

FOREST FORUM 6/17/10

Music News and Notes

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As the year winds down, I wanted to share some projects that the children have recently completed. The first is a collaboration between myself and Carol Kislin, and the project is called "Composer Pod casts". For this project, the sixth grade students chose a composer, researched their life, and wrote a script of an interview with their composer. Then, the students recorded their interview in my music technology lab and imported music of that composer into their projects. If you have the time, I would love for you to take a listen to their projects on my website www.kistermusic.com. Another project that I am very proud of happened during an enrichment time that we were able to set up with the Fifth grade at Forest Road. Ms. Argento, Ms. Rashkin and I chose to concentrate on Social Studies this year. The students were divided into groups and assigned a State. They did research, wrote their scripts and recorded their pod casts in my music lab. The students were also able to add a visual component, adding pictures as they described their States. This too is available on the website....check it out!!

Field Day

Thank you, thank you, thank you! With the help of the PTA, Mr. Manzo and all of the staff here at Forest Road, our recent Field Day was a smashing success!!! The children enjoyed a day filled with competitive events, friendship, music and treats. I would really like to congratulate the children of Forest Road who clearly remembered that the day was not about winning but about sharing in team spirit. Many grades were commended by staff for overall positive enthusiasm and support to both their teammates and their competition. Third grade in particular gained the most Sportsmanship Points and should be recognized for their consistent support of one another! The day is meant to be fun, light-hearted and joyful and many thanks to all who remembered the spirit of the day. A big Shout Out to Casey and Zavida, Chairpersons of this event, for all of their efforts.

Congratulations to our 6th Grade Graduates and our Kindergarteners who are Moving Up!!

We are beginning to think about next year and are in the middle of creating classes. Your current year's teacher will be working closely with their grade level peer, our specialists and myself to ensure a balanced and viable class list. Specific teacher requests are not honored and please know that careful care and consideration goes into developing the best learning groups. As always, if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to call.

End Year Updates

- If you have a prescription medication in the Health Office, please make arrangements to pick it up prior to Thursday, June 24th.
- Please return all library books.
- Report Cards will go home on Friday, June 25.
- Early dismissal at 11:15 on Monday, June 21st.
- Early dismissal at 9:30 on Friday, June 25th- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.