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Plant Information Booklet

September 2, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

Please review this information closely with your child. Fourth grade is the grade in which many necessary skills for long-term research and writing projects are taught. Remember to let your child do the work, just help him/her to stay on task and complete each part by the due date. All necessary supplies for the leaf cards will be provided at school. All students must use the same supplies. Time will be given during class to work on this project, but the remainder must be completed at home. Students who use their time well will be able to complete much of the work at school.

All elements will be discussed, shown and modeled in class so that all students know exactly what to do. Due dates for rough drafts etc. will be given as the project progresses. Samples of completed booklets will be available for students to review.

Plant booklet completed by 10/09/09

Checklist:

Each booklet contains a minimum of the following:

Cover page (5 pts.)

Dedication Page (5 pts.)

Title Page (5 pts.)

Table of contents (5 pts.)

About the Author (5 pts.)

Poem (5 pts.)

Five Leaf I.D. Cards containing basic information on leaf (10 pts. each)

Six Topic Cards (Classification, Parts of a Flower, Seed, 3 add'l of your choice) 10 pts. each

PROJECT TOTAL 140 pts.

General Tips:

All coloring may only be done with colored pencil. Students should write information in pencil and then go over it with colored pencil after the draft has been checked.

Leaves must not be torn or have any holes or bugs. You may want to collect several samples of the same leaf in case one rips-see attached Leaf Collecting Sheet

Please collect only broadleaf leaves –no conifer needles.

There are several local nature preserves with the trees already labeled. You can also consult library books to identify leaves.

Extra leaves may be collected and pressed at home. They will be **considered** for extra credit.

Remember that your student may turn in anything that is ready for approval prior to the due date.

Each late assignment will be given a missing assignment slip. Please help your child to budget their time around sporting events, activities and trips.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Mrs. Greco