

# Mr. P's Note Home!

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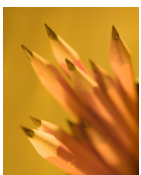
## CHILDREN'S THEATER: ANNE FRANK...

The fifth grade attended the Children's Theatre play, Anne Frank, today. Students and teachers alike had a very enjoyable experience. We will study more about this inspiring, courageous, and historical young lady later in the semester.

## A NOTE FROM MR. P...

1. Due to other circumstances, current grades for the past few days are not presently entered. In Gradespeed Please check back later in the week for more updates.
2. There are some papers being returned today. Some students received papers earlier to either finish or correct where sufficient effort hadn't been given.
3. Please remember that corrections are not recorded each week after being received on the Tuesday Signature Sheet. If a paper was returned to Mr. P with corrections, you may expect to see that added in at the end of the nine weeks.
4. Don't forget to earn extra Meigs Moolah by keeping up with and filling out a HOMEWORK WORD CHART found on the homework webpage daily.

## ACADEMIC UPDATE...



- 1). Click on the button labeled "[GRADE 5](#)" for links to our on-line textbooks!
- 2). The Tuck Everlasting activity sheets are to be completed by Monday, February 1.
- 3). Science Fair due Feb 8! <http://www.flyparsons.org/sciencefair.html>
- 4). The Anne Frank math activity is due on Monday, February 1.
- 5). We are studying Reconstruction and the Industrial Revolution in social studies.
- 6). Link to the blog at <http://www.flyparsons.com/blog>
- 7). Teck Task EXTRA #7 is due by Friday, January 29.
- 8). Bring running shoes and water to drink on Tuesdays and Thursdays for gym!

## SCIENCE FAIR...



Again, students should, at this point, have an hypothesis developed and be testing it in a controlled setting. The results of that test will be then analyzed and communicated through the project display. Projects will be due in class on Monday, February 8. The Meigs science fair will occur February 10. Winners at that time will go on the Metro – Nashville fair in March. For more information go to: <http://www.flyparsons.org/sciencefair.html>

## **TCAP WRITING ASSESSMENT...**

The Tennessee TCAP writing assessment for fifth graders will be given next Tuesday, February 2. Students, please be certain to get ample sleep the night before so that you are fresh and alert for the test. Our class has been working hard preparing for the prompt. Students, also remember the importance of planning your story carefully. Through planning makes the details of your paper much richer!

## **MR. P'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK...**

• **JANUARY 25-29, 2010**

**Noah Lytle**

Be sure to read about Noah on the electronic "Student of Week" board in Mr. Parsons' room and on the web in the password protected area soon.

*Next week's student of the week. . .* **Camryn Magsby**

## **ITEMS TO BRING. . .**

- Red Tuesday Folder Signature Chart...
- CORRECTED WORK...

## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

01.26.10	CHILDREN'S THEATRE TRIP...
01.26.10	DARE...
01.26.10	MOVE & GROOVE...
01.28.10	ENCORE...
01.28.10	MOVE & GROOVE...
01.28.10	Science Fair Log Book Check...
01.29.10	GENERAL STORE...
01.29.10	Tech Task Extra #7 due...
02.01.10	ANNE FRANK MATH ACTIVITY DUE...
02.01.10	Spelling Test #16...
02.01.10	PERSONAL JOURNAL #91-110 due...
02.02.10	TCAP WRITING ASSESSMENT...
02.08.10	SCIENCE FAIR DUE...
02.12.10	HALF DAY = DISMISSAL at 11:30AM...

**25PTS: SECRET WORD = •SEE THE WEBSITE...**

**FOR ADDITIONAL NEWS ITEMS & INFO CHECK:**

<http://www.flyparsons.org/notehome.html>

## ON THE WEBSITE ONLY:

## EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA...

It pays to check the website, too...

**This Week's SECRET WORD (Jan. 26):**

**25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "PLANET"**

**Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:**

**[WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/TODAY.HTML](http://WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/TODAY.HTML)**

## TEAM SHIRTS...

As always, please watch the website to know which days our class will wear our class shirts in the future! The next date to wear class t-shirts is Wednesday, January 27, and maroon class shirts is Friday, January 29.



