

News From Mrs. Miller's Class

September 2009

Dear Parents,

I am writing to tell you about some of the things your child has done in our classroom the past three weeks. Maybe this will finally help you get an answer to the question, "What did you do in school today?"

We spent a lot of time the first week talking about the Golden Rule, the importance of including one another, and how to create a classroom environment where everyone feels great about themselves and great to be a part of the bigger group. Ask your child to tell you our classroom rules, as well as Nixon's three rules.

We have completed many activities that helped each of us get to know the other students in our class better. Group, partner and individual work was completed, as well as a variety of pretests and the beginnings of individual assessments that will allow me to base curriculum instruction to meet the varying individual needs of all the children in the class. This week we delved deeper into the fifth grade curriculum with *Hatchet* as our core lit book and factors and multiples in math.

As the year progresses, please feel free to send me an email (deana_miller@sudbury.k12.ma.us) or leave me a phone message (x4124) to let me know your child's feelings about the level of difficulty for both classwork and homework. It will take several weeks for me to get to know each child's capabilities in depth, but I will encourage the students to communicate their individual strengths and weaknesses to me, so that I am able to differentiate their assignments earlier in the year.

Thank you all so much for purchasing the needed supplies, especially tissues and wipes, for the classroom. We go through so many each year! If your child was unable to find any of the school supplies, please let me know, as I have extras in the classroom.

Just a reminder that our classroom is **NUT FREE**. Please be sure the food you are sending in for your child to eat during snack time does not contain nuts.

Thank you in advance for your support this year! I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 24th at Back to School Night.

Mrs. Deana Miller