

4G Friday Note

Mr. Gabriele's Class

May 30, 2008

I can't believe I'm writing the final Friday Note of the year! How quickly the time has gone! (Don't I *always* say that?)

First of all, THANK YOU to the many, many volunteers who made this year's Exploremore Day another huge success! Students absolutely enjoyed the many games, activities, and projects – many of which were a first-time exposure and a chance to try-out a new skill or talent. Who knows where this first step could lead?

Remember the science fair? It was quite a cozy gathering, wasn't it? Every year is different, and we've enjoyed trying-out new twists on a variety of things this year. That's why our State Fair has gone digital! Students have been working hard on their PowerPoint presentations on their states. All of the presentations will be woven together into one presentation that will be sent home with each student on a CD next week. Make some popcorn and enjoy the State Fair at your leisure in the comfort of your own living room!

We will be walking to the Wheaton Public Library at 10:15 on Monday. (Thanks to the parents who have offered to chaperone. Please meet us at the flagpole at 10:15.) Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and to pack a lunch and drink (unless you turned in a lunch order earlier.) One parent will drive and meet us at Adams Park with our lunches. Remember to bring your Wheaton Public Library card in order to check out books. What a great time to gather some books to start you on your summer reading!

Speaking of summer reading, Mrs. Rex and I feel it would be a great goal to read five books this summer. That's one book every two weeks. That may sound a little intimidating to some of you, but if you really want to stay sharp and go into fifth grade a primed, outstanding reader, this will really help! The Battle of the Books list is a great list of suggested titles. I'm sure more will be offered at the library as well.

Finally, thanks for another great year, 4G. It's hard to believe this has been number *nineteen* for me! You all get to move on to a new grade, new teachers, and exciting new things to learn next year. I get to meet a whole new crew, and try out new approaches, games, and some new curriculum as well. Keep working hard, trying your hardest, respecting others, and taking pleasure learning new things and in a job well done. And of course, keep neat and organized! You've come a long way this year. I'm very proud of the progress you've made. I'm excited to see where you move-on from here!

Have an AWESOME summer break! Maybe I'll see you around town, at Northside, at Tate's, or at a ball field this summer. See you back here at Emerson on Tuesday, August 19th! ~Mr. G.

Some Papers Coming Home this Week

- Emerson Newsletter
- Spelling Focus Words Test
 - Social Studies Test
 - Fitness Gram
 - Reflections Info.