

January 28, 2010

Dear Families,

This week the third grade learned about Haiti. As a group, we created a venn diagram that compared and contrasted the United States and Haiti. Here is a brief list of some observations the students made:

- Both countries have private and public schools
- In both countries children start school in September and end school in June
- Some people travel around big cities on buses

Next week we will explore the topic of allies and why we as individuals and as a country support those in need, specifically those most affected by the earthquake in Haiti. The children have expressed a great desire to reach out as a class to help the victims and we thought it was important for them to learn more about the country that they will be helping.

Please note the following important date:

- **Friday, February 12 is the date of our Native American Museum. Families are invited to visit the museum between 8:30 and 9:30am.**
- **We are starting to collect materials for our museum projects. Any materials you have at home that you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated! Useful materials include: boxes, cans, styrofoam board, feathers, pebbles, sticks, leaves, paper towel rolls, beads, yarn, etc...**

Best regards,

Vonick and Randi

P.S. Don't forget to cheer on Randi at the Spirit Games on Friday!