September 3, 2012

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Fifth Grade, AIG Math for the first quarter. I am so pleased to work with you and to be here at Green Hope.

We meet for one hour each week through this nine weeks. These investigations are intended to be challenging, fun, and to extend the Common Core Standards. I will be working with your children on various mathematical investigations. We began with a statistical investigation based on the P-pose a question, C- collect the data, A-analyze the date , and I (most important) Interpret the data. Please ask your child more details about his project.

We have now started a unit called “*Egyptian Fractions”.* This unit extends students’ intuitive sense of fractions including relative magnitude and decomposition. The problem solving context of the activities provides opportunities to explore relationships between fractions, recognize patterns, and practice adding and subtracting fractions. Our third activity will be with algebra and I will keep you upto date on this one when we get there!

All the students work will be kept for their portfolios, but I will try to hang samples up around the school, and I will send them home before the end of the quarter for you to look over and return.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs Lee De Alberdi

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