

Dear Families,

Today our students were introduced to our new class pet: A Piggy Bank! If you haven't heard yet, we have been given the opportunity to go to camp once again this year. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be gone at IslandWood from June 10-13. Our "pigs" are responsible for helping us this year in our efforts to save money for this very special trip. Although camp will not occur until later this year, we believe that starting to save money *now* is a great idea!

## Meet *The Pig!*



**What:** A way for students to save money toward our overnight camp trip to this year! Students will contribute toward a classroom goal and will have practice saving and counting money. Graphing deposits will become a regular part of our math program.

**Goal:** Each student saves \$1.00 per week to donate to the classroom piggy bank. Donations will be collected each week and immediately deposited into our classroom bank account through our school office manager, Miss Haley. Although deposits will be recorded every week as part of our math program, they will not reflect students' individual donation amounts.

**Purpose:** To teach students to work together for a common goal, to save money, to learn that *every penny counts*, to help and encourage one another, and to alleviate the impact of costs/fundraisers for our trip.

**Timeframe:** Our first donations will be made, counted and deposited this week (September 21<sup>st</sup>), and every Friday after that until the end of May.

We would love it if you were able to brainstorm creative ways of helping your child raise or earn \$1.00 a week for this project. We have about 70 fifth graders, therefore, if every child participates each week, we will be able to save \$70 per week. If we can maintain this for 30 weeks or so, as a grade level we would be able to save over \$2000! That being said, we understand completely that not every child will be able to bring a dollar every week. And this is okay- this is an optional program!

If you have *any* questions or concerns about this, please either call or email us. You can also talk to your students about it more. We spent a great deal of time discussing this in class so the kids are excited and already have lots of ideas about ways that our classes can earn money.

Thank you for your support.

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