Pearl River School District



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Dear Parents:

In the final quarter of the school year, Evans Park students and staff continue to focus on new learning as well as refreshing the skills and strategies they've been implementing all year. With one spring concert behind us (thank you, Mrs. Nixon and students for a terrific Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade show), we look forward to seeing our third and fourth graders perform on May 15th featuring both choral and instrumental presentations. Just last week, our magnificent and industrious PTA planned and delivered *World Cultures Day,* an opportunity for all students to "travel the world" and learn about different countries and their customs. In addition to the many parents who offered their time and talents, enhancing that program were several students from Pearl River High School's International Club and World Languages programs; we appreciate their planning and participation. Looking ahead, parents at every grade level can expect to be invited to a celebration of some aspect of curriculum in the coming weeks; look for those announcements from your children's teachers.

At this time of year, parents often inquire about next year's classroom plans for their children. Building new classes is an essential part of what we do each spring; this work will begin very soon. Our goal to create heterogeneous, balanced, equal-sized classes where all children are able to flourish involves teachers, specialists and support staff. Together, we consider many factors such as social and emotional growth, academic strengths and weaknesses, behavior and gender ratios. Parent and teacher requests for specific assignments or classmates can result in less than ideal class groupings and will not, therefore, be considered. Should you feel that you or your child has a particular need or past experience of which we are unaware, please provide an explanation of that <u>in writing</u> and send it to me (not your child's current teacher) in the next few weeks. If you know you will be moving prior to the start of the next school year, we'd appreciate having that information as early as possible. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me.

It certainly is a busy season at home and at school; the few days of warmth and sunlight have been encouraging. Be sure to check the Evans Park web pages for dates of upcoming events and to view photos of our activities. Let's make the final few months positive and exciting for all.

Sincerely, Peggy Lynch