

September 15, 2008

Dear Parents,

The middle school students will be taking part in a science fair, an exciting event that encourages students to think like young scientists. During the next few months your student will be designing a science project that uses the scientific method to solve a problem. We hope you agree that the educational benefits are numerous, as students develop skills in writing, oral presentation, creative thinking, and problem solving.

Each student will be given instructions and handouts during class for the various steps of his or her project. Most of the work will be completed at home, and students will receive a calendar noting due dates for each part of the project.

We ask that you encourage your student and monitor his or her progress along the way. Your support is critical to a successful project, but please do not allow your involvement to extend any further in order to assure equity and promote student learning! It is important that your student wrestle with problems and try to solve them. Guide your student whenever and wherever you can, but let the final project reflect your student's individual effort and design.

If you have any questions along the way, please contact your student's science teacher.

Sincerely,

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