

# Fourth/Fifth Grade News...from Room 5

April 4, 2008

Dear Families,

We had a very exciting week! We enjoyed two presentations: one was about water conservation, and the other was about the water cycle. We viewed an informative multimedia presentation, and even got to make our own water cycle keychains! Thank you to **Mrs. Cortez, Mrs. Guercio, & Mrs. Soriano** for doing paperwork for our class at home. Thank you to **Christopher** for bringing in treats to celebrate famous woman Maya Angelou's birthday!

☺Hip, Hip Hooray for **Amorita**, our next V.I.P.! ☺

Community Service timelines were due today. Your child should have listed all of his/her work completed on his/her project from the day he/she learned about the project, as well as all of his/her planned actions up until the due date of the final project. The next required assignment is evidence of community interaction. This can be a letter your child has written and/or received from a community member, or something as simple as documentation of a phone call your child made to a community member in relation to his/her project.

We have been focusing on Character Development. Each child has received a list of character traits and descriptions. (Ask him/her to describe some of the activities we have been doing related to Character Development.) Some of our students have exhibited excellent **initiative** by forming, and leading, their own clubs during recess such as: Cursive Club, Marine Biology Club, Art Club, and Book Club. I've had the pleasure of hearing their discussions during their "meetings" and have been so impressed not only by the higher level vocabulary that they use, but also their self-management and soft skills.

Famous Women reports are due next Friday, April 11. Project research was done at school in the computer lab. Your child should have also completed his/her written report in the lab. Notecards and visual displays must be completed at home. SEVERAL students have turned their completed reports in early. I am so proud of their outstanding work ethic!

Overall, reading effort has improved in our class. Third trimester Accelerated Reader STAR Reader criteria is as follows: Fourth grade-45 points, book level 4.9 or higher, with an 85% quiz average... Fifth grade: 55 points, book level 5.9 or higher, with an 85% quiz average. Read, read, read!

Book orders are due on Monday, April 7. Please make checks payable to Scholastic. (You may combine all of your orders from various forms and submit one check).

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Miller