

November 11, 2011

Dear Parents of Camp Creek Fifth Graders:

SNOW VILLAGE is just around the corner! It has become a 5<sup>th</sup> grade tradition at Camp Creek for each child to construct a house and yard for the Snow Village. This great project, which has been done for many years, will be displayed in the media center for all to see from Tuesday, December 6 until Tuesday, December 13.

This is an "in school" project in which all students participate. The actual construction of the house and yard is completed at school. Your student may begin to develop a plan and collect things at home to add to the structure. Houses may be a place of business (candy store, hardware store, toy store, ice cream shop, etc,) house of worship, hospital, or post office, just to name a few ideas. While patriotic displays are acceptable, we request no war displays. We also strongly request that your students NOT use small toys from "happy meals" or "alien" type items. The theme is that of a traditional "Dickens" village, reminiscent of "Olde England."

The buildings are approximately 5" square and 6" high and the yard is 9" x 10". There will not be any extension of the yard. (If larger than 9" x 10" it will have to be cut down at school). It would be very helpful if each student had the correct cardboard cutout dimensions when we begin "construction."

The PTA will furnish the following: twisted paper (raffia), tissue paper, Popsicle sticks, fiber fill, and spray snow.

**YOUR CHILD SHOULD BRING IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY WEDNESDAY, November 30:**

*Each student should bring their pre-cut cardboard pieces and other items to school in a Ziploc bag with his/her name on it by Wednesday, November 30.*

- Pattern cut from corrugated cardboard (not poster board) from a sturdy box. See attached pattern.
- One container of tacky glue
- Any decorative materials such as plastic candy or flowers, props, miniature people, trees, sleighs, battery operated lights. You may find these items at JoAnn's Craft Store, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby, or Michael's. (Student's may not use real candy. It causes problems with bugs when displayed!)

The houses will be constructed on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> (12:45-2:20pm) in the classroom, and decorated on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (9:00-10:30am) in the Camp Creek Cafeteria.

This is a fun activity! Parents are invited and encouraged to come and help the students. Please bring hot glue guns and/or an X-acto knife if you are able to help. The students are not permitted to use hot glue guns or X-acto knives. Therefore, we need lots of adult supervision, in all classes, both days!

Should you decide to help, please understand that you help not only your child, but also other students. Please complete the attached form and return to your child's teacher by Friday, November 18.

Thank you for your support of a wonderful Camp Creek tradition!

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CARDBOARD CUT OUTS FOR SNOW VILLAGE

Your child will need to have the following four pieces of CARDBOARD (cut from a box).

- 1) 9 X 10 inch base (1)
- 2) 7 X 5 1/2 inch roof (1)
- 3) (2) sidewalls the correct size sidewall is shown here.

Please use clean (no writing) cardboard.

