

"While You Were Out"

To help children who are absent make up their missing assignments, and to encourage student responsibility, the fifth grade team has designed a program called "While You Were Out". At the beginning of the year, each student is assigned a "Study Buddy" who they will keep for the entire year. When a child's Study Buddy is absent, his/her partner (*scribe*) is responsible for collecting and recording assignments in each class. The missed work will be recorded on a form which explains the assignment in detail and placed in the child's folder along with other handouts. It is the child's responsibility to retrieve this folder the day they return to school. When each scribe completes the homework form for their study buddy, they redeem a coupon for a small treat from their teacher.

When your child is absent, he AND you will find that this system will solve all work make-up problems. Please join us in emphasizing the importance of this program to your child. With the workload increase in fifth grade, it is crucial for your child's academic success.

