



Kudos to our fabulous 5th Graders who, when turned down for the grant they wrote to visit the Kennedy Space Center, were able to regroup and maintain enthusiasm for the “runner-up” in their choice for a field trip.

The class of 2015 will visit the Jacksonville Humane Society this Spring and work together to complete a webquest created by the Regina Humane Society in which they will use critical thinking and cooperative learning to choose a pet to adopt as well as learn about animal-related careers and the responsibilities of pet ownership. Don't worry, the field trip is real, but the webquest is just pretend! Your child will not be coming home with a fluffy or scaly new friend.

Check it out at: www.geocities.com/rhspetproject



See the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** section for more information on this exciting unit!

Did you know that April is National Poetry Month? Below are selected Haiku by 4th and 5th Graders. They really capture the spirit of Japanese poetry!

Untitled

Ice melting, fish leaping
sun shining, a still lake --
Spring in a green forest.

■ Collin Schumacher

Ants

Black and little
sneaky and crawly.
Oche! It bites.

■ Jasenia Ortega

Mist

Mist covers my house.
Did you know that trees have clothes?
Winter falls again.

■ 4th Graders

Grass

Green grass appearing
like feathers growing on a bird
soft as a cloud.

■ Daxson Rodgers

Untitled

The warmth of my covers
fades cold, warms
my body like the summer's sun.

■ Ariana Hill

Spring Beauties

Blooming flowers come,
butterflies get nectar lilies.
You'll feel a sunny breeze.

■ Dijaja Austin