**Sons of the Utah Pioneers Essay Contest Assignment:**

The Ogden Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is sponsoring the Pioneer Heritage Essay Program for students in the fourth grade. I am very excited for our class to get the chance to participate. Each student will be writing an essay about one of his or her own ancestors. The essay contest is divided into two categories

1) Pioneers arriving between before 1869

2) Pioneers arriving between 1869- present

If a student does not have a pioneer ancestor they may choose to write about a Trapper, Explorer, Mountain Man, or Indian Tribe.

Students will be judged and a first, second, and third place winner will be chosen from each category from our school. The school winners will each be awarded a cash prize and then submitted to the Sons of the Utah pioneer representative for the overall judging.

Essays will be judged on the following criteria: 1) Correct historical information 2) Proper grammar 3) correct spelling 4) neatness 5) student’s own work (not copied from a book or other source). Pictures may also be included. Students may have parents assist them with the information, but students should do the writing.

Each essay will need to be typed in a word program. If you do not have access to a word program, **let me know and we can make arrangements to stay after to type the essay at school.** The essay should be approximately 250-300 words (about one page).

This assignment will count as a social studies grade and a writing grade. The Five Generation Chart is worth 75 points and is due on January 15th. The final essay will be worth 100 points and is due on January 30st.

Thanks for your help with this project! I hope you enjoy learning about the members of your family and their connection to Utah history!

-Mrs. Smedley