



*Emerson School
Wheaton, Illinois
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Mrs. Rexilius' Fourth Grade News

Dear Parents,

This will be my final newsletter to you all. It has been quite a growth year for this group of students. While they have learned so much academically, they have also grown in maturity. As I have told the fifth grade teachers, this group has come a long way! Although this has been a larger class, I have tried to see each child as unique and special, to make each feel safe and secure, and challenge each one at his or her individual level while still moving the class as a whole. Their character is more important than any grade they will get in school. Thank you for all of your support to help make this a successful year. It has been quite a ride!

I have a special gratitude in my heart for Shelli Tomlin. She has given so much of her time this year to help our class. Almost once a week I knew, I could count on Shelli to come and help for about three hours. Thank you Shelli! Thanks also to Jennifer Bell, William Gomez, and Thorley Papay for their assistance during the year. I am grateful for the time you all gave.

On Monday, we will be taking the walking field trip to the Wheaton Public Library. While Mr. G's parent helpers are meeting his class outside at the flagpole, I would like to have my parent helpers come in at 10:10 so we can get organized as a group. *Your child should bring along his or her Wheaton Public library card to check out some books to get started for their summer reading.* If your child does not have a library card, he or she will not be allowed to check books out. As Wheaton has one of the top ten libraries in the country, now is a good time to get a library card! Mr. Gabriele and I are recommending that each child aim to read about 5 books over the summer or one book every two weeks. If you are looking for some ideas for books, we recommend your child read off of the *Battle of the Books* list, but don't forget to have your child read some nonfiction books too!

As we enter into the final days of school, I would appreciate that all my classroom library books be returned. If you find one over the summer, just have your child return the book in the fall.

Students have been working hard on their state PowerPoint presentations. All of the students' work 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!

Have a great summer!

Dates to Remember: Monday, June 2 Wheaton Public Library Field Trip
Wednesday, June 4 Last Day 9:15-11:15

*Students must bring a lunch from home if they did not order a sack lunch for Monday.

Any questions, contact Mrs. Rex @630/682-2055 or hrexiliu@cusd200.org.