



Holland Hill School

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Dear Parents,

As we move into April you will be hearing more information about your child's transition to middle school. Students will visit middle school on April 30 in the morning. Students need to have money in their accounts to purchase lunch, or they may bring cash, or a cold lunch. Parents are invited to visit that evening at 7 P.M. to meet the staff and hear from Dr. Rosado, the principal of Fairfield Woods.

After the Spring break fifth graders will take the SBAC. We want our students to do their best, but we don't want them to become anxious about taking these tests. Your help in preparing your child is helpful. As always, coming to school well-rested and eating a healthy breakfast assures that students are able to concentrate.

We are immersed in Science this month as we learn about the productivity of the River Basin System. You may want to start a photo journal with your child as we watch the changes that Spring brings to our environment. Having conversations at home with your child about what they are learning shows children that what they are learning at school is important. Children love to share their knowledge!

An important message this time of year is making sure that students understand the expectations we continue to have for the remainder of the school year. Often, after the visit to middle school we see a decline in student motivation toward completing school work. Your support has always been crucial in assuring that students work hard every day.

Enjoy April and Enjoy Spring!

Mrs. Batista, Mrs. Sacco and Mrs. Shay



April Highlights

April 1: Early Dismissal: Conferences

April 13—April 17: Spring Break

April 20—May 1: SBAC Testing

April 23—5S, 5TS : River Trips

April 27 5B :River Trip

April 30: Visit to Middle School



April Units of Study

Reading Workshop: Book Clubs

Writing Workshop: Memoir

Math: Unit 5 Geometry

Social Studies: "The Twentieth Century" Immigration, and events leading up to World War I.

Science: "Spring On The River" unit, study of animals and plants of the river floodplain. Use of microscopes to determine river productivity.

Health: Body Systems

Technology: Microsoft Word, Power Point., Movie Maker , Web searching and using databases for research.

