

October 24, 2016

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 24, 2017** 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 of 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. In order 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 Monday, October 31.** 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 7.** The children will be doing additional research in Computer Lab.

On the day of the festival, your child is encouraged, but not required, to dress in a costume that represents one or more ancestors. We will send updates about the feast, heritage doll, and tri-board at a later date.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support!

The Third Grade Teachers

This form is due by Monday, October 31, 2016

*Please keep the first page of this letter as a reference.*

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 by Monday, November 7.**