Dear Parents,

This six weeks, each 5th grader will be required to make a science vocabulary hat to kick off our annual Science boot camp for STAAR. The vocabulary hats are due no later than Wednesday, April 5. I will not accept any hats after Friday, April 7. For each day the hat is late I will take 10 points off their final grade on the project. The hat is a major portion of your child's grade for this 6 weeks.

Attached are hat requirements along with a grading rubric. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if your student is having trouble with the hat. Hats must be completed at home. All hats will be worn and presented on Friday, April 7 during the afternoon hat parade/gallery walk. If your child doesn’t bring a hat that day, he or she will not be able to participate in the activities.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chandler
5th Grade Science

POSSIBLE RESEARCH SOURCES:
Books at the public or school library
Your child’s copy of their StemScopedia.
http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/
http://discoverykids.com/
http://www.kidsites.com
http://netvet.wustl.edu/e-zoo.htm (Electronic Zoo)
http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/
http://pbskids.org/wildkratts/
http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/index.html
Your project is to create a unique and original hat based on the vocabulary word you were given. You will receive a grade based on the following criteria:

Creativity 10 pts.
Completed/turned in on time 10 pts.
Accurate use of vocabulary word, including definition 20 pts.
Examples of vocabulary word on the hat – 5 examples 50 pts. 
(5 examples @ 10 pts. Each)
2-3 paragraph summary/description on your vocabulary word, to be placed beside your hat during the cafeteria “gallery walk” 10 pts.

TOTAL POINTS: _____

NOTE: I have been known to award extra credit points for creativity and design of hats and summaries. – Mrs. Chandler 😊