



# Silver Bow Montessori School

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## WEEKLY MEMO

TO: ELEMENTARY PARENTS

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2012

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We hope everyone enjoyed Presidents' Day weekend. As we informed students Friday, we are assigning **math homework only** this week due to the short week and field trips.

We are proud of the fine work the elementary classroom students did throughout their performances of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* last week. In addition to all those who were thanked previously, we appreciate those who stayed to help with load-out after Thursday's performance. Due to the help received, we loaded out by around 9:30 pm.

You should have received a **reenrollment package** last week for SBM's 2012-13 school year. If you have not, please let us know. If you have referrals of acquaintances who might want to learn more about Silver Bow Montessori School, please let us know.

Wednesday, February 22 is the third downhill **ski education day** of the season. If you are riding the bus, please be loaded on board no later than 8:30 a.m.

On Friday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m., elementary and early childhood students of SBM will attend the **Butte Symphony Orchestra's** annual **children's concert** at the **Mother Lode Theater**. This year's theme is the "Roaring 20's." A similar program will be performed Saturday evening at 7:30 pm at the Mother Lode Theatre for the public.

The deadline for applications to the **Billings Science Expo** (to be held March 23 and 24) is Friday, February 24. This is a completely optional activity. Application packets are available at school or at this web address:

<http://www.billingsclinic.com/workfiles/Research/pdf/2012-Sci-Expo-Elementary-MS-Handbook.pdf>

The two third/fourth SBM "**Battle of the Books**" teams will battle each other sometime next week. The fourth grade team (listed alphabetically) consists of **JJ, Kyle, Makenna, Philip, Sophie,** and **Ethan**. The third grade team consists of **Carson, Grant, Hannah, Maiya, Marcus,** and **Peyton**. The second-year students on these teams will be the alternates as only five students compete in each battle. We can confirm the next battle later in the week.

The **SBM School Science Fair** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 (for students of all ages). Please see below for details. The **Montana Tech Regional Science and Engineering Fair** (Junior Division) is scheduled for Thursday, March 1 (grades 5 and older only).

If you have questions or need further information, please contact us.

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## SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

**The SBM School science fair is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28.** This coming week, many students will be working to complete their projects. Students are welcome to work on the documentation of their projects at school, but the experimental work generally needs to occur at home. The school science fair gives students an opportunity to share projects with fellow students, present to evaluators, and practice/refine their projects prior to the Montana Tech and Billings science fairs.

We will have the displays up all day because students present to the early childhood class and to each other. Accordingly, the schedule will be as follows:

8:30 am	Set-up
9:00 am	Early childhood classroom visits
10:00 am	Students present to each other
1:30 -2:45 pm	Presentations to evaluators
2:45 pm	Take-down

We are looking for parents who can volunteer to “judge” from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. **Please let a teacher know if you can help at that time.** Keep in mind that we will not be grading or ranking the projects, just having meaningful conversations with the participants and giving feedback.

We realize that science projects are a lot of work at a busy time of year for many families. We believe that the benefits of having students share diverse projects with each other make these efforts worthwhile. Students are integrating many skills in preparing these projects. Younger students are gaining by observing older students.

# WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Week of February 20, 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocabulary** (none this week)

**Reading:**

Reading aloud (or silently, if able) from the book(s) brought home:

First and second years: 15 to 25 minutes

Reading silently from grade level material:

Third years: 30 pages per week (“battle” books)

Fourth years: 40 pages per week (“battle” books)

Fifth years: 50 pages per week

Sixth years: 60 pages per week

**Math Review** (due Thursday morning, corrections by next week)

Spectrum Math 1      Pages 81-84

Spectrum Math 2      Pages 81-84

Spectrum Math 3      Pages 81-84

Spectrum Math 4      Pages 81-84

Spectrum Math 5      Pages 81-84

Spectrum Math 6      Pages 81-84

**Math Facts:**

4-minute timed test will be given on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Math facts practice will be assigned as needed.