## [GRADESPEED]: CHECK IT OUT...

**UPDATE!** Gradespeed.com will update again later this week. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of Tuesday, January 19. Notice any missing assignments. Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

## A SPECIAL COUPON...

Print and clip this coupon below for a special **REWARD**. To get the reward, please obtain a parent's signature that states your parent has checked gradespeed.com.

## COUPON

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Secret Word: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MORE ABOUT WHICH TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

Log Book Check is January 28.

Field Trip to Children's Theater is on January 26.

January Monthly Book is Tuck Everlasting activity sheets due 02.01.10.

Science Fair is February 10. Projects are due February 8.

## **HTTPS://GRADESPEED.MNPS.ORG...**

Grades are on-line at [gradespeed.mnps.org](https://gradespeed.mnps.org). Parents and students have a password to check each subject in order to view grades. This should be done each Tuesday.

## **TWITTER...**

Parents have another way of staying connected to our class. Log on to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) on your computer or cell phone and follow our class. Mr. P posts daily updates about what's happening at [www.twitter.com/meigsmagnet](http://www.twitter.com/meigsmagnet). It is not necessary to sign up a twitter account to view our class tweets.

## **PERSONAL JOURNALS...**

Monday, February 1 is the next date for personal journals to be checked. Entries #91-110 will be checked. All entries are to be at least one paragraph in length and hand written in the personal journal composition notebook. Typed or loose papers will not be accepted. There will be no late journal grades this time. If it is not turned in on Monday, and completed, a zero will be assigned. Please be diligent in staying caught up!

## **HOMEWORK...**

Many thanks go to all of the students who are faithful in turning assignments in on time regularly. We do, still, have a few students who are continuing to be neglectful in getting assignments in at the appointed time. Students, please be reminded that failing to turn assignments in on time is going to affect your report card grade. Please make a new commitment to keep up to date on homework and make your parents, teacher and yourself proud!

## **TUESDAYS...**

Students receive graded papers in the Red Tuesday Folder every Tuesday. All papers do go home on Tuesdays. If for any reason they do not arrive, let Mr. P know. Students may correct any and all assignments and assessments for some of the credit (points) back. Those corrections are to be stapled to the Tuesday Folder Signature Sheet. Mr. P then re-grades the corrections and put the points earned in a category on Gradespeed labeled extra credit. The original grade does remain, while the points earned by making corrections are cumulated in that extra credit category. As mentioned, student grades are on-line at <https://gradespeed.mnps.org>. Parents and students have a password to check each subject in order to view grades. This should be done each Tuesday and recorded on the Tuesday Folder Signature Sheet.

## **HOMEWORK WORDS = SPECIAL REWARDS...**

Kids, be sure to check the "HW" webpage for the HOMEWORK WORD each day. Each week a special reward will await those who follow through! By the way there are also chances for secret words on Twitter and the Tuesday Note Home from time to time! Please look and don't forget!

## **MR. P'S PROCEDURES...**

Students, the following are reminders of specific classroom procedures:

- Push your chair in when you leave your desk.
- Have your agenda signed daily.
- Locker breaks are 7:45AM, and 2:45PM. Students should remember to take all materials from the locker at that time. Keep all materials in your locker until needed.
- 7:45AM morning work is posted on the television each morning as you arrive in the classroom. This is due at 8:15AM along with your daily tech task and all homework. Students, be sure to be prepared everyday and be on time with all of your assignments.

## **NOTES...**

- Hey kids, remember to send your Tech Task (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday) via e-mail. Please send it to Mr. P [james.parsons@mnps.org]. Your tech task should be saved on your computer as a MICROSOFT OFFICE WORD DOCUMENT with your name and date in the title. Attach the document to an e-mail to send it to Mr. P. Don't forget to include your name and the date in the title of the e-mail. Doing this will save paper!

**BYE BYE...**