

**Science Project Parent/Guardian Letter**  
**Revised from Harcourt Information.**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We will be holding our school science fair on 2/21/2011. Participating in a science fair is an enjoyable way for students to learn how to conduct experiments to solve problems. Students will make tri-fold displays that show how they went about conducting their experiments.

This science fair is not quite like the science fairs you may have experienced. While models and modeling are important to science, we are NOT allowing display models of such things as volcanoes and solar systems. Only the tri-fold board display will be accepted. We are encouraging them to ask questions and then to set up experiments to answer those questions. In this way, they will learn to approach science as scientists do using and following the scientific method.

There will be important information coming home from time to time in their science folder. Please check this folder regularly with your child. We would also suggest that you might support your child's progress on his or her project:

- Talk to your daughter or son about what he or she might be interested in finding out. Work together to formulate a question that can be answered by setting up an experiment.
- Take your son or daughter to the library or help him or her search online about the topic.
- Help your daughter or son think about an experiment that would help answer the project question.
- Help gather the materials necessary to conduct the experiment. Observe and ask questions as your son or daughter carries out the experiment, but be careful not to conduct the experiment or draw conclusions yourself.
- Help with gathering materials for the projects display. Allow your son or daughter to make the display with only some help from you.

Obviously, we want the projects to be done by the students and not their parents, but this can be a good time for a parent and child to work together. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Q Carlson*

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I have read over this information with my student.

No late projects can be accepted!