



Sun Valley Elementary School
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Greetings Sun Valley Elementary Families,

It is with great pleasure that I write to welcome you and your children to the 2011-2012 school year at Sun Valley Elementary. I hope that your summer has been filled with exciting family activities, enjoyed at a leisurely pace under beautiful, blue skies filled with sunshine. How quickly summer concludes and our thoughts turn to eagerly preparing for the commencement of another school year!

The Sun Valley Elementary faculty and staff are excited to work with you as we provide a high quality education for your children. Sun Valley Elementary staff members seek to empower students to develop a passion for lifelong learning and to nurture them by engaging their intellect, emotions, and natural curiosity. We seek to instill not only the knowledge, skills, and abilities set forward in the North Carolina State Standards, but to develop student competence and motivation that will enrich their lives. Our daily work together includes creating a safe and supportive environment in which all learners can pursue academic and social learning experiences and fulfill their unique potentials.

Parents and guardians are a huge part of the success at Sun Valley Elementary. Parent involvement increases student achievement and enriches the school community. Many parents volunteer in the classrooms regularly and provide valued attention to students; therefore, improving student opportunity to produce quality work and achieve learning goals. Parents also enrich the educational experiences of our students through participation in the Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) and the School Improvement Team.

Open House for kindergarten students and parents scheduled for **Sunday, August 21, 2011**, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The intent of the open house is to allow children accompanied by parents to quickly find their classroom, meet their teacher, and drop off their classroom supplies. We hope that this short visit will help children feel more comfortable beginning the first day of school.



Open House for first through fifth grades is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 23, 2011**, from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. To assist with parking challenges, two sessions will be conducted based on family last names. If the parent and child last names are different, we will go by the child’s last name. The first session is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m. for families that have names that end with A – M. Parents and students in this session will have an opportunity to meet with teachers in the classroom until the 5:00 bell. The second session is scheduled for families that have names that end with N – Z. Parents and students in this session will have an opportunity to meet with teachers until 7:00 p.m.

Students and families may visit the Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) officers in the media center for information, upcoming events, and SVES spirit wear. Families are encouraged to join the Sun Valley Elementary P.T.O. as this wonderful organization supports our total school community. Additionally, housed in the media center will be representatives from our Child Nutrition Office, Afterschool Program, and Transportation Department. They will be prepared to respond to questions and provide forms as requested or needed.

The first day of school for first through fifth grades is Thursday, August 25, 2011. This is a full day beginning at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 2:45 p.m. We have staggered kindergarten entry dates on August 25th, 26th, 29th and 30th. Parents of kindergarten students will be notified as to which day to bring their child. September 1, 2011, is the first full day for all kindergarten students. Students will enter the building and proceed into their appropriate classrooms to begin the school day. Staff members will monitor the hallways to ensure that our students are directed to the correct classroom.

The faculty, staff and administration eagerly welcome you and your child to another school year. As we build upon existing relationships or forge new ones, let us collaboratively work together to support the social and academic well-being of each child at Sun Valley Elementary. Through this process, we can make tremendous progress.

For further information about the goals and objectives of Sun Valley Elementary School and/or how you can become involved, please call our school office at (704) 290-1559. We welcome your active participation!

Yours truly,

Mrs. Terri Cooper,
Principal