

Fourth/Fifth Grade News...from Room 5

December 6, 2007

Dear Families,

The first trimester has officially concluded. Your child will be receiving his/her report card at the end of next week. Please help your child set personal goals (academic and/or behavioral) for the second trimester. (Please remember that Mr. White and I offer tutoring on a daily basis during lunch recess).

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped inside and/or outside of class 12/3-12/6: **Cierra, Mrs. Neff, Mrs. Guercio, Mrs. Sihombing, Mrs. Soriano, & Mrs. Tello**. Thank you to the **Tadeja** family for donating another large box of pencils and a container for the "Pencil Patrol"

☺Hip, Hip Hooray for **RILEY**, next week's V.I.P.! ☺

Our first Culture Club meeting was a HUGE success! Thank you to **Mrs. Falone** and **Mrs. Pacheco** for providing origami instruction. Thank you to **Mrs. Black** for assisting students with Haiku Poetry composition. Thank you to **Miranda** for providing chopstick usage tutorials. Thank you to **Gary, Jr.** chronicling the event as our "photographer". A **BIG** "Arigato" goes to **Mrs. Clark**, sushi chef extraordinaire, for teaching the group how to actually make California rolls, (even some that were heart-shaped!) Thanks also to the following club members for bringing Japanese books, clothing, etc. to make the meeting even more fun: **Amorita, Hannah, Kaira, Michaela, & Riley**. Our next Culture Club destination is ITALY---see you in January!

"My History, My Future" writing contest winners will be determined next week. Good luck to all the participants! The judges will have to make some very tough decisions!

Beginning Monday, AR goals will change. Fourth graders should now be reading books at level 4.6 or higher, obtaining a comprehension percentage of 85%. Fifth graders should now be reading books at level 5.6 or higher, obtaining a comprehension percentage of 85%. In addition, to attain Star Reader status at the end of the 2nd trimester, fourth graders must earn 45 points, fifth graders 55 points. (Points from the first trimester do not count towards this goal!)

We have a field trip scheduled to the Aquarium of the Pacific on 12/12. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY RETURN YOUR CHILD'S PERMISSION SLIP ALONG WITH \$6.00 PER PERSON FOR AQUARIUM ENTRANCE FEE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. Potential chaperones MUST have completed all volunteer paperwork, and have attended a Galileo volunteer training session this school year in order to attend the trip with us. Adults that have already paid, yet do not qualify as chaperones, will be refunded.

Fifth grade Camp Ocean Pine payments are due in January. You may make you payments early. Each camper (students and chaperones) must pay and/or have earned a total of \$155.00 at this point for $\frac{1}{2}$ of his/her total camping fee. Thank you to the campers who have already submitted their payments. (Please make checks payable to GPTO as we will be submitting one group check to the camp).

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller