

Dear Parents,

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Where has the time gone? It is the middle of April and the end of the year is nearly upon us.

Wow! The year is flying by, and as each day goes by, more and more concepts are learned by my 7th graders. I have been very fortunate this year to have a terrific group of students who have worked very hard and consistently exhibited the ability to be successful. But I need one more big effort from them to finish off the year.

Your students have all received a handout regarding the end-of-year assignment. This project will demonstrate the student's ability to research and assemble a project based upon an area of study from this semester. In addition, the students will be asked to share what they have learned with the class. This presentation should be a minimum of 5 minutes and no more than ten. On Monday, the students will be provided with a rubric (guideline/overview of grading) to help them prepare for the presentation. The students need to select one method of presentation (Powerpoint, board game, collage, diorama etc.) from the *appetizer* list and one subject area (Crusades, 100 yrs War, Aztecs, Renaissance etc) from the *entrée* list. I am also open to any alternative method of presentation or subject. Students should however clear any departure from the available options before proceeding.

The presentations are not due until May 18th, so there is plenty of time to select an area and project that your student will feel comfortable working on. This project comprises 15% of their grade and as such is an excellent opportunity for your student to demonstrate their individual strengths and interests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at ccruz@plusd.org.

Respectfully,

Mr. Cruz