

February 8, 2013
Class Newsletter
Ms. Rechtfertig's 4th Grade

Field Trip Coming Up

We are having a field trip to Rancho Petaluma on February 27th. I have not received all of the permission forms back yet. I have included a second copy, attached, for parents who need to return it.

We also need more drivers.

If you can drive, please let me know.

**Challenging and Fun
Curriculum Topics**

We are in the midst of some challenging school subjects right now. In this Friday folder, I have included an explanatory page about the upcoming California State Writing Standards test in March. The children are also studying fractions, especially challenging for those children who do not have mastery of their basic multiplication facts. Reading comprehension for informational text is also becoming more challenging as the children move toward becoming prepared for fifth grade. Any and all support that you can provide for homework is very much helpful and appreciated.

The children are also learning about the Scientific Method through small team life science mold experiments. They are learning about California ranchos, and "becoming" a 19th century Mexican ranchero(a) who applies for a land grant and learns what life was like, back then.

The children are working in teams to study about ecosystems using multiple resources, both text and online.

Check out the class web page!

A Book Report or Let's Invent!

There is a new book report form in the Friday folder with a project option.

**I AM MAKING A PERSONAL
REQUEST FOR YOU TO PLEASE
CONTRIBUTE, IF YOU HAVE NOT
ALREADY DONE SO, TO**

Can Do!

**ANY AMOUNT, HOWEVER
MODEST, GOES A LONG WAY
TO HELP.**



Stay warm. Stay healthy.

Ms. Rechtfertig