

LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents,

RE: SCIENCE FAIR on December 12, 2009

Your child will be taken part in the School of Science and Technology Discovery Science Fair, an exciting event that encourages students to think like young scientists. During the next few weeks your child 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 monthly calendar noting due dates for each part of the project. For suggestions on helping your child through this process-from choosing a topic to the final report-see various web sites, such as

www.all-science-fair-projects.com

<http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/scifirstudio/ideas.html>

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

Please read the Science Fair Handbook with your child and sign the necessary forms. Let us know if you'd like more information on creating a successful science fair project. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Alvarado-Mendiola
Science Fair Coordinator