Dear Parents,

Welcome back! The holidays are over and the second semester is upon us. Let us prepare to finish the year strong. We have had a successful first semester filled with hands on labs, two dissections, and even a field trip to the Adventure Science Center. I am currently planning more labs (see lab fee below) and another field trip for the spring semester.

I encourage parents to have their students do some sort of science reading each evening to prepare for upcoming topics or tests. Be sure to utilize my website- <http://www.portersciencerpmm.weebly.com--> I always include handouts and websites that you can use to study.

2nd Semester Topics-

* Genes and Chromosomes
* Inherited Traits
* Simple Machines
* Waves and Motion
* Rocks and Minerals
* Layers of the Earth
* Tectonic Plates
* Renewable and Non Renewable Resources
* **Science Fair-please follow the packet with the due dates**

I will do my best to communicate with you regarding the major activities via email, my website, and/or letters home. I will do my best to challenge your child daily. My plan is to create a link between the real world and the classroom. As TCAP season arrives, be on the lookout for study packets that will be sent home.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and partnership.

***Spring Semester Supply List:***

You will need to bring your supplies to class on a daily basis (this does affect your participation grade).

* **$7.00 Lab Fee- Due ASAP, so we can order lab kits.**
* 2 Boxes of Tissue
* Paper towels
* Ream/case of Printer paper (8 1/2x11)
* Heavy Duty Pencil Sharpener
* Hand sanitizer