

May 21, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

**Upcoming Events:**

Thursday May 27: Fifth Grade visits Courthouse

Friday May 28 and Monday May 31: No School

Thursday June 3: Fifth grade visits Henry Ford

**Literacy:** This week in Writer's Workshop the students created surveys to provide statistics for their persuasive writing. The students have surveyed our class and they are stretching out to the school now, as the fifth graders hope to find results that will support their issue. Our class was also able to work with the kindergartners this week, helping them to create Clifford stories. In Reader's Workshop, our class has been working on moving the conversation during book talks. We have practiced changing the topic and supplying evidence for our opinion. The reading log is due on Monday and another one will be going home next week.

**Religion:** In Religion this week, the students looked at the parts of the Mass. We studied how the Mass is divided and the importance of the Eucharist. The students took the Chapter 14 Test today.

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies this week, the class looked at the beginning drafts of the Declaration of Independence. We talked about the time and effort that went into drafting this important document. The students also discussed some of the outcomes of the Declaration of Independence. They learned (and may be eager to share) some interesting facts about John Hancock and the outcome of a bronze statue of King George.

**Science:** This week in Science, we discussed invertebrates and different examples of invertebrates. Next week we will be looking at vertebrates and characteristics of animals.

**Word Study:** The students will have a word study assessment next Thursday. This will be the last word study assessment of the year.

**Other News:**

• **Henry Ford Admission:** Our class has been very fortunate to receive free admission to Henry Ford on our class trip in June from a donation Mrs. Cooke found for us. Since, we will not have to pay admission to the museum for our visit we will go ahead and attend an Imax show on that day, so the cost will still be around \$15.

• **Chaperones:** I am looking for another parent to help with the Courthouse trip next Thursday and supply backup transportation for the boys in case it rains and we can't walk. This will be a half day field trip, where we will return by noon. I am also looking for 3 parents that would be interested in chaperoning on June 3<sup>rd</sup> when we go to the Henry Ford Museum. If you would be interested in helping at either of these trips please let me know.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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