KNOWLEDGE QUEST

parent knowledge quest introduction letter

Dear Parent(s),

Welcome to Knowledge Quest, the fourth of four Envision projects that will challenge and inspire your child. Knowledge Quest is designed to enlighten your child about a topic of his or her choice. Your child will have the opportunity to choose a topic of interest and thoroughly research it, answering his or her own personal questions about it.

For this project, students will create a semantic map to explore their chosen topic. Their research will be showcased in a newspaper format (created using the computer) that requires the incorporation of various informational text structures and text features. They will also create and conduct a survey, create a double bar graph, compile a hot list (of websites) and write a bibliography. For their exhibit, students will design a game, make an illustration of their predictions for the future of their topic, and arrange a display board related to their topic of study. They will also prepare a demonstration that teaches something about their topic and present it during their Classroom Presentation and at the Knowledge Quest Expo.

A Student Instruction Guide will be provided to guide your child, step by step, through this process. The instruction guide is a comprehensive list of project requirements and is designed to engage higher-level thinking. The guide also references helpful resource cards, which provide additional explanation, ideas, tips, and directions. There will be a set of these cards in our classroom for your child to refer to.

Knowledge Quest is designed to be worked on independently during class time, free time, and at home. By scheduling several Checkpoint Meeting dates throughout the quarter, I will be able to monitor each student's progress. On these dates, I will meet with each student to discuss accomplishments and plan goals for the next checkpoint. I will also address any difficulties students might be having.

Knowledge Quest will conclude with a Project Expo. The expo will be your child's opportunity to share his or her finished project with family, friends, and other guests. You will receive a detailed invitation to the Project Expo later in the quarter.

Dates to Remember:

Checkpoint 1: _____

Checkpoint 2: _____

Checkpoint 3: _____

Classroom Presentation: _____

Knowledge Quest Expo: _____ , _____

Sincerely,

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