

A Day in Mrs. Palin's Room:

OK children let's make our way to our desks. It's time to start the science lesson for today. Come on Chipper take your seat quickly now. Scout, take your head off Chipper's chair. Come on children, everyone in their seat. That's good.

Let's see, where did we leave off last time? Anyone? Yes Buffy, can you tell us?

"Yes Mrs. Palin. Last time we learned that our world is as warm as it needs to be."

That's right Buffy, very good. You see children, there's been a rumor going around that the earth is all heated up and that bad things are going to happen. Not true. That's a story made up by scientists. And what do we think of scientists children? "We don't like them!" Very good, that's absolutely right. We don't like them.

First of all if God didn't want the world to be as warm as it is, the world wouldn't be as warm as it is. Simple. And secondly if we were to believe that old story about global warming, we would have to stop using oil. And what do we know about oil children. "Oil is our friend!" That's right children, oil is our best friend. Oil is why your Mommy and Daddy get a nice check every year. My, you are so sharp today. You may just earn another Exxon Supertanker poster to hang on our wall.

Ok now, open your science books to page nine. That's two pages before the end of the book. Good. Who wants to explain what the illustration on page nine is about? Go ahead Brook; tell us what it's about. "It's a picture about how everything looked six thousand years ago." That's right Brook, very good. Whitey can you name some of the things in the picture? "Yes Mrs. Palin." Well, go ahead then, what's in the picture? "Dinosaurs, Adam and Eve, the pyramids and two gravestones." Those aren't gravestones Whitey, they're the Ten Commandments. "Yes Mrs. Palin."

You see children; good science tells us that the world started about six thousand years ago. Good science tells us that all this stuff about little pygmy ancestors and billion year old rocks is just so much prideful, humanistic thinking. And what do we know about humanists, children? "Humanists can't go to heaven!" That's right. You are wonderful today. Keep up this kind of work and we might be able to spend the last ten minutes of class working on our model of the new pipeline.

Yes Tad, do you want to add to our discussion? "Yes Mrs. Palin." Go ahead Tad. "When my mommy saw the picture on page nine she said, "Dinosaurs and humans running around together? I guess the 'Flintstones' had it right after all." That's not funny Tad, not funny at all. Your mom works at the Library doesn't she? She's the short one with the messy hair and last year's shoes. You tell your mom to be careful, Tad. OK?

Well now, I see that it's time for our Geography quiz. OK, let's start with a Russia question. Trapper, where is Russia? "Russia is sometimes in Europe and the rest is in Asia. It's really big." Well, that's pretty much true but not quite what we're looking for. Yes, Skater do you have the answer? "Yes Mrs. Palin. Russia is out our front door and to the left." Very, very good, Skater. That's exactly how I like to think of Russia.

Who can tell me what's going on in the Middle East? Tug, would you like to try? "The Middle East is where Sadam made us start the war. He was bad." Well done, Tug. Who else? "The Middle East has lots and lots of oil" Yes, excellent Scooter. They have much more oil than we do and that's why we have to drill, and fight.

Wow, I can't remember a day where everyone was so prepared. This calls for a big reward. Everyone gets to choose one of these neat patches. Let's see, we have Remington, Polaris, Federal, Colt, Chevron, Valvoline and Barbie. No Bart, you can't choose the Barbie patch. That's for us girls.

Well then, it's almost time for the bell. I want you to straighten up the room and return to your chairs. Scout, take your head off Chipper's chair. That's right everyone. We're sitting up straight and looking good. I wish everyone could be like us. Pretty and straight. Have a good afternoon and we'll see you here tomorrow. And remember what we always say; tomorrow will be just like today.

Oh, Tad. I need to speak to you after class about your mom. I'm worried that she just doesn't seem to be getting with the program, bookwise and all.