DEAR PARENTS,

In history class this year, we will be using a curriculum that is built on living books: stories which portray historical times and events in a way that makes them come alive. Your child will listen to many books and stories which convey historical facts in their context. These books and stories have been chosen as part of the *Living History Threads* curriculum on the basis of their historical accuracy and appeal to children. The units of study are listed below for your reference.

The typical class will begin with a review including historical and geographical facts. Following the review, students will learn new information presented in the form of a story. To give the information context, maps and timelines will be used extensively. Classes will end with a discussion of the new content learned.

You may be wondering how you can help your child to succeed in history. Taking him to libraries and historical places of interest will broaden his world and give him framework for the new ideas he will be learning. As you ask him what he's learning in class, and he retells the stories, he will be able to better retain the information he learns.

You are invited to visit and observe a history class in progress.

Sincerely,

UNIT TITLES: LEVEL 12

World History Introduction

God and Creation

Moses and Ancient Egypt

Christ and Ancient Rome

Polycarp and The Early Church

Conrad Grebel and The First Anabaptists American History Introduction

Sitting Bull and The First Americans

Christopher Columbus and Discovery of America

Pocahontas and Jamestown

Christopher Dock and Coming to America George Washington and The American Revolution

Thomas Edison and The Age of Invention

India

My Community and Community Helpers

Year Review