

## SIXTH GRADE NEWS #1

August 26, 2005

Dear Parents,

The sixth grade team would like to welcome you as parents of our sixth grade students. How nice it was to meet so many of you at the Ice Cream Social. We look forward to a wonderful partnership throughout this school year. For your information the following moms have volunteered to be room coordinators: Lisa Aulwurm and Maureen Hill for Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Wells, Jan Gress for Mr. Parker, and Susan Lachman for Mr. Hunt.

Thanks to those of you who have already signed up to help throughout the school year. We have some big events in sixth grade, and two of those are fast approaching. The first event will be our ECO trip to Pingree Park on October 12, 13, and 14. The next big event is our Historical Wax Museum to be held the same day as the Literature Festival, October 28. Students should be thinking about which Core Knowledge character they would like to be. Please watch for information coming home with your child.

Please know that we do not send hard copies of the newsletter home unless you request that we do (We'll have your child print a copy in the lab). We prefer to communicate to you via our web site. All of our newsletters will be posted on the web site. The web site is <http://staffweb.psdschools.org/jparkerj/>. A lot of time and energy has been spent on the web site, so we hope you will find it helpful. Homework and the sayings are just some of the information you will be able to access.

You will find the teachers putting a great amount of emphasis on students having their math facts memorized. We have found that not knowing math facts is the biggest obstacle to students having success in math. These facts must be instantaneous so the math homework doesn't take too long to complete. Therefore, we have established the following expectations and timelines for having these math facts memorized. Hopefully, most students have already achieved this standard in previous grades. The T.C.K.S. sixth grade standard for multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction facts is 30/min. We will be assessing student fact recall rates each Friday.

- Multiplication facts Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Division facts September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Addition facts September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Subtraction facts September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Students not achieving 30/min. will receive extra instruction/practice during lunch study hall until the standard is reached. Help us help the students by working with them to reach these goals.

Thanks so much for all you do to support your child's education,

The Sixth Grade Team