

ADA-PEP News From Mrs. Shaw

PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

A district wide program is underway again this year to help ease the transition of 4th graders to middle school. The Peer to Peer program matches 4th grade students with 5th grade student pen pals. The program is designed to help decrease the anxiety that some 4th graders feel as they begin to think about leaving the elementary school they have called home for five years and venturing out to their new middle school.

During the first part of the program, 4th grade students write letters to their 5th grade pen pal asking questions about middle school life. The 5th graders respond answering the questions and introducing themselves to their new friend. On Wednesday, May 29th, 4th grade students will visit Gillette Road Middle School, meet their pen pals and participate in a special building tour prepared by their 5th grade "buddies."

As part of the tour, 4th graders will have an opportunity to practice opening lockers, learn about after school activities and clubs and meet some of the middle school staff. After the tour, 4th graders will be familiar with the building they will be entering in September and have their first friend at the middle school.