

Fourth/Fifth Grade News...from Room 5

September 21, 2007

Dear Families,

We had a great week! We began to use our Criterion online writing scoring program. (See attached note for details). We're also participating in the "Stock Market Game". Not only is the Stock Market Game fun, it is highly educational. It allows students to use math skills in a real-world application while working on soft skills in a collaborative group setting.

Thank you very much to **Amorita & Michaela** for donating several dry erase markers to the class. Thank you also to **Jerell** for donating some bandages. Your generosity is so appreciated!

Please note that if your child receives a score lower than 75% on a test in class, he/she is required to get a parent/guardian to sign the test. Remember that not only do we take a spelling test each Friday, but also a vocabulary test on the meaning of each word and its root. **STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!**

Your child took a STAR reading assessment to determine his/her ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) reading range. This range indicates which book level is ability-appropriate for your child. Books towards the lower end of the range can easily be read and comprehended by him/her independently. Books at the higher end of the range may require adult assistance. Your child must select books from his/her ZPD range for Accelerated Reader quizzes. Additional reading is always acceptable, and encouraged.

We will hold our first camping meeting on Thursday, October 4. Parents/Guardians of **5th graders** are invited to attend. Galileo students have enjoyed a five-day field trip at Camp Ocean Pines in Cambria, California during the past two years. We will share photos from our previous trips at the meeting on 10/4. **BRING YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS AS THE TRIP COSTS OVER \$300 PER CAMPER, PLUS TRANSPORTATION FEES FOR A BUS TO & FROM CAMBRIA!**

Attached is a technology survey that needs to be completed as soon as possible. The results will help us cater our instruction to meet the needs of our students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Science Fair projects are **required** and are due the first week of November. Project guidelines, a timeline, and suggested topic ideas will be distributed next week. Please help your child pace himself/herself so he/she does not wait until the night before it is due to begin the project. Avoid the last-minute rush also by getting a display board now!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Miller

OUR FIRST SPIRIT DAY IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. PLEASE SHOW YOUR GLADIATOR PRIDE BY WEARING YOUR SCHOOL COLORS: PURPLE AND SILVER!