

## History Fair Information

It is time for your child to choose a topic to research for the History Fair. Your child's topic should be something of interest to them. The projects are to be finished and brought to school on **Monday November 19, 2005**. We will ask the children to present their project to the class. The projects will then go on display for the Meadow Montessori community to see. Children will then take their projects home at the end of the day on Wednesday.

You can help your child by taking him or her to the library and finding books (at least three on his/her reading level) on the chosen topic. You may use other sources as well. After the topic is chosen, have your child create questions to help them gather information. Using index cards for each question is an easy way to organize information. After they have gathered enough information, they will be able to compile their notes from the index cards and begin to hand write their rough draft. The next step would be editing their reports and re-write or type for final draft. The youngest children will need help researching and recording the information. It is best to have your child practice presenting their reports at home before they come to class. The emphasis with the history projects is on the child doing the work and learning from the experience. In the end, your child should be an expert on his or her topic.

- *The following schedule is a suggested timeline. Please use it as a guide to help keep the project from being completed at the last minute*

**Week of October 22:** Choose topic, locate resources and begin reading.

**Week of October 29:** Continue to read and research topic; organize thoughts onto note cards.

**Week of November 5-9:** Rough draft of report should be completed. Model and/or display should be underway at home!

**Week of November 12-16:** Report is corrected and re-written or typed for final draft.

**Friday, November 16:** Practice reading report to a friend and/ or family.

**Monday, November 19:** All projects and both drafts of the report are due. Classroom presentations take place during the morning.

**Tuesday, November 20:** Classroom presentations are finished in the morning.

**Wednesday, November 22:** History Fair ends at noon. Take projects home!

\*\*\*\*We will be able to spend about 30 minutes per day working on research/ report writing during the school day. The children are welcome to complete the whole project at home, or use

a combination of *home and school* to complete the report. As a general guide, reports should be at least 1-2 pages long and all information needs to be cited in a bibliography.

Children may display their research in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to; boards, timelines, models, and costumes. If you have any questions, just ask!

Thank you and happy researching!

Miss Rebecca