

Dear Parents,

New WIN groups are under way. Most kids are with new teachers, but everyone is working on new things. Sorry about the schedule switches this week due to the snow day and field trip cancellation. Hopefully some of this snow sticks around a couple of weeks for our trip on the 24th.

What's happening in Class

New WIN groups have begun. Kids in my room are either working in book clubs, or doing a report on a topic of their choice. In reading, we've been working with legends and exploring **present, past, and progressive verb tenses**, as well as **figurative language**, such as **similes, metaphors, and hyperbole**. Our **Writing**, unit on **Informational pieces** is coming to an end. We'll be working on **persuasive** writing next. In **Math**, we're into our unit on **measurement**. We will be exploring the **metric system** through **mini-metric Olympics!** In **Social Studies**, we are working on **economics**, and will soon be learning about **Government**. Kids will use what they're learning to complete their create a country project. We'll finish the year with a couple of **Science** units on **Moon Phases** and **Energy Transfer**.

Spring Conferences

Today, I'm sending written invitations for conferences with some students. They have information on how to use the online system for scheduling a conference. Time slots will be 20 minutes, between 2, and 8 pm.

**If you did not get an invitation, but would like to meet with me, let me know and I can get you scheduled.

Upcoming Events

There are a few dates I'd like to make sure you have on your calendar.

Lansing Trip – April 20

I'm looking for volunteers to attend our trip to Lansing on Wednesday, April 20. We'll be touring the capital building and the Michigan Museum. Volunteers would be in charge of a small group as we tour the museum. Parents would have (get) to drive themselves. Please let me know if you're interested. **We are limited to a total group size of

35. That means we can only take 7 volunteers. If we end up with more volunteers, we'll do a lottery to choose.

April 21 – Quincy Concert

Details came home today about this special event.

Genius Hour

Presentations – May 17

Kids will present during the day, and again that night for family and distinguished guests.

Camp Geneva – May 26

All are welcome to join us for a full day of fun at Camp Geneva. More details to come.

Lighthouse Café – June 8

Join us for lunch to celebrate our culminating unit on science and geography.

Reminders

- Mon, Feb. 15 – No School for kids
- **Wed, Feb. 24 – Field trip to Pigeon Creek**
- Mon, March 7 – parent teacher conferences
- **Wed, Apr. 20 – Lansing trip**
- **Thurs, Apr. 21 – Quincy spring Concert**
- **May 17 – Genius Hour Presentations -**
Afternoon and Evening sessions
- **Thurs, May. 26 – Camp Geneva Trip**
- **Wed, June. 8 – Lighthouse Cafe**

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary**
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Sincerely,
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