16-17 school year. The 30 minutes will be divided into two different periods during each day. There will be a minimum of one recess period preceding lunch. Other time is to be used at the teacher’s discretion and may include Responsive Classroom activities and other pursuits designed to encourage movement.

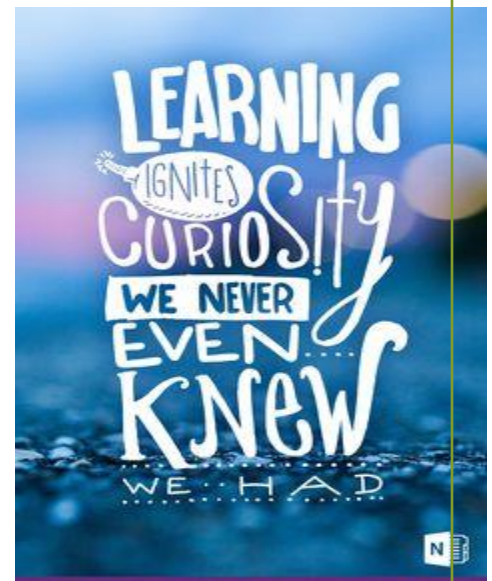
Greetings from the Library Learning Commons (LLC)!

During the first weeks of school students in grades K-5 have been reviewing our library rules and procedures and practicing navigating our Library Learning Commons for book check out. We are happy to share that we recently received many new books to add to our Stratfield collection! The students are very excited to begin book check out this week and to check out these new titles. You can assist your child/children at home by helping them find a safe spot to keep their library books at home, by reviewing proper book care, and helping them return their library books on time.

We are excited for an awesome year in the Library Learning Commons! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

~Mrs. Rizzo and Mrs. Natoli

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:



Save the Date:

Evening Parent Conferences:

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

- Thursday, October 20th
- Wednesday, October 26th

Afternoon Parent Conference:

- Thursday, October 27th (2 PM – 4 PM)



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