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Fifth Grade Friends

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds. -Aesop-*

## Civil War

The fifth grade troops are well immersed in their study of the American Civil War. Students are all keeping a scrapbook, and have taken on the identities of real and fictional Civil War personalities. They are learning about important people (see if your child can tell you the names of the northern and southern military commanders), the Underground Railroad, characteristics of the north and south, and selected battles (ask them where the attack occurred that began the Civil War). In addition, they have learned the basic commands for marching in rank and file, thanks to a special introduction by Don Price, who has experienced giving commands to real soldiers. Students will continue with this case study of the US Civil War, then move on to other civil wars around the world after spring break. There are many exciting activities to come! Tally ho!!

## CSAP Update

Students have already completed the math, reading and writing portions of the CSAP. All that is left is science for Monday and Tuesday. They have done an awesome job of staying healthy, getting plenty of rest, and most of all, sitting still for over an hour at a time each day while they test! We will be sure to celebrate with them when all tests are completed.

## On The Horizon

After spring break, students will begin the initial stages of their Exhibition work. Once they have chosen their focus, parents will be well informed of the details of this exciting process.

In addition, fifth graders will all be writing their memoirs as part of their next inquiry unit. These two events make for a rich and thrilling end to your children's elementary school careers!

## Calendar

- March 20** Performance, 12:00 noon
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** Spring Break!
- March 30<sup>th</sup>** Origami club begins
- March 30<sup>th</sup>** Running club begins

### Save these dates!

- May 16<sup>th</sup>** Fifth grade exhibition
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>** Fifth grade graduation

## Math

All fifth grade students were given new workbooks by PTA. These workbooks are such a help and save the time and expense of making of so many copies. Students and teachers alike are so grateful!

Lise's class has been enjoying learning math through a variety of games like battleship, exponent ball, frac-tac-toe, and more. Leslie's class is currently doing a fun million dollar project with Kerry.

# Exchange Page

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**Students (required):** Please write a good five sentence paragraph about how the CSAP experience has been for you so far. Include a topic sentence, three supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence.

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**Parents:** We invite your open comments and/or questions

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