***A Note From Mrs. Bosi***

***Extra Credit Information* for Grades 3, 4 & 5** *October 13, 2015*

Dear Parents:

I have been receiving inquiries regarding clarification of Extra Credits.

Your child has many options if he/she wants to do any extra credits. Below are some ideas.

1. Vocabulary Flash Cards: I recommend this as a great way to reinforce any new vocabulary. On one side the new word. On the other side the definition. Every 10 cards equal one extra credit.
2. Question Flash Cards: This may help the child that is having a hard time with test questions. On one side should be the test question copied from the test. On the other side should be the correct answer copied from the test. Every five cards equals one extra credit.
3. Science Readings: Your child can read a book, magazine or article relating to science. They can read a book from Raz Kids or a book from elsewhere. They may have read that article regarding water found on Mars several weeks ago. They need to write the title, author and if it is an article the name of the newspaper or magazine it was found. They should summarize the information clearly. They should also include why they think this information is important to know.
4. Science Videos/Shows: Your child can watch science shows such as Magic School Bus, Bill Nye, Animal Planet shows, etc. They should write some facts learned, at least ten. They should tell the title of the show. They should finish off telling if this was a worthwhile show that may be of interest or help to other students.
5. Text Possibilities: Grades 3 & 4 will soon have a book to use. Any thing that is not assigned can be used as extra credit. Your child can read and complete sections for extra credit. The Internet labs or other components can be written up either as question/correct answer or summary as in ideas #3 or #4.
6. Cooking Help: Your child can help at home with meal preparation. They can write descriptives of how the food looks before cooking and then how it changed after cooking. Labeled pictures showing before and after should be included.
7. Experiments: If your child does any experiments whether at home or on a trip. They should try to write it up telling a “Problem”, “Hypothesis”, a simple “Procedure”, “Data” or “Observations” and the “Conclusion”.
8. Science Trip: If you take your child to a zoo, Natural Museum, farm, or other science related place-your child could write about what they saw and learned there.
9. Other Possibilities: Children can use any science quiz type game such as Brain Pop. They should write their learnings either in a question/answer format or summaries of their learnings.
10. Other Formats: I’ve had students write science facts in poetry, plays or songs. That is wonderful as long as the science facts are accurate.

Extra Credits will first be used to raise a low-test grade or missing assignments grade. Then if enough are completed they can be used to raise a section on the Report Card to a higher score.

Once again, my email is 205scifun@gmail.com. I check it daily. If you

decide to send in a note, please make sure to have your child deliver it in

the morning to my bag on the door. I cannot read notes when the class

comes in to class since that takes time from our short 45 minute class. You

may also call the school, I am usually in the building before 7:30 AM.

Extra Credits for this marking period will be accepted up to Friday, October 16. Any received after that date will go to the next marking period. Extra Credits for the second marking period will be accepted up to Friday, February 5, 2016. Extra Credits for the Final Marking Period will be accepted up to Friday, June 3, 2016.

I hope this helps. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Bosi*