

"TI-GERS" initiative!

“GO TI-GERS!!! 2013

TI-GERS afterschool clubs (Talent Identification –Growth and Enrichment through Resource Sharing) will be offered again this year at Hatchery Hill. We will be starting the following clubs in October, 2013: Working Together Clubs (Homework Clubs- Grades 3-4 and 1-2), Waterford Club (K-2), Successmaker Club (2-4), Tech Time (1-2, 3-4), and Book Club (2, 3). By December, we will be adding It Rocks! (Rock Climbing 1-4), WEE Sports (Wii Club 1-4), Science Club (2), Lego Robotics Club (3, 4) and the Little Artists’ Club (Grade K). In January, Battle of the Books Club (Grades 3-4), and Games Galore (3-4) will begin, along with Science Fair Club (3-4). Later, this Spring, we will be adding Math Explorer’s Club (3-4) and a Little Einstein’s Club for kindergarten students. Teachers will be sending home interest forms and permission slips prior to each club’s first meeting. A brief description and schedule of already approved 2013 clubs is below:

Working Together/Homework Club (1-2, 3-4) – provides social, academic and emotional support to at-risk students on Tuesdays and Thursday. Tutoring help and immediate feedback will be provided. Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Egan. Mrs. Martin

Waterford Club (K-2) – Students in grades K-2 will be able to access Pearson Learning’s software program, Waterford, to reinforce their language arts, mathematics, and science skills, above and beyond what they receive during regular school hours. Ms. Munson

SuccessMaker Club (2-4) – Students in grades 2 through 4 will be able to access Pearson Learning’s software program, SuccessMaker, to reinforce their language arts and mathematics skills, above and beyond what they receive during regular school hours. Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Egan

Tech Time (1-2, 3-4) – Tech Time is an opportunity for students to gain extra practice and experience using technology. Children can explore and acquire technology skills and etiquette through software and internet use. Children can also enhance their language arts and math knowledge while utilizing network software and programmed instruction. Each session will contain a direct instructional period after which the students will be actively engaged in computer use; four sessions each, Oct-Dec and again Jan-March. Ms. Munson

It Rocks! (Rock Climbing 1-4)- It Rocks! provides opportunities for students to improve their motor, balance, strength and team-building problem-solving skills, in a safe, supervised setting. Students will gain extra practice and experience on our school’s rock climbing wall. Each session will include a direct, instructional period, followed by student practice. Students will gain experience in learning how to gauge their own progress and improvement. Mr. DeMartini

Wee Sports (Wii Club 1-4) – Students will use our school’s Nintendo Wii to learn to play one or more of the following sports: bowling, tennis, baseball, boxing and golf. Rules of each game and strategies for play will be taught. Mr. DeMartini

Science Club (2) – Students will be encouraged to investigate and explore various science topics while applying the scientific process, using simple ingredients. Children will be using their talents by creating experiments in small groups to encourage team building and cooperation. Tuesdays – Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Fantano

Battle of the Books Club (3-4) – Battle of the Books is a county-wide competition for students in third and fourth grade. This competition is held in May. Participants are required to read ten selected books and work as a team to answer specific questions. The purpose of Battle of the Books is to support children in their love of books and discovery for reading by introducing them to quality literature. The teamwork amongst the children promotes socialization, competition, and mutual respect. Mrs. Egan and Mrs. Ackerman

Book Club (2, 3) - This is a monthly book club for second and third graders. Students are assigned a book to read at the beginning of the month and then students meet to discuss the book and complete related projects at the end of the month. Mrs. Fantano and Mrs. Brand

Games Galore (3-4) – This club provides a positive environment for social education and character education. Some sessions will teach board games while others will teach outdoor, playground-type games. Children are encouraged to verbally communicate, share, take turns, focus on details, and understand the process of winning and losing using acceptable strategies. Learning many types of games enriches students’ lives. Mrs. Ackerman and Ms. Munson

Science Fair Club (3-4) – Students participating in the PTA Science Fair will receive instructional support and guidance for their projects. Students will learn how to present a question that can be answered through experimentation and how to conduct trials and organize data and develop conclusions. Mrs. Montgomery

Little Artists’ Club (K) – Kindergarten students will create hands-on art enrichment activities in the style of the great masters. They will learn various artists’ techniques to create their own projects. Mrs. Kolbusch, Mrs. Johnson

Little Einsteins’ Club (K) – Kindergarten students will be introduced to the wonders of science. They will engage in fun and imaginative activities and participate in demonstrations and discussions and learn to “think like a scientist.” Mrs. Kolbusch and Mrs. Johnson

LEGO Robotics Club (3, 4) – Students will first work as a team building models featuring motors and sensors. Then they will learn to program the models using the WeDo Robotics drag and stop software. Models may include a moving alligator or a soccer goalie. Mrs. Ackerman , Mrs. Hill

Math Explorers’ Club (3, 4) – Students will have fun exploring math operations, applications, and patterns in unique and challenging ways! Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Montgomery

We encourage your child’s participation! Students who are engaged in afterschool clubs have better grades, attendance and homework! Also, if you or your child has a special interest or club to suggest, please contact Mrs. Machacek or your child’s teacher to discuss it further! Thanks, and have a GRREEAAT YEAR! GO TI-GERS!!!