

Fourth/Fifth Grade News...from Room 5

April 18, 2008

Dear Families,

We had a very eventful week. We began working on a school beautification project with Mrs. Kelly's class. We have a plot of land located next to the Computer Lab on which we are designing a Butterfly Garden. Thank you to **Mrs. Green** and **Mr. & Mrs. Lopez** for helping us plant milkweed seeds and learn about the plant lifecycle. Thank you to **David Todd** for donating pencils to the class.

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

Thank you very much to EVERYONE for returning the green letter of intent forms which will help us plan for next year. We had 100% of the forms returned from our class. Hooray!

Some sort of evidence of community interaction was due on MONDAY for your child's Community Service project. For the remainder of the project, please help your child follow his/her self-created timeline to ensure that he/she has completed all of the necessary components by the due date of Friday, May 2. Refer to the green Community Service guideline sheets that were distributed at the beginning of the project process for specific information regarding the final project requirements. PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY if your child encounters any "roadblocks" with the project rather than waiting until it is due!

Famous Women reports were due last Friday. We have been enjoying student presentations. The caliber of creativity has truly increased this time! Students have used some very unique things for visuals ranging from a bag of cashews to a miniature soccer field. Way to go!

A date has been scheduled for our Career Fair. It will be held here afterschool on Thursday, June 5 from 6:00-7:00 PM. Students will create displayboards and do a brief oral presentation on that evening. Specific guidelines for the layout of the displayboard, and additional information regarding the event, will be distributed the week of May 5.

Our fourth graders are working on California Missions reports, and our fifth graders are working on U.S. President reports. The majority of the work is being completed at school. Projects will be due on Tuesday, May 27. Projects will consist of "the usual": written, oral, and visual components.

Your child's weekly Accelerated Reader report is attached. Please note that your child should have earned **fifteen** points at this time in order to be on track with his/her trimester goal.

It's that time of year again...We will continue review test preparation next week.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller

****We learned some very tragic news. Mrs. Tarpley, former third grade Galileo Academy GATE teacher, passed away suddenly on April 12. Mr. Natali, School Counselor, came in to speak to our class yesterday and we made sympathy cards/letters for the Tarpley Family. Mr. White and I delivered the cards to the family last night at the visiting service. Several of the children in our class were students of Mrs. Tarpley in her third grade class and/or Drama elective. She will be sadly missed.