Dear Parents,

Your child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has been assigned the role of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our 3rd grade reception honoring Great Americans.

**Please follow the requirements for the checked area below.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Great American**

1) Bring in **3** props that represent your child’s assigned Great American. Perhaps one prop that celebrates their early years or personal life, and the other two representing the accomplishments they made in their lifetime. You will have an 18” x 2’ area of space for your ‘props.’ Please keep this in mind when deciding on which props you will be providing for the reception.

2) Bring in a framed picture of their American. This picture can be in color, black and white, or a sketch. The frame does not have to be anything elaborate and any size if fine. We do prefer nothing larger than 8” x 10”.

3) Put together a costume that represents your Great American. “Borrowing’ parent/sibling clothing is perfectly acceptable.

4) Create a 30-45 second speech (done in class) for your Great American and memorize it. Most of the research and organizing of ideas will be done in class for this requirement.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ **First Lady**

1) Recreate the actual chine pattern for their term in the White House. There are many resources on the internet to help in this process. The china pattern should be recreated on a Chinette style, sturdy paper plate. If possible, please provide a little plate stand to hold your plate on your display area during the reception. If you are not able to find the pattern for your First Lady, please create something ‘time appropriate.’

2) Put together a costume to represent your First Lady. ‘Borrowing’ clothes is perfectly acceptable.

3) Bring in a framed picture of your First Lady. This picture can be in color, black and white, or sketch. The frame does not have to be anything elaborate and any size if fine. We do prefer nothing larger than 8” x 10”.

4) Bring in **two** props that represent either something important to your First Lady’s life, or her accomplishments. You will have an 18” x 2’ area of space for your ‘props.’ Please keep this in mind when deciding which props to bring.

5) Create a 30-45 second speech (done in class) for your Great American and memorize it. Most of the research and organizing of ideas will be done in class for this requirement.

\_\_\_\_\_**President**

1) Bring in **3** props that represent your child’s President. One may be from their early years, or personal life. The next two should be from their accomplishments as President of the United States. As there are few Presidents with very short terms, you may then have all props related to their personal and pre-Presidency life. You will have an 18” x 2’ area of space for your ‘props.’ Please keep this in mind when deciding on what to bring in.

2) Boys should wear suit or a coat and tie for this event. Borrowing a sibling or friend’s jacket is perfectly acceptable. For our earlier Presidents, you may want to borrow a blouse, etc, to really create ‘the look.’

3) A framed picture of their President. This can be in color, black and white, or a sketch. The frame does not have to be elaborate and any size is fine. We do prefer nothing larger than 8” x 10”.

4) Create a 30-45 second speech (done in class) for your Great American and memorize it. Most of the research and organizing of ideas will be done in class for this requirement.

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**Wednesday, May 6th, 2015:** Props, picture in frames, and First Lady’s China are all due. Please place these items in a single shopping bag, **labeled with your child’s name, teacher, and Great American’s name**. The bags will be stored in your child’s classroom until the night prior to the reception. We will then place the items in the gym and display them. The gym will be locked overnight.

\*\*Please no poster displays. We, unfortunately do not have the room for them.

**Friday, May 8th, 2015:** Children will wear their costumes to school. Please have them bring a change of clothes for after the reception.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful event!

Thank you,

The 3rd Grade Team