



March 4, 2010

Dear Parents,

Our class is getting ready to start American Revolution projects. Each student is going to select a historical figure that was involved in the American Revolution. Students will be required to do some research outside of school as our school library won't have all the necessary resources. Students will need to go to the public library to check out a book over their historical figure. Students need at least one resource that is a book as we will be using it in class to write speeches. Students can also research their person on the Internet at home and at school. We only have two student computers in the classroom so it will be hard to have all students researching on the computers at school. I will be setting aside time to visit the computer lab so students can research their historical figures, but we will only be able to access the computer lab a few times.

We will be working in class to write our speeches. Since we will be doing this, resources need to be brought to school on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will be writing their speeches in first person. Once the speeches are written, we will be practicing the speeches in class. Students will also need to make sure that they practice their speeches at home. Speeches should be between 3 to 5 minutes long. This will be a grade in both social studies and language as it meets standards in both subjects. The assignment is worth 100 points, and it will count as a project grade in social studies.

The students will be pretending that they are the historical figure. Since this is the case, the students will need to dress as their historical figure when they give their speech. Many times, cheap outfits can be found at Goodwill.

At this time, I am planning on having a presentation night on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for families and friends. I will be sending home more information in the coming weeks letting you know the exact date and time.

If you would like to donate any articles of clothing for outfits, please let me know. If you would like to bring desserts and drinks on the night of the presentation, please let me know. We can set up a table of desserts to celebrate the success of the students after the presentations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Cobb