The Green Scene

**Class Newsletter August 25, 2015**

***Hello class families!***

**Boosterthon**

Thank you to all who donated time and/or money to make our annual Boosterthon a success! Green Team (AKA the Green Gators) helped to raise over $700 for new technology for our school! This money will go towards buying new laptops and iPads for students to use in the classroom.

Go Green Team!

**In the classroom**

**Reading/Writing-** We have spent the last several days learning about interjections, prepositions and conjunctions. We will continue our unit on character study next week. In writing, we have been working on the genre of memoir. Memoirs are like mini-autobiographies that focus on one particular moment, memory or object in a writer’s life. We are learning to recognize the difference between the memoir and other narrative forms.

**Math-** We have just finished a short unit on decimals, and will be beginning our new unit on the powers of 10 this week. This unit will build on our previous two units of place value and decimals.

**Science** – Students have been hard at work on a fun, hands-on unit on ecosystems. We are learning about different types of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, and have constructed models of both in our classroom. In our aquatic ecosystem models, we have planted duckweed and elodea (aquatic plants) and stocked them with fish and aquatic snails. Our terrestrial ecosystems were planted with alfalfa, grass, and mustard seeds. These have sprouted and are growing into young plants. We have filled those ecosystems with live crickets and pillbugs!

**Interim reports**

In last week’s Green Scene, I put in the events section that Q1 interim reports would go home today. Unfortunately, I had an unexpected illness that sent me home Friday and put me a little behind in my grading over the weekend!

Instead, I will send interim reports home by the end of this week. Expect them no later than Friday.

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

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**Upcoming events**

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

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

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

**September 3**- Picture day

**September 4-** Early release day (1:15 dismissal)

**September 7**- Labor Day (no school)