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Dear Families,

The portable classes earn money throughout the year by making positive behavior choices, through assignment completion and performing classrooms jobs. This money is spent during the school year during our “grade level” event called MARKET DAY.

On Market Day, students from our three classes (and occasionally the two fifth grade classrooms in addition) buy and sell goods to each other that they have created at home. Our first Market Day will be from 10:45 – 11:45 on October 31st. Each child should use the attached business form indicating what they plan on making to sell. Each student should not make MORE THAN 15 items total.

Some Market Day ideas: craft items (friendship bracelets, holiday themed items, bookmarks, door hangers, anything really!) Other ideas students have considered are estimations jars, raffles, creating art work or performing a service (polishing nails, teaching someone how to do something, etc.). Your child will come up with something wonderful, we are sure! Simply buying items for resale is NOT ALLOWED, for this is a time to be creative

Because some students have food allergies, we are asking that **no open food/drink items** be sold during Market Day. We do allow each classroom to have two businesses to sell food items on a “first approved” application basis. These items need to be completely sealed when sold and the buyers will be directed to eat them at lunch or at home. And please, **no peanuts** of any kind – there are allergies we need to be considerate of. We appreciate your support in keeping the kids healthy and risk free.

During that hour’s time, your child will have access to storefronts in all three classes. It’s a really fun time for the kids! This project is not intended to be expensive one for you. Students should be creative in choosing their goods and services. If purchasing supplies is a problem, please let us know for we have *some* supplies available for their use. Each child should keep track of the money spent to make their goods, as they will be deducted from their classroom wallets and paid to either their parents to their teacher – depending upon where the construction materials came from. That money at home can then be paid back to the student for tasks they do at home (washing the dog, making dinner, etc.)

This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn about running a business, managing their money, and supply and demand economics. It is expected that your child will participate. If a child decides to not make items, causing their store to be closed, they will not have the opportunity to buy either. Parents are also welcome to come to school and join in, sharing in the excitement by purchasing items with Cougar Cash. Please let us know if you have any questions and need ideas.

Thanks for your participation,

The Fifth/Sixth Grade Team