Student Name:

Dear Parents,

I hope that all of you have had a pleasant beginning to the school year.  I am very excited about the progress and hard work demonstrated by this year’s students.  As you are aware, one of the requirements for this class is participation in the Science Fair.  The students will spend the next few weeks investigating topics and designing their experiments.

This endeavor will be a memorable experience for these students.  The experience could be positive or negative based not on the final score, but rather on the process of completion.  I feel that students learn and appreciate science when they do science-- when they perform meaningful experimentation.  This project offers such enrichment. However, most students do not realize the work involved in conducting inquiry. I will provide the guidelines and structure for developing and completing a scientific inquiry.  The students, however, are responsible for taking action.

Accompanying this letter is a timeline to help students pace their effort and attention to their science fair project.  It is also a way for parents to keep tabs on their child’s progress. While this research is to be conducted by students, parents can play a key role in motivation and resources.  Also, parental monitoring will decrease the chance of procrastination, and parents are encouraged to inquire about their child’s progress often. Please review the timeline and the other science fair guidelines with your child.  Every student has the guidelines and the basic requirements for the project. Please make sure that your child has purchased a logbook (a composition notebook). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by e-mail (lyric.sprinkle@cobbk12.org).

Sincerely,

Lyric Sprinkle

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Parent Signature   Date