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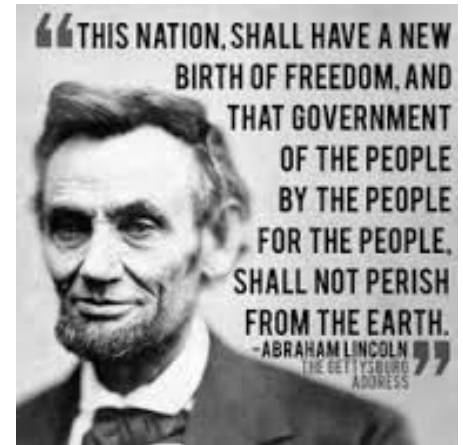
Home-School Connection #19

Due: 2/27/17

MINI- Dear 5S, this is a mini HSC. In other words, there is only one main thing to talk about and the rest is optional.

PRESIDENT'S DAY and THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS:

One of the reasons you have next week off is because Monday is President's day. President's Day is to celebrate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington who were both born in February.



Why are we focusing on the Gettysburg Address? There are a few reasons. We are learning about American history, government and democracy. We are learning about slavery in our country and how it finally ended. We are also learning how to read and memorize well written poems and speeches,

As I mentioned there are five versions of the Gettysburg Address. You are learning the 'Bliss version. The Bliss version includes the words Under God. Some of the other versions don't. I wanted you to know that I found out that it's called the Bliss version because Colonel Alexander **Bliss** asked President Lincoln to make a copy of the speech to raise funds for soldiers. The Bliss version is the only one signed and dated by Lincoln. Today it is on display at the Lincoln Memorial and the Lincoln Room at the White House. It's also the one you can hear in the Mashup and the Stephen Colbert versions found on our website 5starkdriscoll@gmail.com

Before you come back from vacation, please show at least one family member (more is fine) the speech and discuss it. While discussing it, please make sure you do the following:

- Review words you are still wondering about
- Look at the homework sheet you filled in as you discuss the meaning of the speech. Why do you think this speech is considered one of the greatest speeches of all time?
- If you can, write down some of the questions you had about the Civil War or Abraham Lincoln as you talked about the speech.

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Other items you might want to discuss: Please $\sqrt{\quad}$ the ones you talk about

- ☐ SECRET AMIGOS (I will post the photos I took on our webpage)
- ☐ VOTING FOR RIVER TABLE
- ☐ THE ART OF WRITING PERSUASIVE PARAGRAPHS
- ☐ FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR
- ☐ MARBLE/GOLF BALL EXPERIMENTS
- ☐ ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
- ☐ BUD NOT BUDDY and 1930's HISTORY
- ☐ ESTIMATING and DIVIDING DECIMALS
- ☐ 100th DAY WORD PROBLEMS AND UCONN WOMEN
- ☐ FAMILY SKIT WRITING
- ☐ SNOW DAYS
- ☐ PERSONAL GOALS
- ☐ CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE - DRAGON HEADS AND PERFORMANCE
- ☐ MS. STARK'S STORY ABOUT HER TRADITIONAL CHINESE ROBE
- ☐ SPECIALSs: Art, music, C.O.B., P.E. Library, Chinese
- ☐ Something else? _____

Due MONDAY : We made a time to do this on:_____ Parent Signature & Comments:

Student Rating (1-5) Please say why and which topics lead to the most in-depth discussions