

SIXTH GRADE NEWS

January 27, 2006

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 27	Spelling Bee (4 th , 5 th , 6 th) 12:00 Bring a Cold Lunch
Tuesday – Friday January 31 – February 3	Debates
Tuesday, February 14	Valentine Party
March 30 – April 7	CSAP Testing Window

Dear Parents,

We enjoyed a visit from the principal, counselor, and several TCKS alumni from Kinard Junior High on Tuesday this week. Mr. Cuddemi explained that he had observed that the most important factor in how to be successful in the academic, extracurricular, and social life in junior high was to "attend." This is more than mere physical presence at school, but it means to be truly engaged in the classroom, in communicating with friends, and in the many extracurricular clubs and teams available our adolescent students. As our students become more responsible for their academic and social lives this year, they can be assured that these habits will serve them well next year. Ask your child about the five components of what it means to "attend."

As we approach the challenging task of gradually "letting go" (appropriately) of our children as they become older, the importance of chores increases. Household chores, and accompanying increase in privileges, are not only a great way for students to develop confidence in their abilities to succeed on their own, but also to assure parents that their children can handle things on their own. As adolescent responsibility and follow-through increases, parents can feel less need to rescue, and will send a message of - "We believe in you!"

*Mr. Hunt has been very impressed by the clean, focused, research-based Science Fair projects proposed by this sixth grade class. Hopefully, this project can be enjoyable as well as educational, and parents can **watch** with pride as their students apply their knowledge and skills!

TIP OF THE WEEK

Now that Science Fair is upon us students may need to use available reference tools for research. Poudre School District students have World Book Online available from the Internet. Follow the directions below to access it. Happy researching!

Accessing World Book Online

www.psdschools.org > Learning Tools > Library Search >
Online Databases > World Book
User Name: poudre
Password: Poudre

Have a lovely weekend - The Sixth Grade Team