

Dear parents,

Where to begin!?! The Science Fair is two weeks from this coming Monday. It is at 7:00 p.m. on November 14. It is very important that you attend! The 5th and 6th graders are leaders of groups that include all the ages. The groups will present experiments and give lessons on Geography. It will be amazing! Please let us know if you are not attending so that the group can be prepared for an absence of one of its members.

October started off with the Story of Life, followed by the Black Strip, and then the Story of the Human Beings. From there we dove into life in Europe in the 1600's and why these people were interested in exploring North America. The fourth through sixth graders had a fantastic trip to Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg. We are so fortunate to live close to the location of where US history begins.

Meanwhile, back in the classroom, we have been reading and writing poetry. We will soon prepare stories and poems for Samuel's Library annual Winter Holiday Contest. In doing all of this we are brushing up on our editing skills and learning punctuation, spelling, and capitalization rules for our IOWA tests soon to come for the third through sixth grades.

Math, as usual, is everywhere in the form of factors, multiples, long division, long multiplication, distributive law, non-decimal bases, cubing, addition, subtraction, binomial, trinomial and even decanomial squaring. Hmmm, I think I got it all!

In the afternoon we have been listening to Rachmaninoff.. Now, he gets your attention! We are never quite sure what he was thinking with his work. He definitely composed piano pieces that do not let you fall asleep! Also in the afternoon we make designs and measure with our geometric minds and finish newly created artwork.

Now, how should I finish? Oh, yes, there is a science fair two weeks from Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. Please be there!

Thank you for your support,

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