The Green Scene

**Class Newsletter July 14, 2015**

**Please take note**

Please make plans to attend Curriculum Night next Thursday, July 23 from 6:00-7:30. We will go over a great deal of useful and important information on what to expect this year regarding the school, the curriculum, and our annual Haw River camping trip in the spring.

There will be two sessions for parents of multiple students so that you may attend more than one session.

***Hello class families!***

I can’t tell you how excited I am to teach 5th grade, especially with this group of kids!

We are off to a great start already! Thanks to the maturity and work ethic of this group, we have been able to start digging into the curriculum earlier than expected, and not spend as much class time going over routines and expectations!

If you and your student are new to Green Team, the Green Scene is the primary way of getting news to you. I will send out group emails for pressing news that can’t wait until the next newsletter, and my class website should be up and running by the time we get back from track out.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me for any questions or concerns. Serving your child’s education is my priority, privilege and honor !

**In the classroom**

**Reading/Writing-** We are starting off the year with a character study of Naomi Soledad Leon Outlaw, the main character of *Becoming Naomi Leon*. We are also working on building stamina in our independent reading time. In writing, we are focusing on how to organize our thoughts for narrative writing. Students are working on their own texts, and I am modeling the process through a story I’ll write about a place called Poochie’s Fish Market.

**Math-** We are working on the ‘standard algorithm’ of multiplication. For parents who have struggled to understand some of the Common Core math of lower grades, this will be a breath of fresh air as students work on math that seems familiar! We are learning how the previous ways we’ve learned to do math can help us understand the standard algorithm better.

**Social studies** - Students are learning about personal and civic economics. Just like people and families, our local and national governments need to bring in money and spend it in financially responsible ways. We will focus on this unit until we track out, and begin a new unit of science when we return.

**Upcoming events**

**July 23**- Curriculum Night 6:00-7:30, AIG session 5:15-600

**July 24**- National Dance Day assembly

**July 24**- Track 3 tracks out

**July 27**- First day of school track 4 (Track 3 out)

**August 17**- Track 3 tracks in

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

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