



QUEST NEWS



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Welcome Back

We are off to another great start. Hopefully your child has come home and told you what we have been doing in class. If they haven't, please ask! The first week of Quest we did Spontaneous problem solving, all the classes enjoyed it. Spontaneous is a component of Odyssey of the Mind. Odyssey of the Mind is a great program for gifted children. It allows them to think out of the box in a stress free yet competitive way.

I'll be having a Quest "Meet the Teacher" for any parents who have students that have just joined Quest and for anyone else that would

like to come and talk to me about our curriculum. The meeting will be on September 24, 2007 from 3:00 til 3:45 in the Quest classroom C103.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone,

Cynthia Featherston

RES Quest Teacher



To learn more about Odyssey of the Mind go to
www.odysseyofthemind.org

Email



This will be the last paper newsletter that you will receive. All the other newsletters will be sent by email and available on my web site. Please email me with your address if you didn't get my emails last year. Here is my address and website:

featherc@cisdmail

<http://www.southlakecarroll.edu/ROCK/RES/Quest.html>

Curricular Topics

1st grade- This year we are working on a unit of study called Gifts. Students will be exploring the value of giving and receiving a gift. They will be starting Zooland later in the year. In this unit students will select a zoo animal to research and run their own zoo in a simulation unit.

2nd grade- We dive into the ocean with a unit that integrates Algebra and research skills. They use tri-fold science boards to create their own aquarium to present their research on an ocean animal.

3rd grade- We study Natural Disasters! In this unit we talk about the causes and effects of natural disasters. We also work on independent study projects where your child will get to pick the topic of their choice and do a research project on it.

4th grade- Students are using the state gifted curriculum as they learn about Enigmas. We learn about several branches of science. Students will create a hypothesis regarding the ENIGMAS surrounding Atlantis, Stonehenge, and the Pyramids-just to name a few!! Students also work on independent study projects.

Quest Contract & Supplies

Last week your child should have brought home a supply list and a student contract for Quest. If you didn't receive yours you can download a copy from my web page.

The contract is a good reminder of our classroom rules. The supplies need to be brought in as soon as possible. Please send back the Quest binder that your child took home last year. If you can't find it please send in a new one.

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

The Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) is an organization of educators and parents dedicated to meeting the unique needs of gifted and talented students. Chartered in 1978, TAGT is the nation's largest state advocacy group of its kind, providing nearly 3,500 members and friends of gifted youth a forum for exchanging ideas and information about the education of gifted and talented students. TAGT recognizes the unique social, emotional, and intellectual needs of gifted and talented students and provides educational services to meet these needs.

To learn more about and join please visit the following web site:

<http://www.txgifted.org>

Thank You Volunteers!

You can come any day of the week you signed up! I have some blank spots if you would like to volunteer to run copies for the classroom.

September 3 - Jan Schiebout
September 10 - Amy Beatty
September 17 - Denise Green
September 24 - Laurie Hargrove
October 1 - Sarah Meader
October 8 - Amy Beatty
October 15 - Ann Smith
October 22 - Laurie Hargrove
October 29 - Need a Volunteer
November 5 - Sarah Meader
November 12 - Amy Beatty
November 19 - No School
November 26 - Need a Volunteer

Please Join S.P.A.C.E.

Southlake Parents for Academic Excellence or S.P.A.C.E. is an independent, voluntary organization of parents created to promote and encourage advanced academics in the Carroll Independent School District, including the education of gifted and talented students.

You can get more information about joining on their web site.

www.southlakespace.org

Upcoming Events

S.P.A.C.E. Fundraiser

November 2-4 Barnes and Noble – All proceeds will benefit the Quest Program!

TAGT Parent Conference

February 24, 2007 Houston, TX 9 am - 4 pm -
<http://www.txgifted.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=117>

December 3 - Grace Dotson
December 10 - Amy Beatty
December 17 - Denise Green
December 24 & 31 - No School
January 7 - Need a Volunteer
January 14 - Amy Beatty
January 21 - Need a Volunteer
January 28 - Maury Li
February 4 - Need a Volunteer
February 11 - Amy Beatty
February 18 - Need a Volunteer
February 25 - Need a Volunteer
March 3 - Denise Green
March 10 - Amy Beatty
March 17 - Spring Break
March 24 - Need a Volunteer
March 31 - Need a Volunteer
April 7 - Sarah Meader
April 14 - Need a Volunteer
April 21 - Mauri Li
April 28 - Need a Volunteer
May 5 - Need a Volunteer
May 12 - Amy Beatty
May 19 - Need a Volunteer