



Chinese Calligraphy



Making Fortune Cookies with Virginia



Tree Frogs in Science

May 12, 2011

Dear Families,

Hard to believe how fast the time is flying! We must be having fun! :) We have several updates for you that we are eager to share.

Tomorrow your child is expected to bring in his or her costume for the musical. It is helpful if the costume is on a hanger and labeled with your child's name and the role she is playing. Our two *dress rehearsals* for the lower school students are on **Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24th**. The children are so excited about their performances. We have seen so much growth, cooperation and talent during our rehearsals. Your children are quite impressive! (As you already know!)

After our Fourth Grade Musical and of course Field Day, (**Friday, May 27th**) we embark on several fourth grade traditions, some more recently developed. One of the more recently added traditions, started last year, is called: Students as Teachers! It is an opportunity for every fourth grader to share a passion, talent, expertise, or interest with the class in a more formalized way.

Children will be expected to develop a lesson plan, seek out a mentor in the LREI teaching community, and create a 15 to 20 minute lesson that will include activities for their peers, visual props, and a written lesson plan with objectives!

Last year, when we launched this new end of year project, the children LOVED being the teacher, and loved preparing their lessons. Tomorrow your child will receive a packet with all the information to get started, and we ask that you review the packet carefully with your child. Please stay tuned for more information next week.

This is a most special time of the year. Our students are getting ready to celebrate the completion of their Lower School years, and moving up to the great Middle School! So much has been accomplished and so much has been learned. It is a time to savor the moments, and to reflect on all the changes. More on the reflection piece of this next week!

Dina and Farrah

- P.S.
- Next Read Aloud: Esperanza Rising
 - Next Writing: Reflection Essay
 - Current Math: Unit 8: How many Packages? How many Groups?
 - Social Studies: Mexican Migrant Workers during The Depression
 - Next Reading: Novels about Current Immigration Issues.