

# The Eagles Nest

ADVANTAGE ACADEMY—ROWLETT



January 2012

## Happy New Year!

Can you believe it is 2012? Wow! I'm sure you have determined that this year will be the greatest year ever. Many decided that 2012 would be the year to make changes such as lose weight, spend more time with the family, get out of debt, buy a new house, or find a new job. We all make "resolutions" that sometimes become forgotten after a few days. I want to encourage you to let 2012 be your best year yet. You can succeed in all you want to accomplish.

With the new year we also have changes at AAR concerning state testing. Many of you know that we no longer take TAKS. We now have STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) testing. I believe that we can achieve success with the STAAR. Although this is a new test for Texas there are areas where you can help your child prepare for this test...

Have your child attend Saturday School and afterschool tutorials.

Go to <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/> for more information.

Encourage your child to read. Talk with them about their reading - ask questions. Help them think about the reading.

Make sure your child is getting their homework and studying for test. If you are unsure of homework or test just send an email to your child's teacher.

Log in to our parent portal and look at your child's grades. This is a fantastic way to keep up with everything your child is doing in class.

Above all - encourage your child! It takes all of us (parents, teachers, and staff) working together to help your child succeed.

Saturday School dates are January 14, January 28, February 11, February 25 from 9:00-1:00. This is for grades 3 - 8 only. You can contact the front office for afterschool tutorial times and days.

Testing dates are as follows: March 27 - 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 1; 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Math  
March 28 - 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 2; 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Math  
April 24 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Math  
April 25 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Reading  
April 26 - 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Science  
April 27 - 8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies

I believe that 2012 can be our best year yet. We can succeed because we have the best parents and the best kidz. Let's go Rowlett!!!!!!

For the Kidz - Mrs. Hiatt



Our K4 enjoying the snow machine!



Mrs. Mayne, Mrs. Hiatt, and Mr. C enjoying the snow



A visit from Santa with our Kindergarten class!



Dismissal was fun with the snow machine!

### Coming Events:

Martin Luther King Holiday - January 16

Early Release - January 20

2nd Grade TPRI - Week of January 23

Class Pictures - January 25