



## **Welcome Kindergarten to Pleasantdale Elementary's 2009-2010 "Write Stuff"!**

We are very excited to have Kindergarten join us once again for a fun year of writing and artistic expression. If this is your first introduction to the "Write Stuff", here are some facts about our program:

### **What is it?**

The "Write Stuff" is a PTA-sponsored, voluntary creative writing program, now celebrating its 8<sup>th</sup> year! Write Stuff submissions are neither graded nor evaluated. Compositions and drawings are displayed on the PTA Write Stuff bulletin board outside the library, so they can also be read by students, staff, and visiting parents too!

### **Who participates?**

All Pleasantdale Elementary students from Kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to write.

### **When Do I Do the Write Stuff?**

Grades 1-4 receive prompts six (6) times during the school year, and they began in September. Kindergarteners receive prompts five (5) times a year, **beginning with the picture/prompt on the back of this sheet!** All students will be given two (2) weeks after the prompt is distributed in the classroom to complete. The 2009-2010 school calendar lists all prompt distribution and due dates. Prompts will also be made available at our school website, [www.d107.org](http://www.d107.org).

### **Where is the writing done?**

Do the Write Stuff at home! This is a fun activity that enables kids to express themselves in both words and pictures. Please encourage your child to participate—there is no such thing as perfect. Over the course of the year, you will see your child's work change and evolve as they do. We save all submissions and return them to you in a "journal" form at the end of the year as a keepsake.

### **Any perks?**

Of course! For each prompt written, a fun token will be distributed the following month by your child's teacher. Participants will be acknowledged in our monthly "Write Stuff Honor Roll" found in the Friday packet. Lastly, students will be entered in drawings for raffle prizes, pizza parties, and other great surprises!

As a parent, your partnership in this program is critical. From encouraging your children to participate as often as possible to involving yourself in the writing process, YOU play an important role in the "Write Stuff" program. Let's work together to make this a fantastic year! If you have any questions, please contact PTA Reading Literature Co-Chairs Julia Doyle (708) 839-4677 or Rosaria Becker (708) 309-0351.

**NOW TURN THIS PAGE OVER AND WRITE/COLOR YOUR FIRST  
WRITE STUFF! RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER BY FRIDAY, OCT. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**