November 12, 2013

Dear Parents,

Thank you again to all parents who drove and experienced the cemetery field trip last Friday. The 5th graders did a fantastic job as they presented information about Tucson pioneers to a very interested crew of 4th graders.

Dates to remember:

* Family Fun Night- Friday, November 22 Please fill out and return the enclosed information no later than this Friday, November 15th if you will be attending ☺
* Classroom spelling bees November 25/26 and School-wide Bee for 3 – 5th grade qualifiers Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm

Speaking of spelling…no new spelling words this week. Spelling and vocabulary quiz of last week’s words is Wednesday (tomorrow). Math vocabulary is crucial and I really want to make sure that students have a complete understanding of what these terms mean and can explain the definitions in their own words.

Please ensure that your child is reading each night. They should always have a book (fiction or non-fiction) that they are reading and should bring it back and forth to school/home each day. Next Book Report genre is “mystery” .

In math this week we’ll continue with our study of geometry and focus on identifying lines of symmetry in addition to determining area, perimeter, and volume.

In science we just finished the “Changing Earth” unit and will begin the next unit “Structures of Life” during the next couple of weeks. Our class was also chosen to be part of a joint program supported by Arizona Game & Fish and Trout in the Classroom (TIC) and beginning in January, we will begin our attempt to raise trout from eggs to fingerlings. It will take about a month to set up the tank and get the water quality to optimum levels with egg delivery scheduled the first week of February.

Thank you for helping your son/daughter with the addresses for the Swordfish Travel the World project. I am excited to see where these “fish” travel.

Students should be looking for a current event that has taken place anywhere in the U.S. **except** Arizona. Outline and rubric is located on the class website under “Current Events”. This assignment is due no later than Friday, December 13th.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me or stop by the classroom before or after school.

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