



5th Grade Newsletter

April 3, 2008

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family had a relaxing spring break. It's hard to believe we only have two short months of school left. The calendars for April and May are filling up fast and those months will go by like a whirlwind.

Reading

Students have been reading The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, one of the novels in the 5th grade Core Curriculum. Students in a "Literature Circles" of 4 – 6 students have been responsible for discussing the chapters with thoughtful questions, helping each other with vocabulary and summarizing what they've read.

Tom Sawyer Day

- Thursday, April 17, 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- We will need parents to teach and supervise old-fashioned games such as marbles.
- We will also need parents to provide old-fashioned "picnic" food.

Social Studies

- Westward Expansion
- Civil War

Field Trip

- Friday, April 18, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
- Argo Gold Mine and Mill in Idaho Springs
- Please bring a sack lunch.
- Lunch-on-the-Go will supply a sack lunch to those who purchased a lunch for that date.

Writing

- Pioneer Travel Journal

Science

- Using Natural Resources Wisely

Earth Day

- Science Activities related to water on Tuesday, April 22

Talent Show

- Thursday, May 8, 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- Auditions (try-outs) will be April 14 – 17, during recess
- We will select 4 "acts" to represent the 5th grade.

Music Program

- Thursday, May 15, 2:15 – 2:45 PM, sharing songs of the Civil War era

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