

South Grove Elementary School

Schoolwide Enrichment Program

## *Preamble Challenge*

September 5, 2019

Dear Families,

One aspect of South Grove's schoolwide enrichment program is the offering of various challenges throughout the year. These voluntary challenges are meant to inspire, motivate, and enrich students.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Constitution Day with the installment of our Student Council during a school wide assembly. We are also hosting our eighth annual *South Grove Preamble Challenge!* To participate, interested students in grades 2 – 5 should memorize the Preamble to the United States Constitution. On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> those students who elected to participate in the *Preamble Challenge* will recite the Preamble to Mrs. Webb (Mrs. Webb will come to each classroom). Successful students will receive a certificate. *Participation is voluntary.*

On the reverse of this letter, you will find a copy of the Preamble. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing how interested students challenge their memory and speaking skills with this voluntary challenge.

Sincerely,

Michele Webb

Enrichment Specialist

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The Constitution of the United States of America was signed on September 17, 1787 at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, which was the largest city at the time. America celebrates this document that is the foundation of America and what it stands for today over 200 years later.

The Constitution is the primary law of the United States. It lays out the way the United States' government works: the legislative branch which is Congress; the executive branch which is the President; and the judicial branch which is the Supreme Court.

The Preamble to the United States Constitution is a short introduction the Constitution's fundamental purposes and guiding principles. Here is the Preamble:

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.