



# Tiger Tales

Hisamatsu Tamura Elementary School

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November 2016

## G.A.T.E. Testing

GATE Nominations for students in **grades 3 through 7** are available in the school office

October 24th through November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**All applications are due by 4:00 pm on November 4, 2016**

**A child may test for the GATE program three times. However, students can not more than two years in a row. Parents/guardians may nominate students no more than two times.**

### Characteristics of Gifted Children

The following list of characteristics represents some of the traits found in gifted children.

Has an advanced vocabulary for his/her age.

Is a keen and alert observer. Has good insight in cause-effect.

Is an avid reader, often far above grade level.

Is self directed, has tendency to compare, analyze, organize and reason things out for self.

Is curious, asks new or unusual questions.

Is a perfectionist.

May enjoy working alone.

Learns well by doing

Has emotional sensitivity to self and others, sensitivity to beauty, a keen sense of humor, concern about right and wrong.

Shows commitment to completing tasks or solving problems.

Additional information to help with the decision as to whether to make a GATE referral

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### Bright Child

### Gifted Learner

Knows the answers

Is interested

Is attentive

Answers the questions

Top group

Listens with interest

6-8 repetitions for mastery

Understands ideas

Enjoys peers

Grasps the meaning of things

Completes assignments

Enjoys school

Absorbs information

Technician

Enjoys straightforward sequential

Asks the questions

Is highly curious

Is mentally and physically involved

Discusses in detail, elaborates

Beyond the group

Shows strong feelings and opinions

1-2 repetitions for mastery

Construct abstractions

Prefers adults

Draw inferences

Initiates projects

Enjoys learning

Manipulates information

Inventor

Thrives on complexity



**Kathy Davis, Principal**  
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### **Special points of interest:**

- ☺ November 4 Staff Development Day—No students
- ☺ November 10 Jog-a-thon
- ☺ November 11—Veterans Day—No school
- ☺ November 15—School Picture Make-up Day
- ☺ November 15—PTO meeting 6:30 pm
- ☺ November 18—Special Person's Day 8:00-10:00am
- ☺ November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

### School Days



## Principal's Message

November is here and Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. We have so much to be thankful for here at Tamura. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents that attended their parent/teacher conferences. Through teachers and parents working together, Tamura is able to achieve contacts with the majority of our parents at conference time. Continued communication is so important to the success of your child. Thank you so much to all of our students who have had **EXCELLENT** attendance for the first two months of school. *Great Job!*



Let us remember that , as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and show itself in deeds.

-Theodore Roosevelt

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS! TAKE THE NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE!

Take the November Attendance Challenge! All students who are present and on time for the entire month of November, will receive a small prize and recognition. Let's make good attendance a habit! Parents can reinforce the benefits of regular, on-time school attendance. Please help reinforce the following messages with your child:

- The more you are in school, the more you learn.
- The more you learn, the higher your grades will be.
- The better your grades, the more you will enjoy school.
- The longer you stay in school, the more likely you are to succeed in career and life.

Regular, on-time school attendance is a goal that can only be achieved with the cooperation of both parent and child. Absences contribute to lost learning. Parents should make every effort to schedule family events and appointments during non-school hours. When absences are necessary, parents should call the school on the day of the absence, email [tamuraoffice@fvsd.us](mailto:tamuraoffice@fvsd.us) or send a note when the child returns. Please be specific in regards to the reason for the absence. Remember, Every School Day Counts!

## School Lunches

Please note that school lunches are \$3.00. You may purchase a prepaid lunch ticket for 20 lunches for \$60. Please go on-line to [MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com) or send a check to school made out to the FVSD or cash with the following information:

Your Child's Name - Tamura School - Teacher's Name - and Room #. If you have any questions regarding the lunch program, please call Food Services Dept. at 843-3242.

**No classrooms will be interrupted for forgotten lunches.**



**SCHOOL LUNCHES**  
**\$3.00**

Tickets - \$60/20 lunches

If your child forgot his/her lunch, bring it to the lunch cart in front of the office. The lunches will be taken to the lunch area by the Noon Duty Aides. Instruct your child to check the cart on the days he/she discovers they have no lunch.