

October 9, 2008

Dear Parents,

The Biography Book Reports were SUPER! Thank you for helping your children do such terrific work.

We have begun a new unit in class called, *It's A Mystery*. We are reading a book written by Betty Ren Wright entitled, The Dollhouse Murders. We will also be writing mystery stories inspired by the drawings of Harris Burdick, and we will also be doing research on world mysteries such as, Stonehenge, Easter Island, and the Bermuda Triangle. We will be getting all our information from the internet. The research and reporting will be done at school.

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, October 22nd. SEP, parent conferences, will be on Thursday, October 23rd from 3:30 - 8:45. This year your child's math and reading teachers will be conferencing together. We are going to try and schedule appointments. Therefore, we will only have about 10 minutes to spend with each parent. If you have concerns that will take longer than that, please schedule a time on another day.

On Halloween, Friday, October 31st, my students will have a poem to present to the class. They may also dress up for Halloween, but please no masks! On that day we will also be having a costume parade, again this year. It will begin at about 2:30, and will take place on the playground. After the parade students will be taken back to their classes. Then, you may make pick them up and take them home.

Thanks for all you do. You are the best!!!

Miss Roach

5th Grade Reading Teacher

For Your Information:

- 1. Home reading calendars are due tomorrow.*
- 2. Homework is on the back of this note.*
- 3. The spelling test for unit 5 is tomorrow.*
- 4. 5th Grade Science Fair, the morning of October 14th.*
- 5. Fall Break is October 16th and 17th, NO SCHOOL.*
- 6. October 20th to the 23rd is Ribbon Week.*
- 7. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, October 22nd*
- 8. PTA Book Fair will be October 21st - 23rd.*
- 9. SEP, Parent Conferences, will be Thursday, October 23rd.*
- 10. Teacher Development Day, (no school for students), October 24th.*
- 11. October poems will be due on Friday, October 31st.*