

April 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

The children were very excited when they came back last week. They were given an opportunity to share “vacation experiences” with one another which allowed them to learn from one another and settle back into school. We spent the week practicing for the New York State ELA and Math Tests. The students completed the actual Math Assessment, Books 1 and 2, from 2009. The children attempted corrections on their own and then we went over each problem together and I worked with individuals who still needed extra assistance in understanding the process of solving certain problems. Part of the learning process involves knowing why some answer choices are better than others and how to use the process of elimination. I also explained how important it is to show all their work, take their time, and check their work. I believe that with a good night’s rest, a good breakfast, and a positive attitude, all the students can be successful in taking these assessments.



This week we will continue to read Little House In The Big Woods, working on building vocabulary, comprehension and editing skills, and we will have a Spelling list consisting of various review words. We are also moving forward with using cursive writing on a more regular basis. In Science we are learning about the solar system and in Social we are learning about China. There will be a Religion quiz this Wednesday on Chapter 10, the Sacraments of Initiation. Books and notebooks will be coming home for the children to study.



Friday is Pajama Day and the final day of our Read-a-thon. I sponsored each child 25 cents and hope that everyone has more pledges and has been reading. Please return the sheets and money by this Friday. It is a wonderful way for our children to help the children in Haiti. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project!



Sincerely,  
Mrs. Marsh