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## CAASPP Testing for 3-6 Graders

### By Isla Spitzer

Stone Lake students have started CAASPP testing. CAASPP stands for California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, and it is required by the state. Only 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders take this test at the end of the school year.

K-2nd graders do not have enough knowledge to take this test. They have smaller tests throughout the year.

The CAASPP test has an E.L.A. portion where you have to write an essay no matter what grade you are in. There is also a math test with over 30 questions. In 5th grade, you have to take a science test using all of the science knowledge you have learned since kindergarten.

Students take the CAASPP test each until 8th grade, you skip 9th and 10th grade, and you take the test once more in 11th grade.

Good luck with this test 3-6 graders!



CAASPP Logo

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# WILD ABOUT LEARNING

## Ms. Starke By: Emma Cohen

I interviewed Mrs. Starke to learn a little about her and her class.

Mrs. Starke's favorite subject to teach is social studies because she thinks that it is important to learn what happen and how it affected the world. She hopes that her students will learn from this.

Ms. Starke says her students are a fantastic group of kids! They are kind, helpful, hardworking, and very funny.

Her class follows all of the school expectations as well as some classroom guidelines like being respectful, and responsible. The class uses a "money" system that they can use to buy things from a student store.



Above and Left: Fraction Art



Ms. Starke's favorite part of teaching fourth graders is watching the students grow up, gain self confidence, learn who they are as a person, and become more independent.

Right now Mrs. Starke's class is working on three projects: fractions art (combining fractions and art), an idiom poster, and carbon footprinting.

Ms. Starke runs three big clubs after school that make a difference for the school. The clubs are National Elementary Honor Society, Black Student Union, and an After School Enrichment for tutoring.

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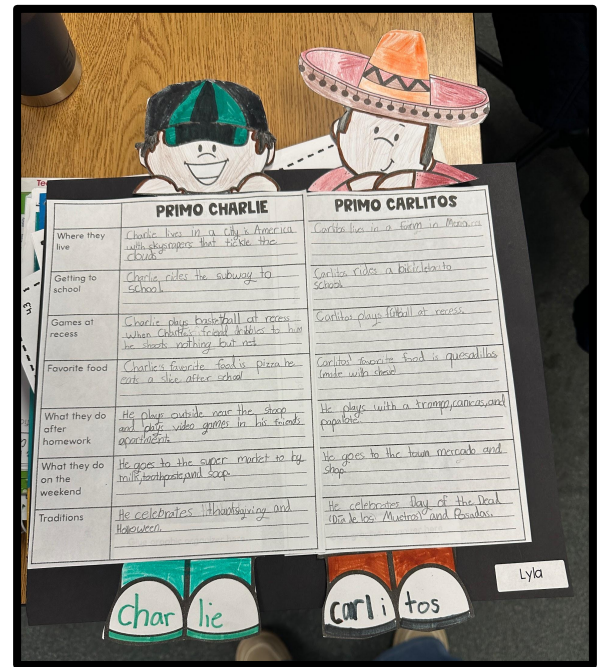
## Mrs. Stovall's Class

By: Olivia Varela

Mrs. Stovall's class is doing a lot of projects at the end of this school year, like writing, art and so much more!

I interviewed Mrs. Stovall about the school year and upcoming projects. I asked her how her kids are holding up since its towards the end of the school year. She said the kids are doing ok. Mrs. Stovall thinks all the projects are keeping them busy. She said when D track goes off or when they talk about the end of the year more, they'll be more excited and less focused.

Mrs. Stovall's class recently finished reading an Anthology story on the book Dear Primo.



### Dear Primo Project

They did a comparing and contrasting project on the two main characters of the story.

Soon, they will be starting an opinion writing project on their favorite season. They will also be painting a scene of their favorite season

It sounds fun to be in Mrs. Stovall's class!

