January 22, 2013

Dear Families,

Okay, so I found something icky about fifth grade. It is not pleasant turning parents away from a field trip! I wish I could take you all. I do thank so many of you for being willing to sleep on a museum floor, and be adventurous enough and generous enough to spend $110 to chaperone this field trip!!! In no particular order are: Cassandra Quintanilla, Dave Snyder, Krystal Ramirez, Janie Pott and Carolyn Tummel.

Chaperone parents; please make sure you have signed up online to volunteer at NG. Also have your funds turned in with your child’s by February 8. Thank you!

With the Chicago trip and the 5/6 transition fast approaching it is no wonder these kids began the second half of fifth grade today. Thinking about that half-way point makes me want to set you at ease. You have more influence on your child than their peers, and you will continue to if you continue to work on your parent child relationship. They are ready for this baby step of independence on an overnight trip. Please set the most positive tone and your child will (eventually) blossom into a wonderful independent individual.

REMINDERS

* BEFORE YOU SIGN their agenda please have your child tell you about their learning. Every repetition of their learning makes it stronger.
* Notice the students should be reading AT LEAST 30 minutes EVERY day: at least 20 minutes silent and at least 10 ALOUD.
* As I mentioned during conferences our class uses the Ten Marks website for most of our math practice. You can sign up to view your child’s reports too. Just use the directions you received at conferences or in last week’s red bag. If you need another copy, just email me and I’ll send it out to you.

Book orders are in today’s bag and available online. There is a link on our classroom site if needed. Many students have a coupon worth a book up to $5 to use before it expires at the end of next month.

Of course I sent you an updated calendar last week and already have added a few things… Our class website is more current than these newsletters when you ready for more dates. Also please let me know what to add if you ever cannot find something. This is my first year with a class site.

Dates to Remember

**January    All Month Crazy Coin Contest for Author Visit in March**  
January 24   New Groningen Swim at Cityside Pool  
January 31 Last Day to Place Book Order...use your free coupon!  
  
February 8 Last day to have Chicago Funds to the School Office

February 14 Last Day to Donate to Carnival Theme Baskets, **Fifth Grade**: Dux Basket Dux athletic gear from the Dux store, Dux sports passes...  
Family Memory Keeper Photo albums, journals, scrap booking...  
February 15-16 Chicago Trip  
February 18 President’s Day, No School  
**February 22 Sub Sandwich Fundraiser for Camp Begins**  
  
March 4  Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School for Students  
**March 5 Last Day to turn in Sub Fundraiser Orders**  
**March 14 Pick Up Sub Sandwiches for Fundraiser**  
March 20 or 21 Donuts with Dad before School  
March 29 - April 5    Spring Break, No School

Enjoy these wonderful kids!

Sincerely,

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