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Colonial Day
May 23rd, 2008
All Day

In the Second Grade we study the Colonial Period (1700-1780). This includes the formation of the original Thirteen Colonies, The Stamp Act, The French and Indian War, the Boston Tea Party, the Declaration of Independence, the Revolutionary War, , Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere and George Washington.

On Friday, May 23rd, history will come alive for your 2nd Grader! It is a day devoted entirely to a Colonial experience. The morning hours will be devoted to learning Colonial Shop keeping. At noon there will be a parade of the entire 2nd Grade. We hope to follow this with a cannon demonstration on the field. (Any dads out there willing to make one and fire it?) We will finish up the day with a few Colonial Games. As you can imagine, this day will be the highlight of the 2nd grade year.

There are two critical areas for this day to be a success. They are **costumes** and **parent help**.

Costumes:

Students need to dress in Colonial costumes on that day. For the **boys**: white, long puffy-sleeve blouses, vests, knickers with knee socks, and a tricorner hat. For the **girls**: long dresses, with aprons and a mob hat. (No Pilgrim outfits- that was about 100 years *before* this time ☺).

There are several different ways to make sure your child has a costume for this special day.

1. **Your Closet** (Ex. For a boy's costume, take mom's long sleeved white shirt, add a vest, use rubber bands to make pants into knickers, add white knee socks, purchase a tricorner hat. Voilà!)
2. **Goodwill**, Value Village, or other second-hand shops.
3. **Borrow** it from a previous 2nd grader.
4. **Sew** it (Girls: McCall's 5414).
5. **Rent** a costume (Northwest Costume on 6th Ave. (383-4700) will give a 20% discount for a full costume when you tell them you are from Life Christian School.).
6. **Order** it on-line. Check out these websites:
 - libertybellmuseum.com (great for tricorner hats, mob caps and all costumes)
 - history.org (great for tricorner hats and mob caps, go to *Shop*, then to *Educational Resources*, then to *Historical Fun*) Also check out the *KidsZone* for educational playtime.
 - amazon.com (go to *apparel* and search for "colonial costume")

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It is not my desire that parents spend a lot of money on a costume for their child. It is my desire that every child wear a costume that day. Please come talk to me if you have questions.

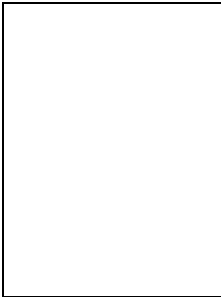
Parent Help

There will be *many* opportunities to be involved on this day. The **morning** hours will be devoted to Colonial Shop keeping. There will be different stations set up around the room for different colonial experiences. In the past we have had shipbuilding, silver smithing, cross-stitching, quill pens, making butter, making a Colonial toy, signing of the Declaration of Independence, weaving, etc. The **afternoon** hours will be the parade, cannon, target practice, etc.

The more parents I have in the classroom from 8:30-11:15, the more experiences the children can have. I will provide you with a list of supplies and show you how to teach the children what to do. If you can't be here that day, perhaps you can send in supplies, or help prepare a craft.

If you have a particular interest or specialty, please let me know. I would love to have you help in your area of expertise.

Many Hands Make Light Work!
Mrs. Umphenour



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