

May 7, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday May 28: Fifth Grade visits Courthouse

**Literacy:** In Writer's Workshop this week the students have looked at criteria to choose a good persuasive topic. We discussed how to weight the positive and negative views of your topic so you can understand your audience. Next week we will be looking at supplying evidence for our persuasive arguments. In Reader's Workshop, the students have formed summaries of the books they completed last week. We looked at the difference between a summary and the retelling of a story. The summaries are due on Monday, students may type their summary but it is not required. This week our class was lucky to have some teachers from other schools observe our Reader's Workshop. The boys were complimented on their focus and the good choices they made during this time. A reading log will be going home next week.

**Religion:** This week in Religion, the class has studied the liturgy and what it means. We have also been looking at the seven sacraments and how they are categorized. The boys are completing a sacrament booklet to explain and group the sacraments. This will be homework over the weekend, along with the Chapter 11 Study Guide. Both are due on Monday. Our Chapter 11 Test will be on Tuesday.

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies this week, the class looked at the Battle of Lexington and Concord. We read some narrative stories of these events to help the boys visualize the time period. Next week, the students will be looking at the Battle of Bunker Hill and the effects of the war. As a class we are also reading My Brother Sam is Dead which is helping the class relate to a boy present during the Revolutionary War.

**Science:** This week in Science, we discussed how scientists classify animals. Next week, we will be exploring classification some more and the characteristics of animals.

**Word Study:** The students received new word study words today and they will have a test next Friday.

**Parent Survey:** I am working on planning a trip to Henry Ford for our class. So far the cost will be around \$15 for admission to the museum and the bus ride. There is a Louis and Clark's Imax show that would be an additional \$8. Please check if you would be interested in paying for the Imax or not. Thanks for your help.

*Yes I am interested in paying for the Imax as well.*       *No, I do not want to pay for the Imax*

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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