Dear Parents,

December 18, 2007

Our California Missions project has begun. This year there will be two parts to the project. There will be a replication of each mission and a power point presentation. Several guidelines are included with this letter outlining the expectations for this project. Each student has researched the missions and at random they chose the mission they most wanted to learn about.

They must build a model of the mission they have chosen. The model should include the church and the surrounding areas, such as the courtyard or cemetery. Since space is limited in the classroom, the base of the model must be no larger than 16 inches square (16" x 16"). If you look at the rubric you will notice that size is counted as 20 points. Any model exceeding 16 inches square will automatically be deducted the 20 points. The students will need your help in the planning of the project and also getting the materials they will need. Please allow the students to do most of the construction of the mission. The model must have a label with their name, the name of the mission and its location. Absolutely no kits allowed. All work must be original.

I have also included an outline for the power point presentation and the grading scale. It is labeled as those to be completed at home and those to be done on the computers at school. They will be allotted several weeks to accomplish these tasks. There is a lot of valuable information included in this packet. Please do not lose it. A second packet will not be issued. Your child will need to remember to bring it back and forth in their homework folder each day.

The completed model will be due on Friday, January 25th. The power point presentation should be completed around the same time based on the availability of the mobile computer cart. Each one is worth 100 points. I hope this information helps you to guide the children to plan their time to prepare for these assignments.

Thank you,

Mrs. Harris
MISSION RUBRIC (Powerpoint)

Slide #1 (10) ______  Slide #6 (15)
1. student name ______ 1. who ______
2. mission name ______ 2. when ______
3. student picture ______ 3. 2 facts of founder ______

Slide #2 (5)  Slide #7 (5)
1. mission picture ______ 1. picture of founder ______

Slide #3 (15)  Slide #8 (10)
1. 3 facts about the structure 1. city ______
_______ _______ _______ 2. fact about city ______

Slide #4 (5)  Slide #9 (5)
1. materials used ______ 1. map w/star ______

Slide #5 (10)  Slide #10 (20)
1. steps to build ______ 1. 4 facts about mission
_______ _______ _______ _______

Mission Model Rubric

Church building - 20 points ______
Outbuildings/courtyard - 15 points ______
Size requirement - 20 points ______
Materials - 10 points ______
Authenticity of shape - 10 points ______
Student’s name, the name of the mission and its location - 10 points ______
Creativity - 15 points ______

Name________________________________________