

School/Home Connection Letter to Parents

Dear Parents:

We are currently studying a unit on the Great Lakes Basin and learning how we can act as stewards to insure the quality of our waterways. As part of this unit we will be conducting water sampling at _____. We will also participate in a service-learning letter-writing program to encourage our government officials to protect our Great Lakes Basin. We will write letters to foundations that help our waterways. **"What Happened Here?"** is a guided practice that we started in class and will be sharing with you. We will be completing a classroom project on the Great Lakes and learn how citizens, businesses, industry and non-profit foundations help control pollution, help develop conservation programs and clean up our lakes, rivers and streams. Our class will give you updates as we develop our plans.

We will also be talking about Philanthropy and Stewardship. We will be defining philanthropy as *"the sharing of time, talent, or treasure for the common good."* Stewardship is defined as *"the responsible caring for our natural resources."*

Please talk with your child about how everyone is responsible for helping others and taking care of our natural resources.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,

