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Attached to the back is a list of all my questions. Thank you for all your time.

Sincerely,  
Mya Maragay

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Daire Oh

Jeffrey Qin

Andrew Wraich

Mrs. Wieske/Mrs. Holaday's Third Grade Class

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Justin Wagh  
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Riley Saul

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## **Construction of Stonegate**

What tools do you use to build the school?

How much is built already?

Will everything in the school be new?

What materials will you use to build the school?

Will there be a gate made of stones?

How long will it take for the school to be finished?

How many people are working on building the school?

## **Questions about the Buildings**

How big will the classrooms be? How many will there be?

Where will the entrance be into the school?

How big will the cafeteria be?

How big will the Multipurpose Room be?

Will the library be bigger and have room for more books?

Will there be a room to eat in or will we sit outside? How big will this area be?

## **Questions About the Playground**

How big will the playground be?

What will be bigger the building or the playground?

Will there be a soccer field?

Will there be a fence around the outside of the school?

How many slides & swings will there be on the playground?

Will there be a basketball court? How high will the hoops be?



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January 2, 2009

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Attn: Mrs. Wieske / Mrs. Holaday's Third Grade Class

Dear Third Graders

I was so excited to receive your letter regarding Stonegate Elementary School. Now that the Holidays are over and I have returned from a winter vacation I am finally able to sit down and answer your questions.

PJHM Architects began working on the Stonegate Elementary School almost three years ago, probably when most of you were kindergarteners. Much of the school is based on past schools designed for Irvine Unified School District although we have modified it to better suit the site and blend in with the surrounding community buildings. The school has now been under construction for about seven months and still has about six months or so to go.

Here are some answers to the questions you sent me. Take a look at the enclosed drawings of the site and classroom building, this may help in understanding my answers.

1. How big will the classrooms be?

The Classrooms are designed to be 900 square feet (imagine drawing a square that is 12" x 12" then placing it on the floor with an additional 899 of those squares, that is how big your classrooms will be) In addition to the 900 square foot classroom, we have designed an additional student area that is shared between 8 classrooms, this is kind of like an extension of the classroom.

2. Where will the entrance to the school be?

The main entrance to the school for visitors is on the north east side of the site. This main entrance is mostly for visitors. Students will not have to go through this entrance to go to their classrooms, they will be able to walk directly from the drop off areas to their classrooms.

3. How big will the cafeteria be?

Stonegate school will not have a dedicated cafeteria, the Multi-Purpose Room will be used for a cafeteria on days when weather is bad and your teachers feel it would be best to be indoors for lunch.

4. How big will the Multi-Purpose Room be?

PJHM Architects is extremely proud of the design of the Multi-Purpose Room at Stonegate School. The room is designed with a stage that is complete with stage lighting. There will be large exposed wood trusses and a large skylight to fill the room with natural light. The back of the Multi-Purpose Room has a large sliding glass door that will open up to a courtyard to be sure all the students will be able to gather at one time. Please let me know how you like the room when you attend the school next fall.

5. Will the library be bigger and have room for more books?

The library is located in the center of the school building, it will truly be the "heart" of the school. We are sure it will be more than adequate to hold all the books and other materials needed for your library. Included in the library will be a computer lab.

6. Will there be room to eat in or will we sit outside? How big will this area be?

Typically you will be eating outside in the dedicated outdoor lunch area. We have designed a wood trellis to protect you from the sun. We have also designed walls around the lunch area to better protect you from the wind. Also, please remember, on bad weather days you will be able to eat inside the Multi-Purpose Room.

7. How many classrooms will there be?

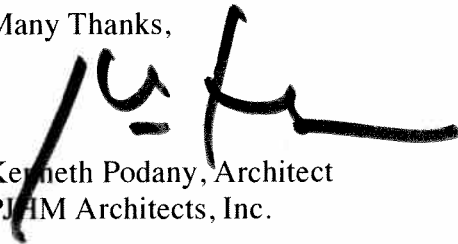
There will be a total of 29 classrooms. These classrooms are as follows.

- 2 Kindergarten Classrooms
- 24 Typical Classrooms
- 3 Classrooms near the Multi-Purpose for music and arts

Thank you so much for writing me, please let me know if there are any other questions you may have. We have worked closely with your principal Mr. Machesly and many others in the Irvine Unified School District to be sure Stonegate School has everything you need to be the best students and everything your teachers need to be the best teachers.

Be sure to visit our website at [www.pjhm.com](http://www.pjhm.com) to see other schools we have designed.

Many Thanks,



Kenneth Podany, Architect  
PJHM Architects, Inc.

December 16, 2008

Mrs. Wieske's Class  
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PROJECT: STONEGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Mrs. Wieske's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class:

I have received your letter and questions in regard to the Stonegate Elementary Project. Speaking on behalf of the entire Project Team, it is very satisfying to know that the wonderful students of Westwood Basics Plus will soon enjoy the efforts of our hard work.

I would be delighted to come speak to the class and answer any additional questions about your new school. Please feel free to contact me anytime via phone or email, (949) 678-5028 or [bjones@cwdriver.com](mailto:bjones@cwdriver.com).

Sincerely,



Blair Jones  
Assistant Project Manager



### Stonegate Elementary Questions & Answers:

- What tools do you use to build the school?

We use many different tools to build your new school. Most of the workers carry hammers, tape measures, levels and screw drivers on their tool belts. They frequently use these tools so wearing a belt with tool holders allows them to easily reach for each tool as needed. Bigger tools such as nail guns and electric saws are positioned around the construction site for everyone to use.

- How much is build already?

All of the workers and their companies perform their daily tasks following the "Master Construction Schedule." C.W. Driver has created a timeline that allows everyone involved in the school project to view activities that need to be done. This week, we are showing that roughly 32% of these activities are completed. When we reach 100%, the school will be ready for Westwood Basics Plus to move in!

- Will everything in the school be new?

Almost everything at Stonegate Elementary will be new. Your teachers will have new whiteboards to write on, new cabinets for supplies, and even brand new playground equipment for all of the students.

- What materials will you use to build the school?

Most of your school is build out of wood and nails, though there is added steel for support. The roof is built from shingle material that resembles the roof on your school or at your house. The outside of each building will be painted stucco, similar to Woodbury Elementary located near by.

- Will there be a gate made of stone?

There will be a few gates at your new school, but they will not be made of stone. If the gates were actually made of stone, then who would be able to lift them to open the door?

- How long will it take for the school to be finished?

The entire Project Team will be complete with Stonegate Elementary by the end of August. Your new school will be open for the 2009-2010 school year.

- How many people are working on building the school?

There are about (10) office personnel working on the administrative side to complete the project. Onsite, there will be anywhere between (50) and (125) workers climbing all around each building helping to complete the school.

- How big will the playground be?

Good news... your playground area was just increased in size last week! It will be about the size of (2) basketball courts.

- What will be bigger, the building or the playground?

I know it seems sad, but the buildings are far bigger than the playground area.

- Will there be a soccer field?

There will be an entire field next to the playground area, basketball courts, and handball walls. This field will be used for soccer, baseball, and much more.

- Will there be a fence around the outside of the school?

The construction plans show a few walls surrounding the buildings but they are not adjoining to make a complete fence. The school will be safe and protected by these walls but it will allow access for all the students to easily get to school.

- How many slides & Swings will there be on the playground?

The School District is still working on their decision for the number of swings and slides.

- Will there be a basketball court? How high will the hoops be?

There will be at least (3) full basketball courts with hoops painted on the black-top. The plans say that the hoops at "adjustable height" so they can be set at any level by the maintenance workers.