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May 4, 2009



Dear Parents,

The ROSE ceremony was, in a word, AMAZING. I can't even begin to describe how special the night was for me. I am truly awed by the privilege it is to teach your children every day. I love what I do, and I love your children even more! Thank you to Mrs. Emling for creating a memory for me that I will ALWAYS, ALWAYS treasure!



Saturday night I attended Kendall & Sami's show choir performance...awesome job, girls! Their girl scout troupe, including Julia, Kirsten, & Courtney were there to cheer on their friends, too.

I'm a little sad this week. My husband and I had to make the difficult decision to put one of our beloved dogs to sleep, due to a brain tumor & seizures. It was an unexpected event for us and not the best way to start our Sunday morning. Although I'm a bit teary-eyed this week, I know Sophie has a

special place in heaven, and I'm glad she spent the past 8 years with me.

Upcoming Events:

Mon. May 4: 7:00 p.m. Special Chorus, Tone Chimes, Recorder, etc. concert

Tues. May 5: Spelling Pretest

Wed. May 6: Mrs. Goedeke visits to tell us about some of the Southwest states (2:15 p.m.)

Thurs. May 7: I'll be out of the building working on our Science Curriculum – we'll have a sub, Reading Test & Spelling Test

Fri. May 8: Growth and Development video

What are we learning?

Language Arts: We are reading a readers' theatre script this week, [Welcome to Chinatown.](#) We are reviewing the focus skills of sequencing and narrative elements.

We are also working on our class movie, integrating fiction and poetry writing. In our movie, the fourth graders encounter a Chinese food eating leprechaun, some evil burglars, a janitor with a plot to take over the world, and two babies as they work to discover who is stealing the fourth graders' stuff, including their dancing, elderly teacher. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? Just wait until you hear the exciting show tunes including, "Paradise," "Stealing Mrs. Granny," "The First Day of School," and "The Janitor Rat Song!" As you can see, it takes a classroom of creative students to create such a hit movie!

Social Studies:

We are traveling through the West and Southwest Regions. Thank you to all of the parents who have made our travels come alive! I cannot even begin to describe how much fun and how educational our trip throughout the U.S. has been!

Math: The math test will be May 15th, for students in my math class. Mrs. Schmucker's class test will be scheduled for a date on or near the 15th.

Have a fabulous week!

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