

SCCS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News  
October 22, 2009

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed MEA and the beautiful fall weather with your family. Here are some reminders for you.

- \*Conference Forms come home today. Please send your confirmation back A.S.A.P.
- \*Vision Screening took place today for your 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- \*School directories have been sent home with the youngest in your family.
- \*Remind your child to dress for the weather, whether it's at the bus stop or on the playground.
- \*Keep sending those healthy, nourishing snacks to keep your child going. Lunch is later this year.
- \*Courtesy and Obedience or listening and following instructions are the key Virtues and Discipline with Purpose goals we emphasize this month. Please discuss these with your child.
- \*Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> is a dress in black and orange no uniform day. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders do not dress in costume. Students also do not need to bring a treat to share. We will take some time in the afternoon to enjoy the Spooky Snacks prepared earlier in Language class. Your child may bring a beverage (capped bottle which is no more than 16 oz. or .5L), if s/he chooses.
- \*When your child is sick, please let us know who will take home the missed assignments.

Reading: We are reading *It's Our World, Too!*, 2 short stories about young people who have made a difference in the lives of others. Next week, we will read *Dear Mr. Henshaw*, a story about a young writer who gets the chance to participate in a writing contest and to meet a famous author. The skills focused on in these two stories are identifying the main idea, distinguishing between fact and non-fact, making predictions, and forming generalizations. READO reports are due no later than Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Your child has completed \_\_\_\_\_ out of the 5 book reports required.*

Science: We have completed and are reviewing Chapter 4. *The book test will be next Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.* Next, we will explore the metric system and the scientific method. We will not be using the textbook much for this study. There will be some worksheets. Most of the work will be done in class.

Language: Spooky Snack Ingredient requests have gone home with your child. These are due no later than Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will share their "Dark and Stormy Night" papers in class next week and enjoy a small treat with their classmates. We continue our work in Grammar on sentences with Subject and Predicate identification, Imperatives, and Conjunctions. Our next unit will explore the Explanatory writing process.

Social Studies: We are finishing up our study of the Fur Trade with a visit to the computer room checking out "True North - Mapping Minnesota's History - Fur Trade: Exchanging Worlds."

Then, we will review together for the unit test which will be given towards the end of next week. Watch your child's planner for the date his/her class will have the test. Next, we will take a look at Minnesota geography. Look for a field trip permission form to come home early next week for our trip to the Minnesota History Center on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Chaperones are welcome!

Religion: In our first Unit, we have reviewed the Person of God and our own uniqueness as a God-made person. We have learned that we need to make wise choices and use the 10 Commandments as our guide. We will have a test on Lessons 1-7 (Unit 1) in the near future. Check planners for exact dates (homerooms may vary).

Math (Thomas): We are working on the Metric System for the next week or more. Daily assignments and quizzes will be given. We will have a test on the math of metrics, then it's back to the textbook. Watch planners for dates. Please note e-services has been fixed. You can now log on to Course 1 MS Math to view the text.

Math (Lehman & Rustin): Students have completed the Section B Checkpoint. Our next section looks at variables, expressions, input-output tables and solving equations. Watch your child's planner for the date of the Chapter 2 test, tentatively set for mid to late next week. Don't forget to use the Successnet Website for homework and review activities.

Math (Bates): Next Monday, students will begin Chapter 3. They will study the mean, median and mode of a data set, and how each of these values represents an average of the data.

God's blessings to you and your families from your children's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers –  
Mrs. Thomas, Rustin & Lehman