# WILD ABOUT LEARNING



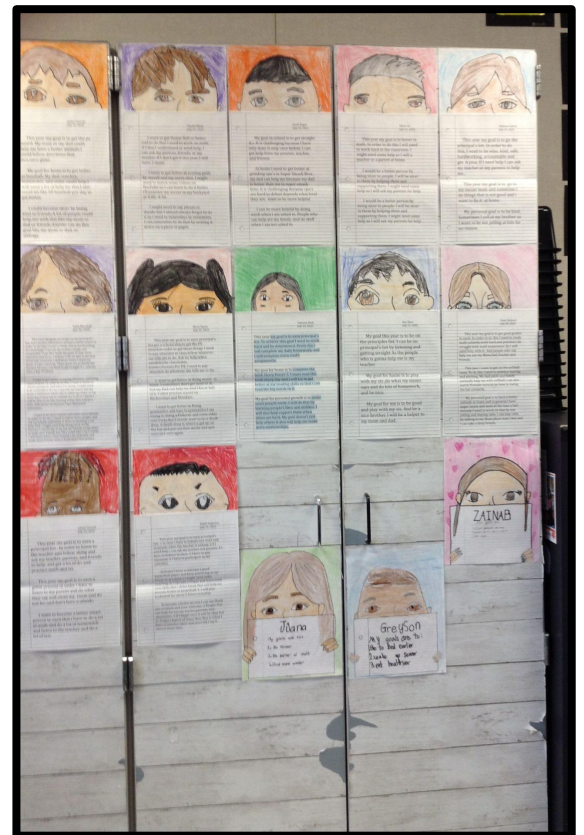
## Mrs. Tsukamoto

By: Devin Harris

Mrs. Tsukamoto is a 4th grade D Track teacher, and she has been teaching 4th grade for 12 years. Her favorite thing about teaching is watching her students learn things that they have never learned before.

Two things Mrs. Tsukamoto is teaching her students right now is native writing and fractions. Some other fun things the class does is art with Mrs. MacDougall and practicing for Gold Dust or Bust.

Mrs. Tsukamoto's favorite thing is when her old students from middle school and high school come back to visit her.



Student Work

# WILD ABOUT LEARNING

## Meet Mrs. Moore!

By: Katrina Chang

Mrs. Moore is our 4th grade A track teacher. Her biggest strength in teaching is being able to explain and understand questions from her students. However, her biggest weakness is running out of time.

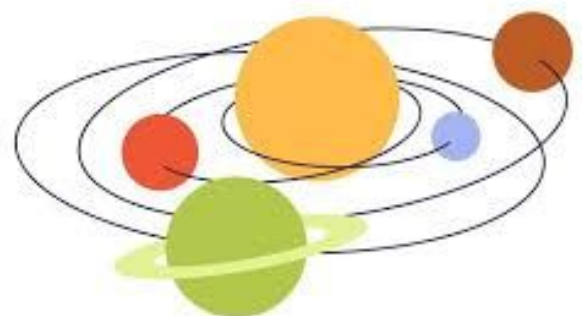
Some things that Mrs. Moore's class has been working on recently is time in math, the solar system, biography reports, and identifying main idea and details in text.

Mrs. Moore is able to handle classroom discipline by having a money system. Kids earn or lose money based on their behavior. Then they would use the money to buy things in Moore's Market.

Mrs. Moore works so hard to be an amazing teacher for her class!



Mrs. Moore is in front of student work.



Solar System

# KIDS IN THE QUAD

By: Nola Griffin-Willis and Grace Zhang

Q: Who is your favorite super villain?

Sloane 1D



Hawkmouth from Mario Bros.

Sadiq 2D



Demogorgons from Stranger Things because they are scary.

Dahlia 3A



Maleficent

Kalea 4A



Evil Queen from Snow White because she is super sassy.

Cecilia 5A



Green Goblin

Leah 6A



Evil Queen from Snow White because she is iconic.

# Ms. Houston Teaching in China

By Isla Wagner



Ms. Houston has taught at Stone Lake for a long time, but she will be leaving at the end of the year. She is moving to China!

Ms. Houston decided to move to China to teach there and experience new life transitions. She has an amazing connection with her new principal.

Ms. Houston is looking forward to teaching Kindergarten again with only 14 kids! She is also excited to explore places within China.

Ms. Houston is going to miss her friends and old students coming back to visit.

Ms. Houston will always remember the 26 years of students she taught, the impact she had on them, and the impact they had on her.

Ms. Houston will be missed by everybody here at Stone Lake. I hope she has a wonderful time teaching in China.



Ms. Houston

# Mrs. Alessi's Retirement

By: Akerie Ham



Our amazing computer teacher, Mrs. Alessi, will be retiring at the end of the school year after 37 years of teaching.

One of Mrs. Alessi's favorite memories as a teacher is having relationships with students and seeing their faces light up when they understand the concept being taught.

Throughout her entire career of teaching, Mrs. Alessi has taught at various districts including Sac. City Unified, Galt Joint Union School District, and EGUSD. The EGUSD schools she taught at were Foulks Ranch and Stone Lake. She has been at Stone Lake since 2000.



**Mrs. Alessi!**

Mrs. Alessi has taught grades second, third, fourth, sixth, and of course, computers.

She told me that when she retires, she plans to take in person guitar lessons and travel!

Mrs. Alessi will be greatly missed by many students at Stone Lake. I hope she has an amazing retirement!