

Dear Parents,

May 14, 2010

Two down, one to go! ☺ We are two-thirds done with our SOL tests and it is so good to see a light at the end of the tunnel. The class has worked very hard to review for each test day and it will pay off in the end.

I have received many of the orange interim confirmation sheets back from you, but I'm still missing almost half the class. Please send them back to school so I know you have received your child's interim report.

Since SOL review has dominated most of our focus this week, all of our regular class work and tests are on "hold" until testing is done. I will, however, give you a heads up on a project we will be working on in the weeks to come. We will be doing a research project on an animal of your child's choosing. Attached to this parent letter is information on what will be required for the project, as well as the specific questions the students must answer in the course of their research. Since most of our regular work is done at this point in the year, we are able to dedicate a lot of class time to doing the research and the writing of the project. The students learn the steps you need to take from beginning to end when doing research, as well as how to use an encyclopedia and internet research. Students really seem to enjoy doing this project and are eager to do their oral presentations to the class. Here are some dates to keep in mind with regards to the project:

- Topics are due 5/19 (subject to approval)
- Topics should be finalized and approved by 5/20
- In-class research begins 5/21 **[If you are able to do internet research or go to the library, it is helpful for the kids if they have something printed they can bring in to get them started.]**
- Projects and final papers are due 5/28 [oral presentations may start the afternoon of the 28th, but will need to continue on 6/1]

Other important dates:

- June 1st: field day
- June 2nd: 4th grade kickball and picnic (students will need to pay \$2 for pizza ahead of time...I will let you know when I start collecting money)
- June 3rd: Awards Assembly
- June 4th: Graduation

We're in the home stretch!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Mundia