

March 4, 2010

Dear Parents,

What a busy time of the year! We are anxious for our big day tomorrow ~ the science fair. Students have worked hard and are busy preparing to share the final product. We hope that you can stop in to check out all of the projects tomorrow afternoon.

In math, we have just completed a unit on fractions. The students progressed nicely and grasped concepts quickly. This concept was more difficult for those students who have yet to master the basic multiplication facts. You might want to keep practicing at home. Next up is a unit on measurement. We will concentrate on finding area and perimeter.

We are currently focusing on the southeast region of the United States in social studies. Natural resources, jobs, and culture will be some of the topics we will be exploring as we make our way along the coastal plains, through the piedmont region, and into the Appalachian Mountains.

Thanks to great volunteers, we are able to participate in the Great Books program! Led by Wendy Madel, Julie Sommers, and Martha Diedrich, the 4th graders are enjoying discussion-based literature sessions. Students are assigned a story each week for the six weeks of the program. They meet with their leader for 30 minutes on Thursday afternoons to talk about the selection. We very much appreciate the time and leadership provided by these volunteers!

Just a reminder: please try to go through your child's home folder and planner each night. Many times information from the office is sent via this folder as it can't wait for the Friday folder. Also, we have had numerous late/incomplete assignments in the past few weeks so maybe going through the home folder each night will alleviate some of those. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kugath