

## Second Grade News

September 21, 2009

### All School Hike Day on Wednesday 9/23

Lincoln Community School's hike day is on Wednesday 9/23 (rain date is on Weds. 9/30). The second graders will hike up Deerleap in Bristol. Please notify Deirdre (if you haven't already) in the office if you're planning on joining us. We'll leave school at 8:30 a.m. and return at 2:30. There is no charge for hike day.

*Please remind your child to bring the following:*

- ❖ A lunch (including a snack) - Bag lunches are available through the cafeteria
- ❖ Sturdy, comfortable, closed toe footwear
- ❖ Warm clothing (layers work well)
- ❖ Water bottle

### School Dismissal Policy

Please feel welcome to join us for our end of the day routine. We'll do contributions, pack up, and have our end of the day community circle. If you're early, you should feel welcome to join us and help support the activities that are happening in the classroom. Please avoid giving your child last minute messages or picking him or her up early from school. The last few minutes of school are essential for taking care of our learning community and learning environment. Please help out our learning community by scheduling play dates before the school day starts and having a note in your child's notes folder. Please send a note with your child if you need to pick him or her up early for an appointment, that way I can help your child pack up early and wait for you in the office. I'll do my very best to dismiss the second graders at 3:00 p.m. Thanks for your help with this!

*More information on reverse....*

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### Walk to Judi Harris' Goat Farm, Thursday 10/1

We're learning about the many products provided to us by goats and about the ways that farmers take care of their goats. This trip will be a hands-on learning experience; it will exercise our scientific observation skills and build up to our market nicely. Through this trip we will model the primary research and interviewing process. We'll leave on foot from school at 8:15 a.m. and return to school in time for lunch and recess at 12:00. It would be helpful to have one or two additional adults walk with us on this trip. Please call Jen Oldham (453-6746) if you'd like to walk with us.

### Champlain Orchards Field Trip on Tuesday 10/6

We'll be traveling by bus for our **final fall field trip** to Champlain Orchards in Shoreham on Tuesday 10/6. We'll leave school at 8:30 and return at 2:30 p.m. This trip will introduce the concept of pollination, stewardship, and give the second graders another view of how they're connected to their food. Students will learn about how an orchard harvests, sorts, grades, packages, and stores their product. All of this learning will help to lay the foundation for our market in the spring and our upcoming unit on apples.

This information and pictures can be found on our classroom blog and website at <http://www.lincolncs.org>

*We're having some technical difficulties with our blog, but bear with us...*