

October 22, 2018

Dear Parents,

The Third Grade Research Project and Program this year will be a study of family heritage. The research and tri-board presentation will conclude before the winter break, but the final celebration will be **on Tuesday, January 22, 2019** with a Heritage Festival and Feast during the week of the school's International Festival. During the next month or so, your child will research and write a report about a country, create a heritage doll, and create the flag of their heritage country. All these items will be displayed on a tri-board for the festival. **Please be assured that you will receive plenty of information, time, and instruction about what needs to be completed at home.**

The first step of the project is for you to start talking to your child about where his/her family emigrated from. We know there are many stories and many countries for some families. To research his/her report, each child must pick one country that an ancestor came from. The report will be researched and written at school. **The attached sheet must be completed, signed, and returned by Friday, October 26.**

Now for step 2. Once your child has decided on a country, please help him/her find one child-friendly, non-computer-generated written resource about the country. The best source is a book that contains information about the people and geography of the country. Please avoid travel guides, encyclopedias, and anything from the Wikipedia online website. There are many wonderful picture books at our school library as well as the public library. **This resource must be brought to school by Monday, November 5.** The children may be doing additional online research in Computer Lab.

On the day of the festival, your child is required to dress in some sort of a costume that represents one or more of their ancestors. We will send updates about the feast, heritage doll, and tri-board later.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support!

Keep this sheet as a reference.

The Third Grade Teachers

Return this form to school on or before Friday, October 26, 2018.

I have read the information regarding the Third Grade Heritage Festival and Feast.

My Heritage country is _____

Child's Name _____

Parent Signature _____

***** Remember to have your child bring one written source about his/her heritage to school on or before Monday, November 5.**