Home-School Connection#23
March 22, 2017

ARTS EQUINOX: The theme was peace and unity. Discuss why you think that was the theme.

For the last two days you have done most of the following: a dance party, totems, 3D birds, origami, circuits with graphite crayons and LED bulbs, a sign language storyteller, leaves, recycled fashion, and a closing ceremony. Describe what was most memorable, most enjoyable and thought provoking. Do you think the last two days were very different than usual here in 5S? Why do you say that?

WHY DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL? Spoiler alert. The answer is… so you can learn. BUT, learn what? You are in school to become an empathetic and enthusiastic reader, a fluent and expressive writer, an inquisitive and brave mathematician, a curious and thoughtful scientist, and an astute and open minded historian. How is that going?

AND…. you are in school to learn how to talk clearly, think logically, make friends, make the world better, understand human nature, play music, create art, learn about different cultures, belief systems and perspectives, get strong, flexible and healthy, cope with stress, ask questions, negotiate, and learn about yourself. And, that's just a quick summary. Is there something I missed? How are you doing with those items?

NOW, think about what kind of SETTING/ENVIRONMENT/TOOLS helps you learn best. What types of projects have helped you learn more than others? What helps you learn? Ask your parents to think about classes in school that have been more memorable or educational. What helped them learn more than others?

WHAT can I (Ms. Stark) do to help make the rest of the year as good as can be for you?

PICK AT LEAST 3 ITEMS BELOW. Check what you discuss.

- ❏ BOOK GROUP

- ❏ 5th ANNIVERSA-READ

- ❏ SPRING POEMS

- ❏ MEASURING SHADOWS

- ❏ BUD NOT BUDDY

- ❏ COMMUNITY MEETING CHOICES

- ❏ PI/PIE/Pi song- Pi memorization, pie eating

- ❏ PASCAL's TRIANGLE

- ❏ FRACTIONS

- ❏ AMONG THE HIDDEN AND MCAS/PARCC PREPARATION

- ❏ F.A.B.S/EXERCISE:

- ❏ FILMING GETTYSBURG AND SKITS: Learning about ipads and directing

- ❏ SPECIALS: Chinese, Art, Music, P.E. COB: Lots of new projects

- ❏ 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.