

September 20, 2010

Dear Parents;

Montague Elementary School provides the Primary Enrichment Program (PEP) for children that have shown they are highly capable and/or gifted in the kindergarten through 2nd grades. Your child has been recommended by his/her teacher to participate in this program. This means that your child will be taken out of the regular classroom when PEP meets. In the lower grades, it may be that the groupings will change as we evaluate if the child's needs are best served in the classroom or the PEP group.

PEP is similar to the LEAP - Learning Enrichment Activity Program that meets for grades 3 – 6. Selection for both groups is by teacher recommendation. However, there is a more formal selection process for participation in LEAP in the upper grades. Participation in PEP does not automatically qualify your child for LEAP. Selection for LEAP is a separate process.

This year, I look forward to providing a simulation activity called “In My Backyard”. Students in the first and second grade will be working on nature activities featuring the habitats found in Montague. They will learn how to make nature observations and will be asked to make observations of wildlife and plant life they see at home. We will use their observation sheets for in-class activities. The program will culminate with a short musical featuring what they learned about their local habitats.

Kindergarten PEP will be learning about river habitats. They will also do some thinking skill activities, mapping skill activities and experiments. Those students who know how to read will have opportunity to do so.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact me at 973-293-7131 ext. 204 or email me at kgoyette@montagueschool.org

I look forward to working with your child this year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Goyette
Enrichment and LEAP program Coordinator