

A MESSAGE FROM THE LYNN ROAD ELEMENTARY LIBRARY and 5th GRADE CLASSROOMS:

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Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

For the past two weeks, the fifth grade classes have been exploring the Lewis and Clark expedition in the library. Extensive collaborative group work was built into the project to improve student understanding of how this important historical event in America impacted the United States. Points of discussion include the following:

- Journey Preparation
- Plants and Animals Discovered
- Native American Tribes Encountered
- Geographical Points of Interest

A variety of resources were used during this research project including books, magazines, Internet resources and video streaming. The Internet resources we used are posted on our Lion's Den Wiki at <https://lr-lions-den.pbworks.com> in the 5th Grade Lewis and Clark Project section. While we promote the Internet as a fabulous source of information, we still recommend that **Internet use always be supervised by an adult**. Even with kid-friendly web sites, it is easy to link out of these sites. This would be a great opportunity for you and your child to extend the discussions of Internet safety the students have had at school.

During the project, students recorded notes of interest. These note sheets, along with timelines and other handouts were compiled in their research folder. On the opposite side of this letter is a letter to the students. Details about the visual, its due date, and scoring rubric are in this letter. Please review this with your child. The students have been presented with examples of visuals produced by former fifth grade students and expectations for the assignment. The visuals created by this year's fifth grade students will be on display in the library until May 10th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either your child's teacher or myself.

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