Hello Everyone,

Thank you so much for coming out to our open house last Thursday. The students' projects were great and the news coverage from KFVS12 was impressive. Thanks to everyone who made our open house and research projects so interesting. Students will need to take their boards and materials home tomorrow so we can start working on our next project on immigration.

Our field trip to Cahokia is a go for Friday. Students should wear sunblock, and dress for walking. They will also need a sack lunch because we will need to eat at an outside picnic area. Students should also bring water bottles and water. Any of you who are driving will need to get me receipts for your gas for the trip so I can get you reimbursed. Everyone needs to be at school before 8:00 so we can leave right at 8:00 before the parking lot gets congested. We plan to leave Cahokia between 1:00 and 1:30 to be back to CNS by 3:30.

This week we will start reading *Letters From Rifka* by Karen Hesse to kick off our immigration unit. The seventh and eighth grade math students will be working on geometry again this week and younger students will be working on fraction concepts. I science we will be studying the endocrine system. In language arts we will continue to review grammar concepts and will be working on spelling

and meanings of some words the students requested since they were having difficulty with them. Reading, writing and research are back in full swing and the students will start working on immigration from specific countries. We will also be practicing our cursive.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best wishes,

Carla