The Green Scene

**Class Newsletter August 18, 2015**

**Haw River Trip parents meeting**

Please make plans to attend an informational meeting for parents this Thursday evening, August 20 regarding this spring’s Haw River camping trip. We will meet from 5:30-6:30 in the Media Center, and we will go over important details regarding fundraising and more information about the trip itself. An informational packet will be available for those unable to attend.

***Hello class families!***

***Class website preview***

In the coming weeks, Sanford Creek will be rolling out new and improved websites for teachers that will be accessible through links on the school website. I am very excited about this, as I have been lobbying for better websites for quite a while!

The new websites aren’t officially launched yet, but I wanted to let everyone in on a ‘sneak peek’ of the site I’m working on.

***ncgreenteam.weebly.com***

**In the classroom**

**Reading/Writing-** We are currently in a unit on character study. Over the course of this quarter, we will get to know several characters and study the factors that helped shape them and help them become who they are. We recently finished a class read-aloud Becoming Naomi Leon, and will continue our study of Naomi to compare to other new characters. As we study how characters change and grow over time, we will also be studying the genre of memoir writing, and apply what we learn to create our own memoirs of events and times that helped shape us.

**Math-** We are currently in a short unit on decimals and their relationships to fractions. We will be working on identifying and expressing decimals, and learning to compare decimals to the tenth, hundredth, and thousandth.

**Science** – Before tracking out, we had an introductory lesson on ecosystems. Students were able to begin construction on an ecosystem of their own by planting seeds in an enclosed container. In the coming days and weeks, we will be introducing living organisms such as fish, aquatic plants and insects into our ecosystems. We will be studying the interdependency of the organisms to each other and to their environments.

**Upcoming events**

**August 20-** Haw River parents meeting 5:30-6:30 in Media Center

**August 25**- Q1 Interim reports go home

**August 26**- Boosterthon Fun Run, 5th grade 11:45

**August 27**- Ident-A-Kid photos

*Any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me!*

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