



1st & 2nd Grade Explorers

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What we're working on . . .

Some of the things we are studying these next couple of weeks include: making sensory images as we read (visualizing), drafting poems, writing descriptive pieces with strong word choice, writing neatly, creating a mural of a praying mantis habitat, and using our revision process to create a papier mache creature for our final product. One of the hardest things about making our papier mache creatures was the ability to make lifelike legs and antennae for our insects.

I challenge every student to create a model of a leg or antennae that is life like for a praying mantis and is thin enough to be proportionate to their body. I would like them to use material found at home to create the ligature of one leg or antennae. We will use these to help make our ligature in class which will then be papier mached on top.

DUE MONDAY, December 4th—One leg or antennae for a praying mantis.

Holiday Party

We will be celebrating the holidays during the last hour of the day on Tuesday, December 19th. We will be making ornaments and celebrating with Mr. Lempka's Trailblazer class. If you would like to send treats, help us out to make ornaments (please know that these will be gifts for parents) or contribute an idea for our hour long party, please let me know. Mr. Lempka's class has one student with a peanut allergy, so if you would like to send items with nuts, please label them accordingly. **THANK YOU!**

MORE INFO on the back . . .

AUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Ideas suggested so far for the auction project:

- ◆ Paint a table in a theme with matching chairs . . . Four seasons is one idea for a theme.
- ◆ Paint stacking end tables in a theme.
- ◆ Decorate sets of pottery pieces—plates and mugs.

Do you have other ideas? Do you have friends that could donate items to help with the projects? Let me know! 228-4282

Upcoming Events:

ALL MONTH—Canned Food and Toy Drive

December 4th—Swimming at the YMCA

December 5th—Holiday Cheer Party at Starbucks 6:30-8:30

December 6th—Collaboration Day—Early Dismissal at 12:30

December 8th—Holiday Family Fun Night 5:30-6:30

December 11th—Swimming at the YMCA

December 13th—Collaboration Day—Early Dismissal at 12:30

December 15th—Culminating Event—Buggy Celebration 2:00 all families are invited to attend

December 19th—Last day of school before winter break—In class winter parties for the last hour of the day. We will be partnering with Mr. Lempka's class and will be making Holiday ornaments.