

SIXTH GRADE NEWS #5
November 4, 2005
DATES TO REMEMBER

Final Test Over Iliad (Hunt, Wells, Parker)	November 7 th
Introduce Research Paper	November 8 th
Note Cards for Research	November 8 th – 14 th
Outline	November 15 th
Write Paper	November 15 th -17 th
Research Paper Due	November 18 th
Thanksgiving Break	November 23 rd – 25 th

Dear Parents,

E.D. Hirsch, author of *The Schools We Need and Why We Don't Have Them*, explains that the general Core Knowledge (CK) curriculum provides great breadth of information, and, therefore, the most meaningful enrichment and extension opportunities would be for students to study in depth about one of the many subjects included in the CK curriculum

Our sixth grade students are starting on a CK science-based research paper. This project will allow students to study in-depth about a favorite CK branch of science from any year, kindergarten to sixth grade. The topic should relate to your child's interests because that's how real science happens: Curiosity!

Your child should be spending some study time before next Tuesday deciding on some possible topics and subtopics through a preliminary general outline. This advance preparation will help them narrow down their focus to help them in the note card, outline, and writing portions of the research paper.

Please ask your child about their topic, subtopics, and the general branch of science (biology, physics, etc.) to which their topic pertains.

Next week, students will receive a packet that has all the requirements, timeline, formatting instructions, and expectations for this project. You may want to review this packet with your student so that you are both informed. For this assignment, we are requiring that students have their parent(s) proof read the final paper.

Thank you for your partnership with this project,

The Sixth Grade Staff