

Science Fair

Please help your child by keeping this packet in a safe place, so it doesn't get misplaced between now and the date of the fair. It is a rather large packet, and we will not have extra replacement copies. It has plenty of valuable information that will be needed to complete the project over the next few months.

We will be holding our annual **Science Fair** at Folsom Elementary School on **Wednesday, November 29, 2017**. The top project winners will compete at the Region 8 Science Fair at Southeastern Louisiana University in the near future.

Remember, this is a science (“experiment”) project. It cannot simply be a display or demonstration only. The project must be a science experiment, where you are answering a scientific question. The questions should be answered by research, surveys, investigations, and an experiment. The students will do an experiment to prove if their answer (hypothesis) is correct or not.

A report, including all of the parts of the experiment, is also required. We will show sample reports to the students to give them ideas on how to create a proper science fair report.

Students will receive 3 grades for the science project. Each day the assignment is late ten points will be taken off of the grade. For example, Grade #1 will be due on September 27. On September 28, 10 points will be deducted. 10 more points will be deducted each of the following days.

Grade #1: The **Purpose / Hypothesis Sheet** is due on **September 27, 2017**.

The purpose is the questions you are trying to answer. Why are you doing the experiment? What are you trying to prove? The hypothesis is your best guess answer to your purpose/question. Your hypothesis may not be correct, and that is OK. The experiment will either prove or disprove your hypothesis. A sheet will be provided for you to fill out.

Grade #2: The **Procedure / Experiment Sheet** is due on **October 18, 2017**.

Briefly describe your plan / steps for your experiment, your material used, and your bibliography. A sheet will be provided for you to fill out.

Grade #3: The **Completed Project and Report** are due on **November 29, 2017**.

Projects and reports will be graded by teachers in the classroom before or after the fair. Bring your projects to the gym on either **Tuesday, November 28th** after 3:30 PM, **or** before 8:30 AM. on **Wednesday, November 29th**. We will give you a category slip to attach to the back of your project.

We will have a **“Parent Night”** on **October 17, 2017** from to 6:00 – 7:00 PM in the school library. Teachers will discuss the upcoming Science Fair, offer advice, and answer any questions that you may have.