

September 4, 2013

Dear Parents,

This year in science, the students will be creating science projects each marking period. Think of it as a book report, but for science. Each week, the students will have a different step to complete, culminating in a finished and thorough project (for the third marking period, your child may choose to use their experiment for the science fair). Each assignment will be sent home on Monday and will need to be completed by Friday of that week. I will be conferencing with the students about their plans each Friday, so it is important that their assignments are returned by then.



Please, please, PLEASE, resist the urge to go ahead! We'll be taking this one step at a time and I want to make sure that all the students are able to complete all aspects of the project and meet all of the requirements. If you need to go ahead (for example, you will be gone of vacation) please see me for the requirements instead of going ahead on your own.

The following is a schedule for the 1st marking period.

- Week of Sept. 4: Observations
- Week of Sept. 9: Research
- Week of Sept. 16: Create a testable question
- Week of Sept. 23: Decide of variables, constants, and control
- Week of Sept. 30: Plan experiment & materials
- Week of Oct. 7: Create hypothesis and decide on data collection method
- Week of Oct. 14: Carry out test & collect data (Not due until following Monday 10/21)
- Week of Oct. 21: Analyze date, organize & write conclusion paragraph (Not due until following Monday 10/28)
- Week of Oct. 28: Present to class & post on website (nothing due from home)

As always, let me know if you have any questions, or need further guidance.

Thanks,

Mrs. Erickson