

December 2, 2015

Dear Parents,

The third grade class will be presenting a Great American program on Friday March 4, 2016. Your child may choose any great American, except a Hollywood or television personality or an athlete. Attached is a short list of some great Americans to help you get started. Some of these people are not famous, but all of them have made great contributions to their country and the world. These are only suggestions and your child is not limited to this list. However, we do discourage the well-known Americans like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, etc. Another good place to look is the Junior Biography section of the public library. The call letters are J921.

Your child will present a speech lasting no more than 45 seconds and will dress as the great American that he/she is portraying. Your child will also be responsible for writing an individual book report. We will send specific guidelines when your child knows which famous American he/she will portray.

Speeches should be memorized. Therefore your child will need to practice at home. He/she may have 3x5 note cards to assist him when giving the speech. Speeches should be given in the **first person**.

Since your child will be doing a book report, please help him/her find a grade appropriate **book** about a Great American. The book must then be presented to your child's teacher for approval. For the speech, your child may use information from additional sources like a reliable website, an encyclopedia, or another book.

Please have your child return the bottom portion of this paper on or before Friday, December 11, 2015. Thank you in advance for your support in preparing your child. We hope that this will be an enjoyable learning experience.

Thank you,
Mrs. Karcz
Mrs. Zimney

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Name _____

Great American-1st choice _____

Great American-2nd choice _____

Great American-3rd choice _____

Great American-4th choice _____