

August 27, 2011

Dear Parents,

This week in our classroom we will have a quiz over the Northeastern states and capitals on Monday. The students will receive the next set of states in the Southeast. The quiz on those states will be the following Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

We will finish Unit 1 in math with a look at square numbers and factor trees and have a unit assessment, by Friday of this week. We will review the concepts covered in class prior to the assessment. The next unit will cover estimation, addition of whole number and decimals, multiplication of whole numbers, the lattice method of multiplication and place value.

In Science this week, we will continue our look at human body systems with some experiments in lung capacity and heart rate.

In our Literacy time we have discussed the Genre Study that all students will complete this year. For most students, this is a 30-Book requirement, with some books required from each of the genres. The students have received all of the paperwork and lists they need to keep track of their own progress. I will monitor these lists periodically. Students will receive their choice of a bookmark and other rewards as they work toward their individual goal. Students are also required to read 30 minutes each evening and record their reading on their Reading

Log. Reading Logs must be signed by a parent, or it will be counted as a missing homework. Reading Logs are due each Monday! As are Friday Folders!

In Writing Workshop, we are working through how to get ideas for writing. For many students, this is an ice breaker on how to reflect and express their own ideas in written form.

Our first field trip of the year will be on September 20, 2011 when we travel to the Sandia Mountain Nature Center. It is an all-day field trip and parents may come along! Please indicate your desire to come along on your child's permission form. One or two parents may ride the bus with the class and other parents will have to drive separately. We do need one car driver in case there is need of an emergency. We will leave on the bus at approximately 8:00 A.M. and arrive back at school around 1:30 P.M. Students must bring a sack lunch. I will send more specifics later. There is **NO CHARGE** for this field trip.

**Curriculum Night** will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I will send the specific time later. **Jog-a-thon** will be September 23, 2011.

There will be No School next Monday, **September 5<sup>th</sup> , LABOR DAY!** So, enjoy that time with your family.

I have received an email from Wendy Basset, Friends of the Library, asking for an additional parent volunteer for our library

time, which is Tuesdays from 8:10 – 8:55. Please email me if you can help with this. Also I am in need of a parent helper to help prepare some art work for display and another for some pencil sharpening. Thanks!

Have a Great Week!

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