

SIXTH GRADE NEWS
January 20, 2006
DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 24	Kinard Registration Visit Traut (9:30 – 10:30)
Friday, January 27	Spelling Bee (4 th , 5 th , 6 th) 12:00 Bring a Cold Lunch
Monday, January 30	Persuasive Essay Due
Tuesday – Friday	Debates
January 31 – February 3	
Tuesday, February 14	Valentine Party
March 30 – April 7	CSAP Testing Window

Dear Parents,

As we've promised in previous newsletters, the second semester of sixth grade is challenging our students to work efficiently and effectively. As we've progressed through the year, we've been very impressed with the gains in maturity we've witnessed in our students. They seem to view their difficulties as challenges rather than stumbling blocks! Wow! As parents, your efforts to keep the focus on what your children can do to affect their own academic life have yielded considerable fruit!

Our sixth graders will be doing a lot of research in the next few weeks for their persuasive essays, debates, and Science Fair projects. We're emphasizing quality of sources and information (credible, directly address the question) versus quantity (piles of "stuff" printed from internet).

Students are busy brainstorming some possible Science Fair topics this week. We're hoping to have a solid question, supporting background research, and a rough hypothesis (with units of measure) by next Tuesday so we can move ahead with a procedure and data collection. Students are using a proposal guide sheet to help structure any ideas they may have. Their ideas should also be recorded on page two in their Science Fair lab books.

*A special request from the teachers: Please leave tech toys (cell phones, cell phone cameras, Ipods, etc.) at home. They're expensive when they get lost, and they are very distracting at school. Do bring **all** required school supplies to school.

Thank you and have a fine weekend!

The Sixth Grade Team