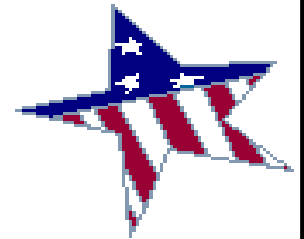


Valley Oaks School

February, Newsletter 2012



Mrs. Lane, Principal

Important Dates To Remember

- 2-6 100 days of School
- 2-8 Kindergarten to Hiram Johnson Performance
- 2-13 No School- Lincoln's Birthday
- 2-20 No School
Washington's Birthday
- 2-22 Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2-24 Early Dismissal 1 pm
End of 2nd Trimester
- 3-6 Spring Pictures
- 3/12 No School Furlough Day
- 3/13 No School -Staff Development
- 3/13 School Site Council Mtg.



Important Phone Numbers:

School Office: 745 -1564
District Office: 744-4550
VO Fax 744-4565
Web page www.galt.k12.ca.us



Kings Tickets



Valley Oaks School has tickets available to two King's Basketball games in March. Proceeds from the sales support Technology at Valley Oaks School. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 vs. New Orleans lower section \$40.00. Sunday, March 11, 2012 vs. Atlanta lower section \$40.00 and upper section \$12.00. Please call school office, 745-164 ext. 307, to order tickets. Thank you.

Police Department F.Y. I.

Police Department would like to remind you not to park in neighbor's driveways when picking or dropping off students at school. Cars can be towed or ticketed. Thank you.

State Writing Test

Our 4th grade teachers and students are busily preparing for the **State Writing Test on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.** The test will take place at 8:00 am. Please make sure your child is at school on time and has eaten a healthy breakfast that day.

Seven Habits of Highly Responsible Students

1. They set goals.
2. They plan their time
3. They study every day.
4. They take notes in class.
5. They have the tools they need.
6. They keep their commitments.
7. They get ready ahead of time.

Responsible students grow up to be responsible adults. Please help your child develop habits that help them achieve!

Read for Success

A child who can read well is more likely to succeed in school and do well on standardized tests.

Comprehension

Comprehension is more than just being able to recognize and pronounce words—it's about making sense of what words say. Reading tests often measure comprehension by asking students to find the main idea. To help your child find the main idea:

- * Use the newspaper. Cut out a short article. Then cut off the headline. Ask your child to read the article and write a heading that summarizes the main idea. Compare your child's headline to the newspaper's headline.
- * Use nonfiction. Nonfiction writing is about real people, places and things. Ask the public librarian to help your child find interesting nonfiction books to read. Then ask your child to tell you the main idea of a paragraph or a chapter from a nonfiction book.

Vocabulary

- * Learn a new word every day. Find words in the books your child is reading or ask the teacher for a list. Each morning help your child write a new word on a file card. Write the definition on the back. At dinner have family members try using the word in a sentence. At the end of the week, review all the cards.
- * Have a "newspaper or magazine scavenger hunt." Ask your child to underline new words in an article. Then look them up together.

Family Math Night was a Great Success!

We had a fabulous turnout at our 3rd Annual Family Math Night! Thank you to TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENT VOLUNTEERS, OFFICE STAFF, AND CUSTODIAL STAFF for helping to make this event a HUGE success! They were amazing! It was nice to see such a large number of students and their families enjoying an evening of math fun!

We can't wait to SEE everyone at Family Math Night next year!

For information on Healthy Families / Medi -Cal Insurance Coverage, call (888) 747-1222 or GJUESD Health Dept. at 744-4521