

May 2, 2011

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow both fifth grades will be touring Central Middle School and visiting with the counselor, Mr. Kulland, and several middle students about transitioning to 6th grade. We will be leaving Grant School at 12:45 and returning around 2:30. Our students are excited about visiting their future school. It's hard to believe that they only have one month left of elementary school!

We have been very busy at school. In Social Studies, we are completing a unit about American Government. The students are learning about the Three Branches of Government, our Constitution, and how our government operates. We will be studying the Revolutionary War next.

In Science, we are beginning research for our Nutrition Fair projects. The students formed their groups last Friday. They were able to find a lot of good ideas at the "Lifestyle and Nutrition Fair" we visited at the mall last week. We appreciated seeing the many community volunteers and displays promoting healthy eating, exercise, and general good health. Please ask your student what he/she learned from this event! During the next couple of weeks, our class will be working on nutrition papers and presentation boards for a mini-Nutrition Fair. Students will be working in small groups to determine a positive message they wish to relate to their families and other students at Grant School. They will then gather information and create a display board to showcase what they have learned. Grant School's Nutrition Fair will be held at Grant on May 25th, starting at 2:15.

In Math, we tested over the "Measurement" unit today. We will be studying "Measuring Solids" next. I have asked the students to bring an empty container from home for an activity I have planned later this week.

In Language Arts, we are reading biographies about famous Americans. The students are applying what they are learning about "The 7 Habits" in our "Leader in Me" discussions. The students are reading to learn how the famous Americans applied the 7 Habits to their lives.

Thank you,

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